

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING  
ROOM**

Councillors present: J Bednall(part), E Edmonds, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, S Ratcliffe, J Richardson, and R Wright. Apologies: C Salt(domestic). Three members of the public were present.

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Richardson opened the meeting and called for nominations for the office of Chairman. Cllr Richardson proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr S Ratcliffe –elected.

Cllr Richardson remained in the Chair and completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

Election of Vice Chairman and representatives. Vice Chairman: Cllr Bednall proposed Cllr Edmonds seconded Cllr Payne – elected.

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| Planning Committee (3)    | E Edmonds, S Ratcliffe, Chairman |
| Village Hall Committee    | J Bednall (Noted)                |
| Alton Towers Road Liaison | S Ratcliffe, A Ratcliffe         |
| Drains                    | R Wright                         |
| Footpaths                 | R Wright                         |

**1. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFS, CPRE, SLCC, SPCA & SPFA: Agreed.**

2. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 6 April were approved and signed.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**4. MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**

a. Sustainable Communities Amendment Act. Circulated. Has been passed – letter of thanks sent to Janet Dean.

b. Community Speedwatch update. New equipment due to arrive 5 May.

c. Dog Control Orders. Teen Recreation Area ones had to be replaced.

d. Insurance value of war memorial. Insurer unable to provide advice. **Cllr S Ratcliffe to try to find stonemason contact.**

e. Missing finger post to Stubwood from centre of village. Installed but some work on top to be completed.

f. Sandbags. In hand.

g. Roadside spring clean 11 April. Thanks to all of small but dedicated turnout. Future event to be more widely advertised with village organisations.

h. Parish Cllr vacancy – consider procedure for co-option if appropriate.

**AGREED to invite candidates to make a short speech or written submission.**

i. Mower for Lengthsman. Arrangements using existing mowers have been made.

5. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*

6. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]

- a. P/2010/00100/JI. Erection of a detached dwelling and garage, Aingarth, Oak Road. **Permitted**
  - b. P/2010/00390/JI. Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the continued use of land and buildings for the parking of lorries and the repair of vehicles, retention of associated offices and existing manege, and alterations to vehicular access, without complying with Conditions 1(ii) and 2 of PA/06994/006/AG dated 16/02/10 relating to the visibility splay and landscaping scheme, Little Park Farm, Alton Road. **No objections raised**
  - c. P/2010/00258/EW. Continued use of hairdressing salon as additional living accommodation, Tamla, College Road. **Permitted**
  - d. P/2010/00323/JI. Erection of a two storey rear extension, Winfern, Oak Road. **Permitted**
  - e. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None**
7. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
- a. Review of Parish Plan. *Cllr Bednall arrived.* Annual Parish Meeting report covered progress up to 26 April. Old Railway line. Footpath route to church being pursued. Traffic calming. Cllr Salt is endeavouring to reform committee – Cllr Edmunds offered assistance. **Report needs to be finalised by September.**
8. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE: Cllr S Ratcliffe pursuing.**
9. **WEBSITE:** Another volunteer is assisting with. Password still outstanding.
10. **STANDING ORDERS:** Document circulated. **Amendments AGREED.**
11. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Several volunteers identified. **Cllr S Ratcliffe to get quotation for material.**
12. **COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE 2010/1:** Application for £500 towards new Walks leaflet.
13. **DROPPED KERB BY SCHOOL HOUSE/PARISH ROOM:** Parish Priest requested this to be considered. **Clerk to request meeting with Church representatives to consider this and five other outstanding issues. Council representatives to be Chairman, Cllrs Bednall, Payne and S Ratcliffe.**
14. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. Response on issues submitted for Neighbourhood Highway team visit. Circulated. **To respond clarifying ponding by War memorial and coloured markings of pedestrian crossings. To raise road edges round Oliver’s Green as a Clarence issue. Telephone cable hazard College Road.**
  - b. College Road verges. Small white markers to be installed.
  - c. Other issues requiring to be raised. Traffic on Narrow Lane. **Next Agenda.**
15. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum 20 April. Chairman & Cllr Payne attended. Review of plans and achievements. Fire Service presentation on Home Fire Risk Checks. Proposals for schools to be available more widely for community use.
  - b. Related issues. **None**

- 16. CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- a. Com Council of Staffs – LINK. **Invite to 2011 Annual Parish Meeting?**
  - b. ESBC Housing Enforcement Policy consultation. **Noted**
  - c. Staffordshire Health Scrutiny – Stafford Hospital. **Noted**
  - d. Funderfinder website. **Noted**
- 17. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted.
- a. ESBC Forward Plan – May to August
  - b. CPRE – Fieldwork April 2010
  - c. Staffordshire LINK Bulletin March 2010
- 18. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**
- a. Internal audit. Auditor’s report. Circulated. No issues to consider.  
To approve the following payments:
  - b. Mowing churchyard 2010 = **£250.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s214]
  - c. Community Council of Staffs subscription = **£22.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]
  - d. CPRE Subscription = **£29.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]
  - e. nPower street lighting (1 Jan to 31 Mar) = £36.39 + 6.38VAT = **£42.67** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - f. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Jan-Mar) = **£34.63** [LGA 1972 s137]
  - g. Internal audit = **£70.00** [Audit Commission Act 1998]
  - h. Cllr’s travelling expenses = **£25.24** [Local Authorities Members Allowances Regulations 2003 s26]
- Total = **£474.14**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.
- 19. STANDING ORDER 68:** 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. Review of payment rate to Lengthsman for non SCC work. Revision **AGREED.**
- 20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**
- a. Clerk’s Training Day 17 June.
  - b. Replacement cheque signatory.
  - c. No parking signs Oak Road.
  - d. Traffic in Narrow Lane.
  - e. Parish Council take over of Junior Play Area.
  - f. Committee to progress ‘New Village Hall’.
- 21. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 1 June and 6 July 2009.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

**ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

None.