

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 10th January 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds and Cllr P Robotham **Apologies** Cllr Podmore and Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith, Cllr K Stratton and Borough Councillor C Smith.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 6th December 2016 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest raised.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Precept 2017/18 – Though the precept was agreed on the 6th December 2016, the Parish Council have since been informed that they will no longer receive funding from the SCC to cover some of the Lengthsman tasks. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept to cover the loss in funding. The precept will now be £15,012 for 2017/18.
 - b. SID's update – Timothy Buxton is meeting with Cllr Edmonds and Cllr Hinton on the 12th January 2017 to discuss the possibility of having SIDS in the village.
 - c. Pension - Declaration of Compliance has been now been completed by the clerk.
 - d. Sun & Soil update – The clerk informed the meeting that James from Sun & Soil has asked could we please expand on the works required for Stubwood Junction and the benefits that it will bring to the Community. Cllr Hinton and Cllr Edmonds agreed that they would draft an explanation and pass onto the clerk to forward onto Sun & Soil.
 - e. Christmas lights update – The clerk informed the meeting that the Village Hall had sent a letter of thanks for the contribution for the lights. They also informed us that going forward they are looking at a sponsor to pay for the lights.
 - f. Social Media – It was agreed by all that all councillors would be cautious when using social media.
 - g. Lengthsman Changes – discussed and agreed in item 4a.
5. Adjournment for public participation – Parishioners from Stubwood attended regarding the recent accident. Cllr Payne read out the letter from PCSO David Higgs. It was agreed that once the school footpath was sorted the Parish Council would contact Richard Rayson from SCC Highways to look at all issues in the village including speeding". If Councillor Atkins is unable to help us, then it was suggested that we contact Andrew Griffiths. The Parish Council suggested that as many people from Stubwood email Cllr Atkins directly with the facts of the accident and their individual thoughts.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC) -There were no applications for consideration. However, there is now a new planning course available to councillors, clerk asked if anyone would like to attend. No councillors present were interested. Clerk to email all absent councillors.
7. Grit Bins – Waiting on come back from Cllr C Smith

8. 2nd Defibrillator – Defibrillator has now been ordered and paid for. Councillor Payne asked for a volunteer to check the defib in the village as Cllr Robotham had done it for the last few months. Cllr Wright volunteered for the next period of checking and said that he would produce a new checking sheet and send it to the clerk.
9. Rocester New School – Plans have now been passed for the footpath, Cllr Payne asked the clerk to chase Cllr Atkins with regards to the road side barriers.
10. Neighbourhood Plan – Final version of the plan is in the Tavern, Information Box, Village shop and village hall. The referendum will take place on the 2nd February.
11. The Post Office – Nothing to report.
12. Village Hall committee member. Nothing to report.
13. Emergency Plan for village – Nothing to report.
14. Oak Road Play area quotes – We are still waiting a further quote for this. It was agreed that Cllr Robotham would attend the training course run by RoSPA Playsafety Ltd. Cllr Robotham to arrange date.
15. War memorial repairs this was agreed at the meeting on the 6th December 2016.
16. New Noticeboard – Cllr Edmonds to discuss with John Jilbert with regards to the best time to assemble the notice board.
17. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Cllr Hinton reiterated that the pot hole at the junction of Narrow Lane and College Road had still not be filled in. Clerk informed the meeting that this had been reported but she would chase.
 - c. Footpaths nothing to report.
18. Finance/Payments
 - a. To approve the following payments, proposed by Cllr Hinton and seconded by Cllr Edmonds:
 - b. Webmaster December 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non-SCC for December 2016 =£15.00 £ [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk's pay for December 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk's expenses for December 2016 =£9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Eon Lighting December 2016 = £14.19 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall December 2016 4 weeks and cleaning products = £42.88
 - h. Denstone Village Hall – Use of Village Hall for meetings 1 July 2016 to 31 Dec 2016 = £25.00

Items for Future Agenda

- a. SPCA bulletin
- b. Update on SIDs
- c. Centenary Fields
- d. Best Kept Village

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 7 February 2017 and 7 March 2017