

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

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

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 7 February were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Training for new cllr. Ongoing.
 - b. Tree overhanging St Chad's Close to College Road footpath. Some pruning has occurred.

Clerk to thank.

 - c. Free trees. Ongoing.
 - d. Replacement hawthorn trees College Road. Planted – **clerk to write letter of thanks.**
 - e. Best Kept Village Competition 2012. Intention to enter notified. Children's posters ready.
 - f. RHS Britain in Bloom. Determined that entry not appropriate.
 - g. Urgent request to empower Town & Parish Councils. Response received from MP and Minister.
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. PA/00819/106/JPM. Retention and further extension of a hard standing for the machine storage and despatch yard, landscaping bund, floodlighting and reopening of an existing access to form exit only junction (Amended plans and information received on 15 November 2011), JCB Bamford Excavators Ltd., World Headquarters, Hollington Road, Rocester. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2011/01490/JI. Erection of a single storey rear extension with study above balcony, Fairfields, College Road. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2012/00149/JI. Retention of office unit and storage unit for a 3 year period in connection with commercial haulage business, Lilac Cottage, Stubwood Lane. **No objections to be raised**
 - d. P/2012/00196/JPM. Construction of a 272 space car park, JCB (Excavators) Ltd., Lakeside Works, Denstone Road, Rocester. **To respond with concerns about increased traffic over Lady Meadow Bridge and conflict with pedestrians to Ryecroft School.**
 - e. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. P/2012/00224/JI. Erection of a detached bungalow and garage and new vehicular access, Land adjacent to 16 Marlpit Lane. **No objections to be raised**
6. **WEBSITE:** Only .jpg pictures would be accepted.
7. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Work to be carried out w/c 19 March. Cllr Swinson organising stone collection and delivery to site.
8. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. Church Room. The 13 February PCC meeting had agreed to further consider community use. An open meeting had been held on 1 March attended by 20 people. Denstone Youth Fund had agreed to obtain quotations to bring the building to a usable state. This would facilitate further consideration at the next meeting on 30 April.

9. **DENSTONE SHOW 2012:** Meeting held on 27 February. Most actions completed. Next meeting 27 March.
10. **FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE:** Awaiting further information from the Post Office in April.
11. **CYCLE PATH TO RYECROFT SCHOOL:** Some feedback from JCB about possible routes at the Ryecroft end. JCB would support a closure of Lady Meadow Bridge route. **Clerk to write to Richard Rayson re closure or making one way.**
12. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Quotations had been received for 1000/2000/5000 of a full colour version plus an A2/A3 version for the phone box. Smaller quantity required as will be on website. **Cllr Wright to investigate ways of covering expenditure in excess of the £500 grant.**
13. **PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:** Cllr Bednall to be nominated.
14. **RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN:** Circulated. To take place from early May. To advertise in the Weaver Message and on the Notice Board.
15. **SCC PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS 24 & 25 FOLLY FARM:** Circulated. **Proposal agreed with the suggestion that the last section across to the Staffordshire Way goes diagonally across the field.**
16. **FLOATS FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** A number of village organisations are interested. Suggested for Sunday June 3 morning but details such as insurance need to be investigated. **Chairman to pursue.** Father John proposed a Jubilee church service after the Hog Roast on the Old Railway Line.
17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Letters had been sent to Richard Rayson and Denstone College as resolved at the last meeting..
 - b. Parking problems College Road – The Westlands. Now parking on the footway. **No further action at present.**
 - c. Access gate to Old railway Line. Ongoing. .
 - d. Community Ice Busters. Letter circulated. **AGREED To pursue next autumn.**
 - e. Lane between B5032 & 5030 at top of Quixhill. Has been reported to ESBC Enforcement. **Clerk to pursue.**
 - f. Traffic cones. Six cones collected and stored in the Village Hall.
18. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum. Change of personnel in progress. **AGREED To invite new appointee to a Parish Council meeting.**
19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- a. ESBC Consultation on Options for Uttoxeter Leisure Centre. **AGREED To respond favouring a location adjacent to the existing site.**
 - b. SPCA – Standards. **Noted**

- c. SPCA – Training courses Audit Commission & VAT. **Noted**
- d. SCC – Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2012/3. **No bid to be made this year.**
- e. ESBC Core Strategy: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. **Not to respond.**
- f. ESBC Dog Control Orders – Consultation on additional. **To request no additional sites.**

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

- a. CPRE Staffordshire Branch – January 2012
- b. SCC & Stoke on Trent – Submission of Joint Waste Core Strategy
- c. Police & Crime Commissioners Timeline

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Internal audit/risk assessment. Circulated. **Reviewed - no changes.**
- b. Expenditure vs budget 4th Qtr. Circulated. **Unspent budget amounts to be carried over to next financial year agreed.**

To approve the following payments:

- c. Street lighting (January) = £7.64 + 0.38VAT = **£8.02** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - d. Replacement trees for College Road = **£41.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - e. BKV Entry & posters = **£17.25** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - f. Village Hall toilet opening (3/1-31/3) = **£107.63** [Public Health Act 1936 s87]
 - g. Denstone College photocopying donation = **£50.00** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - h. Payment for emptying Old Railway line bin (26 weeks) + Teen play area bin (26 weeks) = **£52.00** [Litter Act 1983 s6]
 - i. Inspections of Teen recreation Area (6 mths) = **£156.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 - j. Lengthsman 4th Qtr = **£174.75** [Local Government Act 2000 s19]
 - k. Clerk's pay(less 20% tax) (Oct-Dec) = **£686.80** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - l. Tax on clerk's pay = **£171.70** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - m. Clerk's expenses (3 mths) = £45.41(22.26Cones) +5.01 VAT = **£50.42** [LGA 1972 s112]
 - n. Webmaster February = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- Total = **£1540.57**. All payments proposed Cllr Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Payne.

22. STANDING ORDER 1c: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

- a. To further consider arrangements for appointing new clerk. Arrangements for interviews on 15 March agreed.

23. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Celebratory mugs for Jubilee.

24. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 3 April & 1 May 2012

The meeting closed at 21.30.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Swift bus service – the Parish Council had not made representations for the service to be diverted away from Alton Road. Church Room – see 8a. Jubilee church service – see 16.