

### Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

1. **Attendees:** Cllr R Wright (in chair), Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr J Turner, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr K Stratton and Cllr J Mountney **Apologies.** Borough Councillor C Smith
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were discussed, and after making a few minor alterations were approved by all and signed by Cllr B Wright.
3. There was no declaration of interest.
4. Adjournment for public participation – Bob Moreton asked why minutes had not appeared on website (JS informed the meeting that she had passed them to webmaster). Jean Wright advertised WI litter pick 24 Mar 10.30. Cynthia Gustard asked about clearing surface of old road where it abuts end of new path to Ryecroft School (JS to contact SCC)
5. Election of Chair – As no councillor wanted to take on the position of Chair at this current time, it was unanimously agreed that position of chair would change at every meeting. Cllr B Wright agreed to chair this meeting and the clerk asked for someone to agree to chair the meeting in April. Cllr S Ratcliffe agreed to chair the April meeting.
6. Election of Vice Chairman – No one currently wanted to take on the position of Vice Chair.
7. Councillor Vacancy – The Parish Council welcomed Jo Mountney to the meeting as the new councillor. The clerk informed the meeting that the Parish still had two vacancies to fill and had received three applications. The three applicants were Phillip Frampton, Margaret Shermer and Alethea Blant (Lee). All applicants made a small introduction at the meeting. The clerk informed the meeting that a decision could not be agreed today as she was still awaiting confirmation from the ESBC regarding if an election was required.
8. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
  - a. Correspondence Received – The clerk informed the meeting that there was nothing new to discuss from the SPCA Bulletins.
  - b. April Meeting 2018 – It was agreed that Annual meeting would be Mon 23 April 7p.m. followed by Parish Council meeting. Then the next meeting would be the 5 June. There would not be a meeting of the Parish Council in May.
  - c. Clerk pay increase - New pay scales not published yet
  - d. Data Protection Changes – The clerk had sent out the document regarding the changes to the councillors. Therefore, the councillors were asked to look at 69-page document in more detail. Clerk still waiting for training regarding this to be advertised.
9. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
  - a. P/2017/01567 - Home Farm, Barrowhill, Rocester, ST14 5BX – Permitted
10. End of the War Celebrations – The clerk informed the meeting that she had been told by the Parish Clerk of Wootton that due to the time of year it was decided that it would be too cold to go on the Weaver Hills. Therefore, they would have a bonfire near the Wootton Cricket ground instead. The Parish Council thought this defeated the object so suggested that the clerk contact Ed Barker and also ask Ellastone Parish Council if they would like to get involved. Windy Arbour was also suggested but less visible.
11. Mobile Post Office – The clerk informed the meeting that she had been informed that the Mobile Post Office would be in the village Mon 1.45 to 2.45p.m. at Village Hall car park. More time possible in future if demand justifies. Publicity discussed
12. Denstone Show – Clerk informed the meeting that there had not been any response to requests for volunteers.
13. Lorries to JCB and Lady Meadow Bridge – Cllr Ratcliffe to contact Ivor Jayson (JCB transport dept)
14. College Road Footpath – No Response as yet from SCC.
15. Inspection of Defibrillators –Cllr B Wright to contact Stubwood residents about regular inspections. Cllr P Robotham to continue doing Denstone
16. Best Kept Village – The clerk will send off the application for the competition and Cllr B Wright will produce the maps of the village.
17. Children's Posters – Jean Wright will contact the school regarding the posters. These will be judged at the Annual Meeting.
18. Denstone Diary – Sue Edmunds should have it all ready for 1<sup>st</sup> May
19. Oak Road Play Area - Work to start 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Cllr B Wright to remove old benches

20. The Graveyard - No response yet from Sue Robins
21. Progress of Purchasing Land by the Churnet – Solicitors still at work. (Cheque has been sent to them ready for completion)
22. Sponsorship of the roundabout near Churnet Land - Newton-Taylor's to approach SCC
23. Dog Mess in the village – Cllr S Ratcliffe to fix notices at Oliver's Green end of footpath
24. Workers Memorial Day – Cllr B Wright to attend.
25. Proposed 20 mph speed limit – No reply from SCC. Clerk to chase
26. Village Hall committee member. To be decided at next meeting
27. Emergency Plan for village – No progress
28. Highway Issues
  - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – Cllr E Edmonds to invite CPSO to come and observe peak traffic problems
  - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – not discussed
  - c. Footpaths – not discussed
29. Meeting adjourned to main room where payments were approved. No item for future agenda was suggested.
30. To approve the following payments:
  - Finance/Payments
  - a. Webmaster pay for February = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - b. Clerk's pay for February 2018 (Made by Standing Order) = £340.17 [LGA 1972 s112]
  - c. Clerk's expenses for February 2018 = £38.07 (LGA 1972 s111)
  - d. Eon Lighting February & March 2018 = £29.99 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - e. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall Toilets = £50.00
  - f. Best kept Village competition = £17.80

### **Items for Future Agenda**

Dates of next meetings: Annual meeting 7pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April followed by PC meeting, then 5<sup>th</sup> June