

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
5 JULY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, T Swinson, and R Wright. Apologies: J Bednall(work) and C Vernon(work). Five members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 7 June were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Denstone Youth Fund is to organise a similar event to the Royal Wedding.
 - b. Contact list. Update with police details circulated.
 - c. Training for new cllr. One to one preferred in evening.
 - d. Clerk's training day 15 June. Useful sessions on planning & insurance
 - e. Better Broadband Roadshows Stowe 15 June. Clerk visited. Survey is available online.
 - f. NHS – Consultation about the organisation of health and social care services. Response has been submitted.
 - g. NALC – Consultation on future of local council audit. No response made.
 - h. Notice boards. Some improvement has been achieved and commercial items removed.
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/2010/01293/JI. Erection of three detached dwellings and construction of vehicular access, Mount Pleasant, College Road. **Permitted** Delegated report circulated
 - b. P/2011/00493/EW. Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of an external flue without complying with Condition 2 of P/2010/01302/EW dated 08/03/11 relating to amendments to approved plans, Selwyn House, 3 Rowan Close. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2011/00662/JI. Erection of a two storey side and rear extension and canopy and formation of new access and driveway, The Shrubbery, Stubwood Lane. **No objections to be raised**
 - d. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None.**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. See 9.
7. **WEBSITE:** One further payment received. Links for any outstanding at end of July to be removed. **Agreed – new start businesses to be given six months without contribution.**
8. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Possible work date around end of July. **Cllr Payne to also raise at Neighbourhood Forum.**

9. ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. Dropped kerb. Two verbal and one written quotes received. **Clerk to clarify lowest quote.**
- b. To report progress on Church Room. Meeting on 19 July to consider making building watertight.
- c. Gate from Old Railway Line. Favourable PCC decision. Work on gate and pathway started. Licence amendment in hand.

10. WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET: See 16.

11. DENSTONE SHOW 2011: Road closure responses now received from Ambulance & Fire Services. **Cllr Ratcliffe to provide contact for printing.**

12. MEETING WITH JCB ON 20 JULY CONCERNING NOISE AND EMPLOYEE TRAFFIC: **Cllr Hinton to attend with Chairman. Three JCB security staff to be trained for Speedwatch.**

13. NPOWER ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASES: **Agreed to switch to E.ON.**

14. USE OF TELEPHONE BOX: **Agreed – laminated copy of walks leaflet to be displayed when available.**

15. WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE: **Agreed to carry out pointing. Clerk to inquire if lime mortar should be used.**

16. SCC – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 13 & 22 (DENSTONE COLLEGE): Circulated. **Agreed to support diversion but residents' alternative routing favoured.**

17. SMART WATER: Circulated. **Chairman to be contact.**

18. TEEN PLAY AREA:

- a. Annual inspection and maintenance contract. **Agreed not to take maintenance contract and have inspection carried out by RoSPA.** To consider combining with Junior Play Area in future years.

19. HIGHWAY ISSUES:

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Awaiting update on Main Road sign. Richard Rayson has not yet discussed priorities with County Cllr Atkins. **Clerk to raise issue again with County Cllr.**
- b. Neighbourhood Highway Team visits. **Clerk to propose weeds Marlpit Lane edges, redundant sign Alton Road and dropped kerb Greenfields.**
- c. SCC Transport issues meeting Burton 28 June. Clerk and Cllr Wright attended. Presentations covered bus service support and Neighbourhood Highway Teams.
- d. Speed of traffic on College Road. **Clerk to write to Denstone College asking if a letter similar to that sent to parents in 2007 could be circulated to the new intake.**

20. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

- a. Neighbourhood Forum 18 July. Cllr Payne to attend.
- b. Neighbourhood News – June 2011. Circulated. **Noted.**

21. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

- a. Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Staffordshire – Draft recommendations. **Noted**
- b. Community Council of Staffordshire – Self Help Project. **No items to be raised at present.**
- c. SPCA Newsletter June 2011. **Noted.**
- d. SPCA AGM 5 November 2011 – Motions for debate. **None.**

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

- a. SCC – Staffordshire Cares - further publicity
- b. SCC online newsletters – YeS and Partners' Update

23. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Change in bank mandate completed. **Noted**
To approve the following payments:
 - b. Insurance for Junior Play Area = **£165.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 - c. Gardener's pay (6mths) = **£280.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - d. Lengthsman (non SCC) (OLR 60, Teen 15) = **£230.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]
 - e. Village Hall donation = £60(1st half 2011 heating & lighting) + 72(toilet 1/4 to 30/6) = **£132.00** [LGA 1972 s133, Public Health Act 1936 s87]
 - f. Webmaster June = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- Total = **£837.00**. All payments proposed Cllr Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a.

25. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2 August & 6 September 2011

The meeting closed at 20.57.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Dead trees on College Road.