

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 1 May 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

1. **Election of Chair & Vice Chair.** Cllr Richardson nominated as Chair:  
nominated by: Cllr Edmonds seconded: Cllr Payne  
Cllr J Bednall nominated as Vice Chair: nominated: Cllr Wright, seconded:  
Cllr Hinton
2. **Receipt of Chair's declaration of Acceptance of Office.** Received.
3. **THOSE PRESENT.** Cllr J Richardson was in the chair. Cllr Wright, Cllr Hinton, Cllr Edmonds, Cllr Payne. Mr W J Read (Resilience officer ESBC). Apologies received from Cllr Bednall (work), Cllr Vernon (sickness), Cllr Ratcliffe (work), Cllr Swinson (resigned)
4. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 3 April were approved and signed
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
6. **ELECTION of officers & representatives** Planning committee x3 Cllr Richardson, Cllr Edmonds & Cllr Ratcliffe. Alton Towers Rd Liaison Committee: Cllr Vernon. Drains & footpaths: Cllr Wright
7. **VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE:** noted as Cllr J Bednall
8. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
  - a. Training for new cllr: n/a
  - b. Best Kept Village - judging to start 1 May and noted
  - c. Smart Water – Open Meeting at Uttoxeter Town Hall 13<sup>th</sup> June 7-9pm. noted
  - d. Clerk's new email announced
9. **Emergency Planning Presentation** by William J Read (Resilience Support officer ESBC) [www.staffordshireprepared.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshireprepared.gov.uk) – outlines all the risks noted as part of the plan. Details of a possible Parish Emergency Plan to be discussed at next meeting on 29 May
10. **Consideration of payments of annual subscriptions to SRCC & CPRE**  
Agreed
11. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
12. **PLANNING:** [permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
  - a. P/20120196/JPM Construction of a 272 space car park, JCB. **Response has been received from JCB that pedestrian crossing is planned at entrance of JCB car park.**
13. **WEBSITE:** New link requests for the website from County groups welcome. Jubilee Mug information has also been added to the website.

14. **FOOTPATH from Marlpit Lane to the Weavers:** To be reported on at next meeting.
15. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES**
- a. CHURCH ROOM: A decision has not been made about the future of the Church Room. **Open Meeting to be held in Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as an opportunity for community to discuss possible options.**
16. **DENSTONE SHOW:** Cllr Hinton reported that some new show categories have been added. Next meeting to be held at Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Programme of categories will be available in school by early July. Programmes available to community at the same time. This information will also be available on the website.
17. **CYCLE PATH to Ryecroft School:** To be reported at next meeting
18. **REPLACEMENT OF VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN:** No applications have been received to date.
19. **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** Mugs are being made available to children of the parish in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. In order for their children (up to the age of sixteen) to receive a mug, residents need to sign up in the Post Office. The mugs will be presented to children at the Hog Roast and they will then be available to buy at the Jubilee Hog Roast on Sunday 3 June.
20. **PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL:** noted.
21. **HIGHWAY ISSUES**
- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane: **to be reported at next meeting.**
- b. Lane between B5032 & B5030 at top of Quixhill: **to be reported at next meeting.**
- c. Bank on Alton Rd at Hillcrest: **Cllr Wright reported progress is being made.**
22. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum: **Next meeting 21 May 2012 and Cllr Payne plans to attend.**
23. **CORRESPONDENCE:** all items circulated with agenda.
- a. Big Lottery Fund Village SOS. **Noted**
- b. Sustainable Communities Act Amendment 2010. **Cllr Richardson has sent letter to Andrew Griffiths MP in this regard**
- c. Diamond Jubilee update from SCC. **Noted**
- d. Staffs & Stoke joint waste strategy framework. **Noted**
- e. Insurance Renewal letter. **Discussed as 20**
24. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted
- a. Schools Torch Relay. **Noted**
- b. Coffee & Cake Events for Donna Louise. **Noted**
- c. BACT: Funding Assistance request. **Noted**
- d. South Staffs Network for Mental Health. **Noted**
- e. CPRE Staffordshire branch Annual Report. **Noted**
- f. Community Celebration Pack. **Noted**
- g. Uttoxeter Rural Division Annual Report. **Noted**

**25. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

- a. Completion of annual return has been undertaken & completed by Bob Beaumont. **Noted**

**The following payments were approved:**

- b. SRCC membership renewal 2012/13 = **£22.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]  
 c. MJD Paving = £90.00 + 18.00 VAT = **£108.00** [Highways Act 1980 s43]  
 d. All Saints PCC (graveyard maintenance) = **£250** [Local Gov Act 1972 s214]  
 e. Webmaster April 2012 = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 &144]  
 f. E-On Public Lighting 1-31 March 2012 = £7.64 + 0.38 VAT = **£8.02** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]  
 g. British Gas PO Standing charge (Jan-Mar) = **£34.35** [LGA 1972 s137]  
 h. CPRE annual subscription = **£29.00** [Local Gov Act 1972 s137]  
 i. Clerk's pay April 2012 = **£290** [LGA 1972 s112]  
 j. Internal Audit year end April 2012 = **£75.00** [Audit Commission Act 1998]  
 k. Clerk's expenses (Bob Beaumont) to end Mar 2012 = £29.60 + 1.67 = **£31.27** [Local Gov (financial provisions) Act 1963 s5]  
**TOTAL = £872.64**

26. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Cllr Hinton asked that advertising for the village website be discussed.

27. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: 29<sup>th</sup> May

The meeting closed at.....**21.19**.....

**ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

*Member of public asked about the strip of land outside the Church Room and whether something could be done about the weeds. Some wildflowers seeds will be planted and the area tidied up..*