

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
1 MARCH 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, S Ratcliffe, C Vernon and R Wright. Apologies: None. A Mason and five members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 1 February were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Bus shelter Main Road. Film placed over cracks. **Cllr Edmonds to pursue wooden shield over bottom part of shelter.**
 - b. SLCC Practitioners Conference 26 February. Attended sessions on data transparency, internet banking and project planning.
 - c. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Youth Fund still to consider. **Next agenda**
 - d. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Ongoing.
 - e. Trading Standards warning notices. To pass to Tuesday Club, WI and place in post office.
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/2011/00074/EW. Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, Hillcrest, Alton Road. **No objections raised**
 - b. P/2010/01394/JI(PA) & 01395/JI(LB). Erection of first floor extension, Barrow Hill Hall. **Permitted & Granted**
 - c. P/2010/01445/JI. Change of use of former school playground to a car park and formation of a new vehicular access, Land in front of School House & Church Room, Main Road. **Permitted**
 - d. P/2011/00729/JI. Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling including details of access, Springfields, College Road. **To submit text of speech to Planning Committee to Planning Inspectorate.**
 - e. P/2011/01345/JI. Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and widening of pavement, Springfields, College Road. **As d. above**
 - f. P/2010/01302/EW. Installation of an external flue, Selwyn House, 3 Rowan Close. **No objections raised**
 - g. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. P/2011/00177/EW. Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation including installation of front and rear dormer windows and erection of chimney to west elevation, Ford Croft House, Oak Road. **No objections to be raised.**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. Cllr Wright attended Churnet Valley Living Landscapes event.
 - b. Royal wedding event. Hog roast planning progressing, coordinated with the Tavern.

7. **WEBSITE:** Agreed invoicing by pdf with payment by bank transfer. Agreed differential payment for outside businesses.
8. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Materials to be purchased before end of March.
9. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. To report progress on planning application. Planning consent granted (see 5c). Permit applied for.
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. To be considered at April 12 PCC meeting.
 - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. Awaiting confirmation of fence ownership and permission for gate from SCC. Estimated £200 for slabs – could be included in Neighbourhood Action plan.
 - d. Removal of toilets. Took place on 25 February.
10. **DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:** No update.
11. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Some details outstanding.
12. **JUBILEE TREE AT B5031/5032 JUNCTION:** Awaiting response from Richard Rayson.
13. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Road closure points will not affect access to domestic properties. Use of field behind Village Hall agreed. Alternative to Roberts Green suggested for dog show.
14. **SPRING LITTER PICK:** Date of 10 April agreed in principle. Andy Mason to endeavour to borrow equipment.
15. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2011:** In progress.
16. **VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE:** Agreed to nominate Cllr Bednall.
17. **DAMAGED TREES COLLEGE ROAD:** New information to be passed to the police. Trees to be replaced in the autumn.
18. **PLAY EAST STAFFS CONFERENCE 18 MARCH:** Circulated. No one available to attend. To ask for notes.
19. **SPCA EAST STAFFS AREA COMMITTEE. MEETING 19 APRIL UTTOXETER:** Chairman to attend.
20. **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. LANDSPREADING IN ROSTON AND DENSTONE:** Nothing to report.
21. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Concern that information is not being received. Andy Mason to speak to David Jones, Neighbourhood Watch Manager. Information to be passed to Bob Crompton.

22. HIGHWAY ISSUES:

a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Signs have been erected at entrances to Marlpit Lane & Narrow Lane and on College Road.

Clerk to chase Main Road sign.

b. Lane between B5030 & B5032 at top of Quixhill. ESBC have been informed about fly tipping. Richard Rayson considering closure to vehicles, using bollards. **Agreed to pursue.**

23. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

a. Neighbourhood News Issue 4. Smart water – **Clerk to chase speaker for Annual Parish Meeting.**

b. Updates. Next meeting 23 May at Meadowside Leisure Centre.

24. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

a. SCC Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2011/2. **Not to apply unless problem with current application.**

b. Census 2011 – 27 March. **Noted**

c. NALC – A code of recommended practice for local authorities on data transparency – Consultation. Concern about contract levels.

d. NALC – A community right to challenge- Consultation. **Noted**

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

a. ESBC Forward Plan – March to June

b. Staffs & Stoke on Trent Archive Service – Time 2 Time Winter 2011

c. NALC – The Public Forest Estate

d. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – East Staffs Wildplay project 2009-10

e. Staffs Moorlands District Council Local Development Framework

f. South Staffordshire NHS – Improving support for people with mental health problems – A public engagement

26. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

a. Internal audit/risk assessment. Circulated. **Agreed No changes required.**

b. Expenditure vs budget 4th Qtr. Circulated. **Noted**

To approve the following payments:

c. Street light electricity = £37.20 + 6.52VAT = **£43.72** [Parish C Act 1957 s3]

d. BKV Entry & posters = **£17.25** [LGA 1972 s137]

e. Village Hall toilet opening (3/1-31/3) = **£76.00** [Public Health Act 1936 s87]

f. Denstone College photocopying donation = **£50.00** [LGA 1972 s111]

g. Payment for emptying Old Railway line bin (26 weeks) + Teen play area bin (26 weeks) = **£52.00** [Litter Act 1983 s6]

h. Clerk's expenses (3 mths) = £81(9.33 OLR, 9 Teen) +6.27 VAT = **£87.27** [LGA 1972 s112]

i. Inspections of Teen recreation Area (6 mths) = **£156.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]

j. Lengthsman 4th Qtr = **£174.25** [Local Government Act 2000 s19]

k. Webmaster February = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]

Total = **£681.49**. All payments proposed Cllr Edmunds seconded Cllr Ratcliffe.

27. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

a.

28. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

5 April & 17 May (Annual Meeting) 2011. Annual Parish Meeting 26 April.

The meeting closed at 20.55.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust to hold follow up meeting on 9 March to consider Robert's Green management, use of Denstone College swimming pool and provision of recreational activities such as table tennis.