

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, S Ratcliffe, C Salt and R Wright. Apologies: J Bednall (work) and Borough & County Cllr Atkins (council business). Eight members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 1 June were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wright – item 5a (neighbour).
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK’S REPORT:**
 - a. Community Speedwatch update. Richmond House location is not acceptable.
 - b. Insurance value of war memorial. **Cllr A Ratcliffe to ask Denstone College for advice.**
 - c. Sandbags. One bag tested. Now available from Cllr Salt’s garage.
 - d. Clerk’s training day 17 June. Useful sessions on Land Registry, Data Protection and Finance.
 - e. All Saints Church – Scarecrow festival 17/18 July. Cllrs A Ratcliffe & Salt to make and install behind fountain.
 - f. Denstone Show 2010. Not practical to hold this year. New committee for 2011 to meet September – **date to be agreed next Parish Council meeting.**
 - g. New cllr training – 12 July. Induction training session arranged.
 - h. Muddy Lane bridlepath. The 100yds closest to Oak Road is not a bridleway. **To await written request from bridleway users before pursuing.**
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
5. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. P/2010/00717/JI. Erection of a single storey and two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension, Marlpit Cottage, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised**
 - b. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling including details of access, Springfields, College Road. Planning committee comments and resident’s letter circulated. **Agreed to raise objections based on access, closeness to neighbour and presence of water pipe feeding fountain and comment on origin of traffic calming.**
 - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. **Action plans required by August meeting. Village Hall/Parking – Cllr Bednall, Parish Room – Cllr Payne. Old Railway Line – Cllr Wright. Traffic Calming – Cllr Salt.**
 - b. Working group to progress Village Hall. In hand with Cllr Bednall.
 - c. Community Council questions on Parish Plans. Circulated. **To respond indicating interest and communication via email.**
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Progress on draft imminent.

8. **WEBSITE:** Items are now appearing on website. **Agreed to pay £50 for work done so far. Cllr Hinton to make further enquiries about a longer term solution**

9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Quotations for delivery have been obtained of £200 for Marlpit Lane section and £270 for Alton Road section. **Cllr S Ratcliffe to pursue alternative via Uttoxeter quarry** as collection when required may be more convenient. Equipment to assist would be available. Work could be carried out end of July/early August with volunteers.

10. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH**

REPRESENTATIVES: Positive meeting 11 June. Church interested in restoring Parish Room with potential for joint use. Public parking a possibility. **Agreed to obtain costs for dropped kerb.** Burial space adequate for next 3-4 years. Pedestrian access to Parish Room and church possible. Issues to discussed at July 20 PCC meeting.

11. **PARISH COUNCIL TAKE OVER OF JUNIOR PLAY AREA:** Youth Fund Committee has agreed to continue with operation for the remaining period of the lease. **Discharged.**

12. **TEEN PLAY AREA:** Contract circulated. Clerk after consulting three cllrs signed maintenance contract in order to get repair made. **Action confirmed** (see 21e). Contract includes Annual Inspection – **clerk to cancel RoSPA one due in August.**

13. **PLAY EAST STAFFS:** Circulated. Cllr Payne has responded. Willing to attend evening meetings.

14. **CAR PARKING ON OLD RAILWAY LINE:** **Agreed to include in Parish Plan project on parking.**

15. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRESENTATION EVENING 2 AUGUST:** **Chairman and clerk to attend.**

16. **NOISE FROM GARAGE IN ST CHADS CLOSE:** Circulated. **Clerk to provide Environmental Health contact to resident.**

17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

a. Response on issues submitted for Neighbourhood Highway team visit. Holding reply received – see 18a.

b. No parking signs Oak Road. Signs have been put up.

c. Traffic in Narrow Lane and adjoining areas. Highways to provide sign near College Road junction directing Alton Towers traffic along main road. Other actions discussed but no easy solution.

18. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

a. Issues for meeting on 21 July. **To question Highways representative on 17a issues. Clerk to raise footpath access to churchyard.**

19. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

- a. Sustainable Communities Act. **Noted.**
- b. ESBC Sustainable Staffordshire. Press release on Green Forum. **Noted**

20. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE: All noted.

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – July to October
- b. ESBC Economic Bulletin Issue 3
- c. NALC announcements on budget cuts (issued pre budget)

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Replacement cheque signatory. **In hand.**
- b. Insurance renewal 2010. **No changes required.**

To approve the following payments:

- c. Insurance renewal= **£1578.49** (see b) [LGA 1972 s111]
 - d. Toddlers Play Area Annual Inspection = £95 +15.63VAT= **£111.63** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 - e. Maintenance of Teen Play Area = £300+52.5VAT = **£352.50** (see 12) [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 - f. Gardener's pay (6mths) = **£270.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - g. Village Hall donation = £40(1st half 2010 heating & lighting) + 76(toilet 1/4 - 30/6) = **£116.00** [LGA 1972 s133, Public Health Act 1936 s87]
 - h. Old Railway line mowing etc= £259 + 27.57expenses = **£286.57** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - i. Webmaster = **£50.00** (see 8) [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - j. New cllr induction training = **£20.00** [LGA 1972 s111]
- Total = **£2735.19**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

22. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Flooding survey.
- b. ESBC Executive arrangements

23. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 3 August & 7 September 2010.

The meeting closed at 21.05.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Car parking Old Railway Line – see 14. Planning applications Marlpit Cottage – see 6a, Springfields - see 6b.