

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 4 March 2014 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Attendees: Cllr C Vernon (in chair), Cllr J Payne, Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmunds, Cllr M Allen, Cllr S Ratcliffe & Cllr P Reid Apologies: Cllr S Smith, Cllr R Wright & Borough Cllr Smith

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 4 February were approved & signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** S Ratcliffe (JCB 5a)
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. New Councillor Training. Noted
 - b. Planning Training
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *a summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes*
5. Planning (**Permitted & Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. **P/2013/01537** Erection of a detached two storey office building bin store with associated car parking and landscaping. **No objections raised.**
 - b. **P/2014/00057** Conversion of existing domestic garage to form a holiday let with external alterations including installation of a flue & raising of the roof height: Ashlea, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood **Objections Raised based on parking issues.**
 - c. Any other planning application received after the agenda was published. **None**
6. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Denstone has now been officially designated as a Neighbourhood Area. The first engagement event to take place April 28th in the Village Hall.
7. **Ryecroft School:** Ongoing
8. **Post Office:** Ongoing
9. **Best Kept Village:** Ongoing
10. **Narrow Lane:** Concluded.
11. **New junction improvements:** A replacement tree will be planted to replace the Jubilee tree.
12. **New Dog bins:** 2 new bins will now be ordered as part of the neighbourhood forum funding part 2.

13. New Light at junction of Alton Road: Ongoing

14. Emergency Plan for the Village: Ongoing.

15. Highways Issues: All ongoing

a. Traffic issues in Stubwood: Ongoing.

b. Potholes & Drainage Issues in Village: Ongoing

18. Neighbourhood Working:

a. Neighbourhood Forum: Funding has been secured for 2 new bins & platform improvements.

16. CORRESPONDENCE: all items circulated with agenda were noted.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE: All noted

21. Finance/Payments

All payments were agreed and approved:

a. Webmaster February = **£25.00** [7.99 LGA 1972 s142 & 144] **(EE/SR)**

b. E-on Public Lighting 1 – 31 January = £+ 0.40VAT = **£8.39** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]

c. Gardener July to January = **£556.60** [LGA 1972 s137] **(EE/SR)**

d. Best Kept Village = **£16.50** [LGA 1972 s137]

e. Non SCC Lengthsman payment (Jan 2014)= **£15.00** [Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1953 s4] **(BH/EE)**

f. Clerk's pay February 2014 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112] **(JP/SR)**

Total = **£ 911.49**

23. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Trent Barton Bus Route, Speed Limits (all of them), Denstone Show, Village Hall Car Park gardens,

24. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: 1 April 2014 (Annual Meeting 28 April) & 6 May

The meeting closed at.....20.20

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: The issue of Stubwood traffic was brought to the meeting with an action plan presented by a small group of Stubwood residents. They requested a sub-committee from Parish Council to support any negotiations with SCC.

Objections were raised for Harpur Meadow/JCB development based on grounds that it is in open landscape and won't provide enough local employment to be justified. It is also felt that it isn't part of Rocester or Denstone development boundary.

Footpath surfacing issues in various location in the village.