

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 7th March 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr S Smith and Borough Councillor C Smith.
Apologies Cllr S Ratcliffe and Cllr C Podmore.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 7th February 2017 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest raised.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Sun & Soil update – Clerk informed the meeting that she had not heard from James at Sun and Soil but she would chase him again.
 - b. SPCA Bulletin – Funding for a computer was discussed but it was decided that there was really no need for this.
 - c. Litter Picking – The clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted the ESBC and they informed her that they would collect any bags of rubbish, they would also supply bags but not any hoops etc. However, Mary Spencer from the WI informed the clerk that she had a contact at the ESBC who would supply hoops. Mary to pass contact details to the clerk. The WI are doing a litter pick on the 25th March. It was suggested that the PC arrange one for the 29th April 10am – 12pm. Clerk to contact insurers regarding liability. Clerk to contact Liz Greenwood from Alton Towers to see if they can send a team of pickers. Clerk to put litter picking on the agenda for April to discuss with Cllr Ratcliffe regarding contacting JCB.
 - d. Additional Signatures – Forms were signed by Cllr Stratton and Cllr Robotham, clerk to send forms to the bank.
 - e. Date of Annual Meeting – it was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held on the 24.4.17 at 7.00pm Clerk to book the main hall for the meeting.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. The traffic that comes off Alton Road and Marlpit Lane far too fast. It was agreed that this would be added to the list for discussion with Tim Buxton when Edward and Barrie arrange another site visit to Denstone with him There is a car parked on the mini roundabout – Police been contacted but nothing can be done. It was suggested that David Higgs was no longer a PCSO clerk to check.
 - b. It was suggested that we get flashing lights for outside the school. Clerk to contact the SCC.
 - c. Could the path be cleared near the bollards on the main road. Decided to ask SCC if the road sweeper could sweep this area and also the new layby created in front of the Old Vicarage.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC) There were no planning applications to discuss.
7. Grit Bins – Nothing further to add. This is now to be removed from future agendas.
8. Denstone Diary – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that all is going well with the annual magazine. It is now 12 pages and 600 copies will be ordered.

Currently £430 worth of advertising has been agreed and there is still another page to fill. Sponsorship is also going to be sought from Denstone College.

9. SID's – Clerk to contact Timothy Buxton and ask for the go ahead with the traffic check.
10. 2nd Defibrillator – Clerk to contact Simon Poole regarding when the 2nd defibrillator will arrive. Cllr Stratton has arranged to meet Len Woodward tomorrow afternoon at the telephone box to check the wiring.
11. Rocester New School – Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a reply from Cllr Atkins which said that he would get Graham Hunt to chase the review of the safety check.
12. Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk brought 4 copies of the Neighbourhood plan and gave 3 of them out and kept one for the Parish Council records.
13. Village Hall committee member. Nothing to update
14. Emergency Plan for village – Nothing to update
15. Oak Road Play area quotes - All three quotes now obtained. Cllr Payne spoke to Sara Botham from the Neighbourhood Fund and she didn't say that they wouldn't fund the play area. Clerk to contact David Boden and Laurie from the Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust and ask if the Trust would agree if the Parish Council resurfaced the play area. Clerk to ask for a reply by the end of March 2017.
16. War memorial repairs – Cllr Stratton informed the meeting that her contact did not want to carry out the work. A parishioner at the meeting said that she would forward details of someone who may be interested to the clerk.
17. New Noticeboard – Hopefully this will be erected by the end of the month.
18. Hawthorn Trees – Clerk to contact SCC regarding the 4 trees to ask if they will take them down and replace them as currently they are a health and safety hazard. There is also a tree that needs cutting on College Road opposite the Stone House.
19. Village Hall Toilets – These will be opened by John Etherington in future.
20. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Cllr Edmonds to write to Graham Hunt regarding Stubwood Hollow. Cllr Edmonds also to contact Tim Buxton with regards to traffic calming issues as discussed by everyone at the meeting.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Clerk to contact the SCC regarding the pothole on Narrow Lane. Also 2 potholes close together on the B5031 just after the roundabout.
 - c. Footpaths. Cars are being parked on the verges of 5 and 6 Elm View. Clerk to send a letter asking the occupants not to park on the verge.
21. Finance/Payments – Proposed by Cllr Edmonds and seconded by Cllr Hinton.
 - a. To approve the following payments:
 - b. Webmaster February 2017 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non-SCC for February 2017 =£15.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk's pay for February 2017 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk's expenses for February 2017 =£9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Eon Lighting February 2017= £14.66 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall February 2017 = £43.00

Items for Future Agenda

- a. Denstone Show
- b. BKV
- c. Fencing on Lady Meadow Bridge
- d. Agenda's – now to be emailed to all.

- 1. Dates of next meetings:** 4 April, 24th April (Annual Meeting), 2 May