

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, S Ratcliffe, T Swinson, C Vernon and R Wright and Borough Cllr C Smith(part). Apologies: J Payne (holiday). Eight members of the public and Mike Carter were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 17 May were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN – MIKE CARTER:** Mr Carter outlined his responsibilities for the Rural Area which include antisocial behaviour, dog fouling, litter and community safety. All areas would be patrolled on a regular basis. Issues should be referred via the clerk.
4. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK’S REPORT:**
 - a. Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Ongoing. **Next agenda**
 - b. Dates of meetings 2011-2. Circulated with changes agreed at last meeting.
 - c. Contact list. Circulated. Update with police details.
 - d. Training for new cllr. No action at present
 - e. Maintenance of churchyard – letter of thanks. Read to meeting
5. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
6. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None.**
7. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. See 10.
8. **WEBSITE:** Up to date. **Cllr Hinton to be informed of any more payments.**
9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Awaiting time and machinery. Probably to be done in two stages.
10. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. Dropped kerb. One verbal quote received. **Clerk to obtain two more.**
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. Nothing to report.
 - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. Awaiting PCC decision.
11. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Awaiting footpath diversion at Denstone College.
12. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Next meeting 16 June

- 13. NALC – FUTURE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:** Circulated. 7 principles highlighted. **No action to be taken at present.**
- 14. NALC – CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OF LOCAL COUNCIL AUDIT:** Circulated. **Cllrs Bednall & Ratcliffe to consider responding.**
- 15. BUS SHELTER MAIN ROAD:** Agreed - protective wood panel to be fitted at front – colour natural.
- 16. DEAD HAWTHORN TREE NEAR 23 HAWTHORN CLOSE:** To be removed when replacement available.
- 17. TEEN PLAY AREA:**
- a. Annual inspection and maintenance contract. **To seek Peter Robotham’s views on whether supplier maintenance is required as well as an annual inspection.**
 - b. Colour for wood treatment. **Cuprinol Ultimate light or natural.**
- 18. NOTICE BOARDS:** Concerns over posters being removed. Suggested Parish Council notice board is dedicated to basic information and the Village Hall notice board to events taking place. **Cllr Edmunds to raise with John Etherington.**
- 19. HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Awaiting update on Main Road sign and proposals.
 - b. Neighbourhood Highway Team visits. Circulated. **Clerk to report Denstone Lane grid to Clarence. No suitable items identified.**
 - c. JCB traffic on Stubwood Lane. Problems with speed and early morning noise. **To seek meeting with JCB(see also Public Participation).**
 - d. SCC Transport issues meeting Burton 28 June. **Clerk to attend**
- 20. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum 23 May. Cllr Payne attended.
- 21. CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- a. Better Broadband roadshows. Clerk to visit Stowe event. Comment online possible.
 - b. NHS – Consultation about the organisation of health and social care services. **Cllrs to seek views outside of meeting.**
- 22. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted.
- a. CPRE Staffordshire Branch – Annual report, visits, AGM 4 June
 - b. Community Speed Watch newsletter Jan-Mar 2011
 - c. NALC – Planning for traveller sites

23. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

a. Expenditure vs budget 1st Qtr. Circulated. **Noted**

To approve the following payments:

b. Insurance renewal = **£1521.21** [LGA 1972 s111]

c. Clerk's pay(less 20% tax) (Apr-Jun) + expenses = £686.80+269.22
(20.90BKV,100VV2, 18.23VAT) = **£956.02** [LGA 1972 s111]

d. Tax on clerk's pay = **£171.70** [LGA 1972 s111]

e. Lengthsman 1st Qtr = **£174.75** [LGA 2000 s19]

f. Clerk's training day 17 June = **£40.00** [LGA 1972 s111]

g. Webmaster May = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]

Total = **£2888.68**. All payments proposed Cllr Edmunds seconded Cllr Ratcliffe.

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

a. Use of telephone box

b. Speed of traffic on College Road.

25. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 5 July & 2 August 2011

The meeting closed at 21.05.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Stubwood residents raised noise problems from JCB stockyard against Hollington Road.

Previously an issue in 2008 prior to the production downturn. **Agreed to seek a meeting with JCB director, Alan Thomson.** JCB traffic on Stubwood Lane – speed and early morning noise – see 19c.