

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 July IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillors present: Cllr Richardson (in chair), Cllr J Bednall, Cllr J Payne, Cllr C Vernon, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Apologies: Cllr R Wright (holiday), Cllr B Hinton (work) and Borough Cllr C Smith. 6 members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES**: of the meeting held 29 May were approved and signed
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**: None
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. Best Kept Village. **Noted**
 - b. Letter received from Denstone Hall. **Noted**
 - c. New Code of Conduct. **Noted**
 - d. Clerk's training. **Ongoing**
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**: *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
5. **CO-OPTION OF NEW CLLR**: Stuart Smith was present to say a few words about becoming a Parish Councillor. A statement from Ralph Grundy was read out by the chair in his absence. Statements noted.
6. **PLANNING**: [permitted & refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. P/2012/00312/JI Construction of replacement side conservatory at Willow Bank, Alton Road, Denstone. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2012/00756 Non-Material amendment to 3 bungalows, 18-20 Marlpit Lane, Denstone, ST14 5HH. **No objections raised.**
 - c. P/2012/00535 (received after agenda publication) Construction of a dependent-relative dwelling in garage at Willow Bank, Alton Road, Denstone. To consider
7. **EMERGENCY PLAN FOR VILLAGE**: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that he has started to identify people who may be able to be listed and to create a contact tree. It is anticipated that the document will be completed soon. **Ongoing**
8. Invitation to all Councillors to 150th anniversary celebrations on 22nd July. **Noted**
9. **WEBSITE**. Updates noted
10. **VILLAGE WALKS**. Updates noted and painting chosen for front cover.
11. Japanese Knotweed & Himalayan Balsam recurrence. Clerk to contact ???
12. **VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**. Noted

14. **HEDGE GROWTH ON OLD ROAD.** JCB offered to cut grass as an interim measure.

15. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT TO WEAVERS.** Ongoing

16. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES.**

- a. Church Room public meeting. Reported that there would probably not be enough future need for the old Church Room, so DYF are to decide to whether or not to formally withdraw their interest.
- b. 150th Anniversary of All Saints Church. **Noted**

17. **DENSTONE SHOW 2012.** Classes to go out to children before the end of term.

18. **REPLACEMENT OF VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN.** An application has been received for this post.

19. **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS & MUGS.** Progress noted.

20. **HIGHWAY ISSUES**

- a. College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. **Noted**
- b. ESBC's suggestions for one-way traffic through parts of the village. **Noted**
- c. Fly tipping issues on B5032 & 5030 Quixhill Lane. **Noted**
- d. Pothole on College Road. **Discharged.**

21. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING**

- a. Neighbourhood Forum. **Noted**

22. **CORRESPONDENCE:** all items circulated with agenda.

- a. Outline of new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Regulations 2012. **Noted**

23. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted

24. **FINANCE/PAYMENTS:** All agreed

- a. Renewal of Annual Insurance Play Area = **£180** [LGA(Miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s137]
- b. Post Office Insurance Renewal = £317.50 + 19.05 (insurance premium tax) = **£336.55** [LGA 1972 s137]
- c. Webmaster April = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- d. E-On Public Lighting 1 May-30 May 2012 = £7.78 + 0.39VAT = **£8.17** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- e. Gardeners Pay (6 months to end June) = **£441** [Local Spaces Act 1906 s10]
- f. Printing of Village Newsletter = **£85.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- g. Clerk's pay 1 June to 1 July = **£290** [LGA 1972 s112]

TOTAL = £1366.0

25. Co option of new councillor was discussed and voting took place in private. Stuart Smith was voted in as new Parish Councillor.

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26. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. *Giant Hogweed*

27. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: 7 August

The meeting closed at.....20.47

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

- a. *personal gift was received from the members of the Sports Trust for the Jubilee mugs with many thanks.*
- b. *hedge length at the old vicarage queried and to be cut soon before 150yr celebrations at All Saints Church*
- c. *Parking outside school on Oak Road discussed as a result of Governor's Meeting at school. Cones are to be put out in front of school from 8.30 – 9.10am and again between 3 – 3.30pm. No parking signs suggested to be added including those times to add to deterrent effect of parking. Clerk to contact Highways for more information.*
- d. *Proposed one way ideas for the village were queried and concerns raised about current ideas. Alternative ideas were proposed which will be discussed again at a later date.*