

## Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 6 June 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith, Cllr K Stratton Cllr R Wright and Borough Councillor C Smith **Apologies.** Cllr Podmore
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest declared.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
  - a. Sun & Soil update – the clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from Sun & Soil stating that they would give Denstone Parish Council £5000 towards the Stubwood project.
  - b. SPCA Bulletin – nothing to raise from the bulletins
  - c. Purchase of a Planter – the clerk informed the meeting that the planter has now been given a new home.
  - d. Works on Marlpit Lane – The clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted the enforcement team and they have visited the property. The clerk also contacted Severn Trent Water regarding the pipe work at the property. At this time, there is nothing further that the Parish Council can do regarding this unless anything else happens.
  - e. Spraying on the Railway Line – The clerk informed the meeting that letters had been posted to all of the properties from Heywood Hall to the Old Vicarage. Cllr Edmonds has recently put up signs with regards spraying in the area. However, further spraying has since been done. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that whilst Sam Bailey was mowing on the Old Railway Line he saw 3 people on quad bikes riding down the footpath. Clerk to contact the ranger to see what advice he can give.
  - f. Notice board at Stubwood - Clerk to continue trying to contact Suzanne regarding the notice board.
  - g. Declaration of interest Forms - Clerk collected forms from all councillor's present. These will now be sent to the ESBC.
  - h. Accounts statement – The clerk completed the accounts statement and this was then signed off by the chairman and the clerk.
  - i. Open Space and Playing Pitch Study – the clerk asked if Parish Council would like to take part in the Study. It was agreed that they would and Cllr Hinton and Cllr Payne would complete the form.
  - j. Noise Complaint – Clerk read out the complaint from the parishioner regarding the noise from the Stubwood Tankers. Clerk to write to Stubwood Tankers and ask for the reason for the noise.
5. Adjournment for public participation
  - a. Cllr Podmore to have a word with Gary Plant with regards to the grass that needs strimming at his property. Clerk to contact Cllr Podmore regarding this.
  - b. Cllrs Payne and Hinton to check the lengthsman's contract to see if clearing weeds along the bottom of the wall on the short piece of Alton Road from College Road is included.
  - c. Bank Farm, Muddy Lane – it appears that some building work is being carried out as there is a new roof at the property. Cllr Chris Smith said that he would talk to David Ward and ask him to visit the property.
  - d. Ditch on the JCB roundabout is blocked clerk to contact the SCC.
  - e. David Boden informed the meeting that the insurance was up for Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust and could the clerk send all the inspection log to Laurie Beckett-Fountain. Clerk advised that these had been sent.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC
  - a. Land Adjacent to Ford Croft House Upper Croft, Oak Road, Denstone, ST14 5HT – Outline application for the erection of up to six dwellings including details of access and formation of footpath (Plans) – it was agreed that the following comments would be made on behalf of the Parish Council
    - a. The original proposal was for 5 not 6 dwellings and whilst the Parish Council doesn't object to 6 they don't want this number to be extended beyond the six.
    - b. The access road to the new development is a disproportionate size and a scar on the area and would provide an open invitation to travellers to the use of the field. A more sensible approach would be to make an access to the houses to the left after passing through access from road or the housing Development could be divided into two units and the access road taken between these units to the parking areas at the rear.

- c. Residents at 24 and 26 Lady Meadow Close expressed concerns that they were not sent details of the plans and were, therefore, not aware of the proposals.
  - d. The Parish Council have also asked me to point out some discrepancies on the application for outline planning Permission:
    - i. Preapplication advice – The form states that they contacted someone from the authority and they named Clive Keble – However Clive was the consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He does not work for the authority as stated on the form.
    - ii. Agricultural Land – The question on the application was is the site currently vacant? The form states yes, this is incorrect as the land is grazed on.
7. Denstone Diary – The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to Sue Edmonds for doing an excellent job with the Diary. Cllr Payne has already received excellent feedback from a number of parishioners. It is an excellent advert for Denstone. Cllr Edmonds advised the meeting that the diary came in a little over budget. It was agreed that this will be covered by the Parish Council.
  8. BKV – Children’s Poster for next year – The clerk informed the meeting that for next year the children may want to submit their posters into the BKV competition. Clerk gave details to Jean Wright to take into All Saints School.
  9. Denstone Show – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that the show committee is on target. They are in the process of tidying up the details of the sponsors and attractions. However, they need to press on. The next issue is to finalise the drawing for the programme. Cllr Payne to chase.
  10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator – the second defibrillator has now been installed in the telephone box at Stubwood. Clerk to arrange training to take place in the village hall. The dates that are available with the trainers are the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August. Clerk to check availability of the village hall. Once dates agreed clerk to produce a poster for the village to advertise the dates. Clerk also to email Mary Spencer with the dates. Both defibrillators to be checked once a fortnight Cllr Payne to take over from Cllr Robotham.
  11. Rocester New School – Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that consultations are taking place at the moment with regards to the road narrowing. This could slow the process down a little.
  12. Village Hall committee member. Nothing to add at this time.
  13. Emergency Plan for village – Nothing to add at this time.
  14. War memorial repairs – new posts are in, chains are back and the next task is to attach the chains to the posts. Awaiting good weather to finish job off. Mick to put a soak away in the corner of the War Memorial to help with the flooding. Mick Delf and "Councillor Edmonds has written a letter to Tim Cope of Tippers asking if they can provide supplies for the soakaway. Once the War Memorial site is completed Sam Bailey to be asked to add clearing the drains in that area to his lengthsman's jobs.
  15. New Noticeboard – The new posts have already been erected and hopefully weather permitting the noticeboard will be complete by the end of the week.
  16. Highway Issues
    - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – the Parish Council are still awaiting a date for the walk around with Richard Rayson from SCC. Clerk to ask for more dates.
    - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – nothing to report.
    - c. Footpaths – Cllr Wright to have a look at the 2 broken styles on the land next to Malcolm Adams property and report back to the clerk.
  17. Finance/Payments – Proposed by Cllr Ratcliffe and Seconded by Cllr Stratton.
 

To approve the following payments:

    - a. Webmaster May 2017 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
    - b. Clerk’s pay for May 2017 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
    - c. Clerk’s expenses for May 2017 =£30.60 (LGA 1972 s111)
    - d. Eon Lighting May 2017= £14.66 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
    - e. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall May 2017 =£54.00
    - f. Hawksworth Graphic & Prints Ltd – Denstone Diary =£763.20
    - g. Uttoxeter Town Brass Band – The Show =£50.00
    - h. Repayment of Pym & Wildsmith for War Memorial chains invoice to Barrie Hinton =£165.36
    - i. Travel expenses for Barrie Hinton for visiting Pym & Wildsmith 90 miles at £0.45 = £40.50
    - j. Peter Robotham – Pot of Yellow Paint for Junior Play Area = £7.00

- k. ROSPA – Routine Playground Inspection Course – Peter Robotham =£282.00
- l. Travelling expenses for Playground Inspection Course – Peter Robotham 90 miles @ 0.45p = £40.50
- m. Sue Edmonds – Expenses Denstone Diary - £58.55
- n. St John Ambulance – Show - £138.00

**Items for Future Agenda** – Nothing raised.

1. Dates of next meetings: 4 July, 5 September 2017 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017