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6 January 2016

**Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Councillor Payne opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year for 2016. Also on behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Payne passed on condolences to Mr Lionel Lethbridge on the recent loss of his wife. Congratulations were also passed onto Dennis Parker for being awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the Uttoxeter and Denstone Community.

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, , Councillor S Smith, and borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Councillor C Podmore, Cllr E Edmonds and Cllr I Watson.
2. The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 were agreed and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. Declarations of interest were received from Cllr S Smith on item 13.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
  - a. Code of Conduct. All Councillors present agreed that the document provided by the clerk was very good and just needed adopting slightly for Denstone. Clerk to adjust and bring to the next meeting for signature. Councillor C Smith said that if the clerk required any additional guidance she was to contact Angela Whitehead.
  - b. Land Use and Management. Clerk asked if any of the councillors would like to attend this course being provided by SPCA. Cllr Ratcliffe asked for the details. Clerk to forward email.
  - c. Precept 2016/2017. Clerk advised the meeting that the decision regarding the precept for 2016/7 had to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. It was agreed that more time was required so clerk to ask for an extension which Cllr Hinton and Ratcliffe looked at the figures.
  - d. Councillor Vacancy. Clerk informed the meeting that she had now received a written resignation from Cllr Reid which she had forwarded onto ESBC. Clerk to advertise the vacancy on the notice board and on the website. On behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Payne expressed her thanks to Councillor Reid for all his hard work during his time as a Councillor.
  - e. First Aid and Defib Training. The clerk informed the meeting that the uptake on the course had not been very successful and there was still a lot on places available on both dates.
5. Adjournment for public participation
  - a. Street light out halfway down St Chad's Road near the footpath. Clerk to report.
  - b. Pothole on the bend of Oak Road. Clerk to report.
  - c. Gully Blocked on College Road at the bottom of Narrow Lane. Clerk to report.
  - d. Gully Blocked on College Road outside the stone house. Clerk to report.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
  - a. P/2015/01352 permitted
  - b. P/2015/01351 permitted
  - c. P/2015/01139 refused
  - d. P/2015/01623 proposed conversion at Doveleys Rocester Staffs. Ext 7.01.16. No objections
  - e. P/2015/01154 Denstone College, Denstone Road Staffs. No Objections
  - f. P/2015/01615 Denstone Vicarage, Main Road, Denstone Staffs. No objections
7. Bus Shelter – Cllr Wright informed the meeting that the application has been submitted but a further quote is required.
8. Rocester New School update – Clerk informed the meeting that she had arranged a meeting for the village with Geoff Everson to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm in the Village hall. Clerk to email Parish Clerk at Rocester.
9. Speed limit in Denstone. Updated.
10. Funding from Sun Soil, Cllr Hinton to put together the bid for the funding for the Stubwood Project and forward to the clerk for submitting to Sun Soil. Closing date is the 31.1.16.

11. Neighbourhood Plan. Updated
12. Dog Control order sign for Old Railway Line + dog fouling signs. To updated.
13. The Post Office. To update at the next meeting.
14. Tree sculpture. Still waiting for Licence, Cllr Payne to contact Richard Rayson. With regards to a stand it was suggest that a railway sleeper would be a good idea. Cllr Payne to email Bob Beaumont.
15. Village Hall committee member. A new committee member is required, discuss at the next meeting. Sue Ratcliffe to take over the role of cleaning the village hall toilets. Looking to share the cost between village hall and Parish Council to be discussed at the next village hall meeting on the 11 January 2016.
16. Emergency Plan for village. Updated.
17. Highway Issues
  - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Update at next meeting.
  - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. To update.
  - c. Footpaths. No action.
18. Neighbourhood Working
  - a. Neighbourhood Forum. Updated
19. Correspondence on Table to Note - None
20. Finance/Payments
 

To approve the following payments:

  - a. Webmaster October = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - b. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for December 2015 =£85.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
  - c. Clerk's pay for November 2015 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
  - d. Clerk's expenses for December = £9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
  - e. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan November £811.00 + December £984.00 = £1795.00
  - f. Mileage claim for Cllr Payne Neighbourhood Forum 36.8 miles £16.56
  - g. Ground work UK £496.00
  - h. British Gas, electricity post office = £53.76. Last payment - clerk to inform British Gas that we have relinquished the lease.

#### Items for Future Agenda

1. Notice boards in the village
2. Neighbourhood Funding
3. Wasp fund available
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Defibrillator Location

21. **Dates of next meetings:** 2 February 2016, 1 March 2016