

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 1 March 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr R Wright, , Councillor S Smith, and borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Councillor C Podmore.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd February were approved and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. Declaration of interest. Councillor S Ratcliffe declared interest in item 4F.
4. Matters Arising/ Clerk's report
 - a. Code of Conduct – clerk sent new code of conduct to all for comments, clerk to bring document to the meeting on the 5th April for signing.
 - b. Councillor Vacancy – the council now has 2 positions vacant which have been advertised.
 - c. Request from WI – It was decided that the Parish Council would fund the hoops for the litter picking, clerk to email the WI asking them to order and then send the invoice to the Parish Council.
 - d. SAAA – The clerk explained the SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments) and it was agreed that Denstone Parish Council would not opt out.
 - e. Safer Neighbourhood Panel Cllr Hinton asked to see the rest of the details regarding this. Clerk to email Cllr Hinton.
 - f. Diversion Orders for Pathways – there were no objections raised. However it was mentioned that there had been recent increase in concern of school children and the access to school premises and school grounds. So this was something that the Council thought that they needed to keep an eye on. No action at this time though.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. Mobile library no longer comes to Marlpit Lane even though it stipulates in the Weaver Message that it does. Clerk to Action.
 - b. There is a bollard missing at the junction with Alton Road. Clerk to Report to SCC.
 - c. The Croft – Concerns were raised about the height of the hedge at The Croft. Clerk to contact SCC to ask about what the height should be of a hedge adjacent to the road. Once we have this information Councillor Payne to contact the owners.
 - d. It was requested that copies of the Minutes and Agendas be put on the Parish Council notice board in the village as well as the other two notice boards. This was agreed by all Councillors present.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/00178 Park Brook Lodge Hollington Road Rocester Staffs. No objections
7. Denstone Show. The first meeting for the show had been held and the date of the show is the 3rd September. Cllr Hinton stated that there would be more

activities for children, the clerk suggested face painting and said that she would supply contact details for one. Clerk to Action

8. Village Hall Toilets. Clerk to contact the secretary of All Saints School in Oak Road and ask if they would distribute a letter from the Parish Council asking that children using the toilets were accompanied at all times so that the toilets were kept clean and tidy. If they agreed clerk to send letter to the parents via the school. Clerk to Action.
9. Community Path Initiative. Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting of a broken stile in the village; Cllr Wright said that he would investigate.
10. Best Kept Village. Clerk to enter the village as soon as possible.
11. FoSSA. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that it was agreed at the Neighbourhood plan meeting to pay the £20.00 for FoSSA.
12. Grit Bins. The clerk informed the meeting that the request for a grit bin outside the school on Oak Road had been denied by the SCC as it did not fit the criteria. Further assessments had been requested by the clerk on Croft Stead Avenue and Taylors Lane Stubwood. It was agreed that the Parish Council would withhold making a decision to purchase a bin until the outcome of these assessment were known. Clerk to chase decisions.
13. WASP Funding. Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that the Parish Council had been awarded £200 towards the replacement of the posts and chains at the war memorial. The quote for this work is £1250. Cllr Wright said that he would contact CVLLP regarding this and Cllr Payne said she would email the War Memorial website.
14. Defibrillator. Denstone players are to contribute £500 towards the 2nd defibrillator. Cllr Payne expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for this generous contribution. The 2nd defibrillator will be placed in the telephone box at Stubwood. Clerk to contact E.O.N regarding electricity connection. Clerk to Action.
15. Notice Boards in the village. Cllr Edmonds to look at Cllr C Smiths notice boards and report back to the Parish Council.
16. Neighbourhood Funding. Updated
17. Bus Shelter update. The invoice needs to be in by the 3rd March Cllr Hinton to email invoice to Cllr Wright.
18. Housing Choice Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation. No Update.
19. Rocester New School update. Clerk read letter to the meeting from Cllr Ben Adams - Cabinet Member for Learning's and Skills. Copy attached. It was agreed to keep the pressure on. Clerk to email Andrew Griffiths for an update.
20. Speed limit in Denstone. Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from Timothy Buxton informing the council that a 20mph speed limit in Denstone would not be possible.
21. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Payne expressed thanks to all who came to the exhibition on the 26th February and for their comments. The questionnaires that were completed will be analysed and the results published.

22. Dog Control order sign for Old Railway Line + dog fouling signs. It was agreed to have 2 signs informing the public to keep dogs on a lead and 10 smaller signs informing the public to clean up after their dog. Clerk to Action.
23. The Post Office. Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that the post office had been sold and he was hoping for completion as soon as possible
24. Tree sculpture. Updated.
25. Village Hall committee member. Cllr S Smith agreed to be the new Village Hall Committee member for the Parish Council.
26. Emergency Plan for village. No update.
27. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that a meeting was being held with Graham Hunt on the 7th March.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Cllr Edmonds to send the clerk a list of issues to report.
 - c. Footpaths. Corner of College road and the 5031 there is a bump in the pavement. Clerk to report to SCC.
28. Neighbourhood Working
 - a. Neighbourhood Forum. Updated.
29. Finance/Payments
To approve the following payments:
 - a. Webmaster February 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for February 2016 =£85.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - c. Clerk's pay for February 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - d. Clerk's expenses for February 2016 = £24.12 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - e. Eon Lighting February = £12.62 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - f. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan February 2016 £1360.77
 - g. Neighbourhood Plan Admin Claim February = £346.12
 - h. FoSSA sponsorship = £20.00
 - i. SPCA Land Use & Management training - £20.00
 - j. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall =£42.50
 - k. Neighbourhood Plan Printing invoice - £110.00

All payments were proposed by Cllr Hinton and seconded by Cllr Edmonds.

Items for Future Agenda

a. Traffic going to Denstone College

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 5th April, 25th April Annual Meeting, 3rd May, 7 June