

18 July 2016

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 12 July 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr K Stratton , Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith, Cllr P Robotham
Apologies Cllr C Podmore and Borough Councillor Smith
 Cllr Payne informed the meeting that John Ashmore had sadly died and she would like to pass on condolences on behalf of the Parish Council. Also recognition for all the work he did whilst working for the Parish Council.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 7th June 2016 were approved by all and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. Cllr S Smith declared an interest in item 18 the Post Office.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Financial Matters – The clerk explained that an action plan had been put together to bring the Parish Council practices in line with best practise. Cllr Hinton and the clerk were meeting with the internal auditor on the 15th July 2016 to discuss the plans.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. The sign at the junction of Alton Road and Denstone Lane is completely covered by the hedge. Cllr Edmonds is to have a look at it.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/00549 Denstone Farm shop – Erection of two storey extension – There were no objections to the application, concerns to be raised regarding the road and the suggestion of a pedestrian crossing to be put near the hairdressers.
 - b. P/2016/00669 Parkbrook Lodge Hollington Road Rocester – conversion of a laundry to a bedroom. No objections.
 - c. P/2016/00446 – Church Room Main Road Denstone – Cllr's to look at and discuss at meeting on the 19th July.
 - d. P/2016/00537 – Church Room Main Road Denstone – Cllr's to look at and discuss at meeting on the 19th July.
7. Denstone Show – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that all classes had been agreed, the programme had gone for printing, however still more helpers required. The flyers will also need distributing around the village so members of the Parish Council were asked if they could help with this.
8. Staffordshire Way – It was agreed that it was impossible to see the exit point of the Staffordshire Way near the bridge as it was very overgrown. No message to traffic. Clerk to contact SCC regarding trimming the hedge back and Cllr Edmonds to look at obtaining some signs informing the traffic and pedestrians.
9. Broken Sign post – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that Open reach had broken a sign when they were doing some work; she had found it lying in the hedge. Cllr Payne rang the emergency line and was told it would be passed onto the contractors and they would get back to her by the 19th July. Clerk to chase if no action. Cllr Ratcliffe thought that it was South Staffordshire water that was doing the work and not open reach so if no joy with Open reach clerk to contact South Staffordshire Water.
10. Speed Guns – Clerk informed the meeting that they could use the speed guns as long as they wear their High Vis jackets and operate in pairs.
11. Centenary Fields Programme Updated.
12. Best Kept Village Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an invitation for 3 councillors to attend the results announcement of the competition. Will forward the details on to all councillors.
13. Grit Bins – Nothing to update as Cllr C Smith not present.

14. 2nd Defibrillator Clerk still not heard about the telephone box but will chase.
15. Notice Boards in the village - Updated.
16. Rocester New School - Cllr Payne advised the meeting that Cllr Philip Atkins would be attending a separate meeting on the 19th July where he would take questions regarding the new school in Rocester. All welcome.
17. Neighbourhood Plan Updated.
18. The Post Office. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that completion is still on the cards.
19. Tree sculpture – Unfortunately due to the weather nothing further has happened to the sculpture. Creatures have been carved into the top to prevent it becoming a seat. It was also agreed that the plaque from the jubilee tree would go back on the sculpture once finished.
20. Village Hall committee member. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that the village hall had a fundraising event on the 23rd September at which the acoustic duo Breeze and Wilson would be playing.
21. Emergency Plan for village. Updated.
22. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Updated
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Clerk to report all the drains on College Road as they need cleaning. Clerk also to check to see if the NHT group had been as they had not been seen in the village.
 - c. Footpaths. Cllr Payne informed the meeting of the incident on the railway line when the first responders were unable to gain access. It was decided to have 2 more keys cut to the gate. The keys would be left at the following places. The Tavern, Heywood Hall, the shop and Sam Bailey. Clerk to put a sign up informing of the points of contact. The meeting was informed that the hedges had been cut back but that one still needed cutting back more according to the resident who originally reported it and the other needed the growth at the bottom of the hedge cutting back. The letters were going to be amended to reflect this.
23. Finance/Payments- Cllr Edmond proposed and Cllr Ratcliffe seconded the payments below.
 - a. To approve the following payments:
 - b. Webmaster June 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for June 2016 = £95.00[LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk’s pay for June 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk’s expenses for June 2016 = £9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Eon Lighting June and July = £24.83 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan June 2016= £715.50
 - h. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall June =£55.76
 - i. Denstone Show Rosettes =£245.50
24. Items for Future Agenda
 - a. **Village Voice** – should Denstone produce a news letter
 - b. **Weavers Message** – it was suggested that an item regarding the parish council be put in the weavers on a regular basis.

Dates of next meetings: 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December