

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe and R Wright and Borough Cllr C Smith. Apologies: J Richardson(holiday) and County Cllr P Atkins. Five members of the public were present.

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

Cllr Bednall remained in the Chair and all cllrs completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms. It was agreed that the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office form would be completed by the next meeting.

The Vice Chairman paid tribute to the work of the retiring Cllrs A Ratcliffe and Vernon.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 5 April were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **CO-OPTION FOR THE TWO VACANCIES UNFILLED AFTER THE MAY 2011 ELECTION:** Two candidates – T Swinson and C Vernon. **Co-opted**
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES:**

Planning Committee (3)	E Edmonds, S Ratcliffe, Chairman
Village Hall Committee	J Bednall (Noted)
Alton Towers Road Liaison	S Ratcliffe
Drains & footpaths	R Wright
5. **TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFS, CPRE, SLCC, SPCA & SPFA:** Agreed.
6. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2011-2012:** Draft circulated. January meeting to be 10th & Annual Parish 23 April. **To be reissued.**
7. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. After success of Royal Wedding event the Denstone Youth Fund are likely to organise. Planting of two trees to be considered.
 - b. Spring litter pick 10 April. Good response. Delay in collection of bags.
8. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*

9. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
- a. P/2010/01318/JI. Erection of a two storey classroom block, Denstone College.
Permitted
 - b. P/2011/00177/EW. Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation including installation of front and rear dormer windows and erection of chimney to west elevation, Ford Croft House, Oak Road. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2011/00243/EW. Erection of a two storey side extension, Springfields, College Road.
Permitted
 - d. P/2011/00353/EW. Erection of a detached garage/car port, The Rickyard, Alton Road.
Permitted
 - e. P/2011/00493/EW. Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of an external flue without complying with Condition 2 of P/2010/01302/EW dated 08/03/11 relating to amendments to approved plans, Selwyn House, 3 Rowan Close. **No objections to be raised**
 - f. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. P/2010/01293/JI. Erection of three detached dwellings and construction of vehicular access – REVISED SCHEME, Mount Pleasant, College Road. **To resubmit objections made to original scheme**
10. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
- a. Review of Parish Plan. See 13.
 - b. Royal wedding event. Very successful and well received.
11. **WEBSITE:** £160 has been received for links so far. **Cllr Hinton to chase outstanding responses.**
12. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Awaiting availability of machinery.
13. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
- a. Dropped kerb. **Cllr Swinson to provide name of a contractor. Cllr Payne to also ask Richard Rayson** (see 20)
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. PCC pursuing making watertight and giving indication of support for further use. **Update to be obtained**
 - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. Being pursued with PCC.
14. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Cllr Bednall to provide some feedback.
15. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Report from 12 May meeting. **Clerk to enquire about loan of barriers.**
16. **BULK OIL:** Not to be pursued.
17. **TRAINING FOR NEW CLLRS/CLERK'S TRAINING DAY 15 JUNE:** Information circulated. **Clerk to arrange date for Cllr Swinson. Agreed – Clerk to attend training day.**

18. DCLG – CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY: Circulated. **Noted**

19. HIGHWAY ISSUES:

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. **Cllr Payne to speak to Richard Rayson about this and Main Road sign** (see 20).
- b. Letter from County Cllr Maryon re Highway maintenance. Circulated. **Noted**

20. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

- a. Neighbourhood Forum 23 May. **Cllr Payne to attend - to remind about surface on Old Railway Line plus items above.**
- b. Neighbourhood News Issue 5. Circulated. **Noted**
- c. Neighbourhood warden. Mike Carter to attend June meeting

21. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

- a. SCC - Your Staffordshire Card. **Noted**
- b. SCC – Staffordshire Cares and the Purple Pages. **Pass to WI & Tuesday Club**
- c. Participatory Budgeting. **Noted**
- d. Get Sheducated. **Put on Notice Board and website**

22. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE: All noted.

- a. DCLG – Future of local public audit – consultation (65 pages)
- b. SCC – Local Transport Plan 2011 (118 pages)
- c. NALC – Government’s plans on inland waterways
- d. Community Right to Build/Consultation on Community Right to Buy
- e. Staffordshire Community Works
- f. CPRE – Fieldwork April 2011
- g. Staffordshire LINK Bulletin April 2011
- h. VAST – Action April 2011

23. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Internal audit. Auditor’s report. Section 4 circulated. **No issues to report**
- b. Cheque signatory. **Cllr Hinton** proposed by Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Edmunds
- c. Insurance renewal 2011. Reviewed – no changes. **Agreed to accept 5 year agreement.**

To approve the following payments:

- d. Mowing churchyard 2011 = **£250.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s214]
- e. Community Council of Staffs subscription = **£22.00** (see 5) [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]
- f. CPRE Subscription = **£29.00** (see 5) [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]
- g. nPower street lighting (1 Jan to 31 Mar) = £53.62+10.72VAT = **£64.34** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- h. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Jan-Mar) = **£34.25** [LGA 1972 s137]
- i. Internal audit = **£70.00** [Audit Commission Act 1998]
- j. Webmaster April = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- k. Post Office insurance = **£265.00** [LGA 1972 s137]

Total = **£759.59**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. NALC – Future standards of conduct of members of local authorities
- b. Better Broadband roadshows
- c. Dead hawthorn tree near 23 Hawthorn Close
- d. Bus shelter – panel other end?
- e. Colour for teen play equipment
- f. Notice boards

25. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 7 June & 5 July 2011.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Litter bin on Old Railway Line needs emptying. Emptying of litter bins on roadsides is a Borough Council responsibility.