

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 4th July 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright and Borough Councillor C Smith **Apologies.** Cllr K Stratton and Cllr S Smith
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 6th June 2017 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest declared.
4. Election of Chairman – It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Payne would remain as Chairman.
5. Election Vice Chairman – It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hinton would remain as Vice Chairman.
6. Councillor Vacancy – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that Cllr Podmore had given his resignation due to his work commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Podmore for all his help as and support over the years. Clerk to advertise the position and hopefully we will be in a position to co-op a new councillor at the next meeting on the 5th September.
7. Lengthsman Vacancy – Sam Bailey has given 3 months' notice and will leave his post on September 10th. The Parish Council would like to thank Sam for all his hard work as Lengthsman. The position of Lengthsman is that of a contractor not an employee to the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Parish Council would still require a position under these circumstances. Clerk to advertise the position, hours to be agreed with applicant.
8. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Accounts - Cancelling cheques not cashed – the clerk informed the meeting that two cheques had not been cashed from last year and a stop had been put on them at the bank which cost the Parish Council £12.50 per Cheque. She had contacted the companies concerned Staffordshire County Council and ICO. Staffordshire County Council said that the amount was written off and no further chq was required and the Clerk was still waiting a reply from ICO. Clerk to chase.
 - b. Accounts – First quarterly check – Clerk passed accounts to Cllr Hinton for checking and then passing onto Cllr Ratcliffe. Clerk to forward spreadsheet on.
 - c. Quad Bikes on the Railway line – Clerk informed the meeting that she had heard from Steve Williams the Ranger who had said that if anymore are seen on the Old Railway Line then he suggests that we contact the police and if possible get the registration details of the vehicle.
 - d. Notice board at Stubwood Chapel – Stubwood Chapel is happy to accept the notice board if it can be restored. It is requested that it is placed next to the Holly Hedge. Cllr Edmonds to talk to Phillip Harding to see if it can be restored. If it can the cutting back of the Holly Hedge would be passed to the Lengthsman.
 - e. Noise Complaint – It was agreed that the clerk would contact the ESBC regarding the continued noise from Stubwood Tankers.
 - f. Fly Tipping – Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that he had taken 3 bags of rubble that were dumped in the village to the recycling plant. This cost him £9.00 - £3.00 per bag. Concerns are that now the recycling plant are charging for this it was agreed that there would be more fly tipping.
 - g. Local Community Fund – It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no use for this at the current time.
 - h. Oak Road Inspection – Clerk informed the meeting that the inspection of the Oak Road Play area would take place in September.

- i. Leaf Blower – Oak Road Play area – It was unanimously agreed for the clerk to purchase this on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to Order.
- 9. Adjournment for public participation – There was nothing raised at this time.
- 10. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2017/00615 - Siting of "Shepherds Hut" to be used as holiday – No Objection
 - b. P/2017/00764 - Erection of a single storey side extension to form garden room – 9 Greenfields Denstone – No Objection
 - c. P/2017/00767 – Erection of Single Storey Rear extension – 3 Frances Close Denstone. No Objection

Cllr Smith got in touch with David Ward the Enforcement officer regarding Muddy Lane. Cllr Smith looked into the plans and informed the meeting that it appears that the dimensions of the building agree with the original planning application P/2015/00578). However as soon as the building is complete Building Control will visit the site. Clerk to check the minutes for the planning application in 2015.

- 11. Possible remedial work to oak tree at College Road Junction – Cllr Payne been given two quotes for the work on the tree at the Junction of Oak Road and the Main Road. Third quote to be obtained by Cllr Payne.
- 12. Denstone Show – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that everything was on track for the show. Just a few issues to finalise with the sponsors and attractions. Still require more helpers for the day. Clerk to put up a poster in the village asking for more helpers.
- 13. 2nd Defibrillator Training – Clerk to contact West Midlands Ambulance service regarding training.
- 14. Village Hall committee member – The Village Hall are looking to increasing their fees for the use of the Village Hall.
- 15. Emergency Plan for village – Nothing to update.
- 16. War memorial repairs – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that Tippers had agreed to supply the materials for the drains. Clerk to send letter of thanks to Tim Cope from the Parish Council. Mick Delf to liaise with John Jilbert with regards to when the work can be done.
- 17. New Noticeboard – The new noticeboard is now complete and looks great. Thanks to all who helped. Cllr C Smith to have his photo taken with the noticeboard. Cllr Smith to arrange.
- 18. Highways Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Cllr Hinton, Edmonds and Payne will be meeting with Richard Rayson (SCC) on the 28th July at 10.30.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Councillors to discuss with Richard Rayson.
 - c. Footpaths – Cllr Wright informed the meeting that an officer from the SCC came to look at the footpath that starts at Alton Road to the Staffordshire Way.
The walk through between Marlpit Lane and The Weavers has been tided and all the stones put to the sides to save for winter. The Parish Council would like to thank them for their hard work.
- 19. Finance/Payments To approve the following payments:
 - a. Webmaster June 2017 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144] unanimously agreed
 - b. Clerk's pay for June 2017 = £340.17 [LGA 1972 s112] unanimously agreed
 - c. Clerk's expenses for June 2017 =£17.28 (LGA 1972 s111) unanimously agreed
 - d. Eon Lighting June 2017= £16.02 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3] unanimously agreed

- e. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall June 2017 =£43.00 unanimously agreed
 - f. Simon Ratcliffe Cost for taking Fly tipping to the Local Recycling Centre= £9.00 unanimously agreed
 - g. Sam Bailey – Lengthsman Non-SCC work April = £62.09 May= £60.98, June 142.96 Total £266.03 unanimously agreed
 - h. Edward Edmonds expenses for New Notice Board - £37.44 unanimously agreed
20. Clerks Salary – Closed Meeting – It was unanimously agreed to for the clerk’s hourly rate to be increased to SC1 – point 21.
21. New PCSO – after the meeting had finished Mandy Hales came into introduce herself and inform us that our new PCSO for the area was Craig Carroll. Mandy was asked for a picture and contact details for our Notice Board she informed the Parish Council that Craig would supply one for us. Clerk to laminate.

Items for Future Agenda

None

1. Dates of next meetings: 5 September, 3 October, 7 November and 5 December 2017