

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd May 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, Councillor S Smith, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr K Stratton and Borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Cllr C Podmore
Cllr Payne expressed her thanks to all people who attended the meetings throughout the year and she hoped that they would continue to attend in the coming year.
2. Kevin McCammon Transport Manager of Denstone College said he was very keen to build on the working relationship between the college and the people in Denstone. If there are any problems with the traffic he would be more than happy to help as he has contact with all members at the college, the coach companies and the parents.
 - Cllr Ratcliffe asked if there was any chance that the busses could be held back so that they all left the college together therefore freeing up the traffic in the morning and evening. Kevin said that this would create a knock on effect elsewhere so did not think this would be advisable.
 - Could a stop sign be put at the bottom of the hill and the road lines redone?
 - Would it be possible to widen the road and straighten up the hedge to help the buses get by easier? Cllr Payne stated that she would talk to the owners of the hedge before any decision was made.Kevin stated that he would discuss these issues with the college and come back to the clerk as soon as possible. In the meantime if any member of the village has an issue with someone from the college speeding through the village etc, then if they could get the registration number and the vehicle type he would talk to the person concerned. His contact number is 07967115876. Cllr Payne thanked Kevin for attending the meeting.
3. Election of Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Edmond, and seconded by Cllr Wright that Cllr Payne would remain as the Chairman. Councillor Payne accepted. Agreed by all.
4. Election of Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Payne, and seconded by Cllr Ratcliffe that Cllr Hinton would remain as Vice Chairman. Councillor Hinton accepted. Agreed by all.
5. The minutes of the meeting of the 5th April 2016 were approved by all and signed by Cllr Payne.
6. To receive declarations of interest. Cllr Ratcliffe declared interest in item 9.
7. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Denstone Insurance. Clerk advised of the current price for the insurance. It was agreed that clerk ask for a 2 year price and to see if there is any room for movement on the price. Clerk then to email all councillors with the outcome.

- b. Laminator. Clerk informed the meeting that laminators are prized around £20 or £30, it was therefore agreed that the clerk was to order an A3 laminator for the use of the Parish Council.
 - c. Internal Audit. Jeff Malyon would carry out the internal audit this year.
 - d. Transparency Funding. Clerk explained that the transparency funding had been extended to include 31 March 2017. Clerk to send email onto all councillors for their perusal.
 - e. Staffordshire Moorlands. Clerk to reply to the email thanking for the information and ask that they continue to send any further information.
 - f. Proposed Speed Limit Change – Ashbourne Road Rocester, it was agreed not to support the proposed speed limit change. Clerk to scan document and send to the SCC by the 6th May 2016 with comments.
8. Adjournment for public participation – nothing was raised.
 9. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/00421 – Pinewood Cottage, Hollington Rd Rocester staffs ST14 5HY - withdrawn
 - b. P/2016/00423 -Proposed Golf Course –Woodseat Level Rocester- no objection
 - c. P/2016/00434 – Proposed Golf Course –Woodseat Level Rocester – it was agreed that the clerk would contact ESBC and make an objection requesting that they revert back to the original planning application.
 - d. P/2016/00166 – Proposed Golf Course – Woodseat Level Rocester- no objection
 10. Denstone Show. Updated
 11. Tesco Bags of Help Grant. Cllr Payne explained that the funding from Tesco is for large projects and she was wondering if there is anything further that could be done on the old railway line. Cllr Wright said that he would have a word with John Jilbert.
 12. Donation to the village. No further action.
 13. Sandbags – Filling Party to take place 10.30 on the 25th June 2016. Cllr Payne said that she would ask Sam if he was free.
 14. Entrance to Railway Line. Cllr Edmond raised that there was dip in the pavement just inside the gate, he said that he is happy to fill it in but asked that Cllr Wright have a look to see if this action was viable.
 15. Best Kept Village Updated
 16. Grit Bins. Clerk to pass name of SCC officer to Cllr C Smith to see if he can take this matter any further.
 17. WASP Funding. Updated
 18. 2nd Defibrillator Clerk to check and if enough funding order second defibrillator.
 19. Notice Boards in the village. Cllr Edmond informed the meeting that he has received a quote for a new notice board in the centre of the village. The cost will be £480 – Cllr C Smith said that he could provide £300 funding, clerk to look at the accounts regarding the remainder.
 20. Neighbourhood Funding Updated
 21. Bus Shelter to update. This has now been completed.

22. Rocester New School. Clerk to email Ruth for date of the next meeting and then contact Ben Adams.
23. Neighbourhood Plan. Two sessions arranged for 7th May 10-1 and 13th May 3-7pm.
24. The Post Office. No further update at present.
25. Tree sculpture. Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that the tree sculpture should begin end of April early May. Cllr Hinton to chase for a specific date.
26. Village Hall committee member. Updated.
27. Emergency Plan for village. Updated
28. Stubwood Hollow. Updated
29. Parking in Marlpit Lane – Clerk to write a letter and bring to the next meeting for distribution.
30. Pavements in Marlpit Lane Clerk to contact the SCC regarding the pavements on Marlpit lane as they are breaking up. Cllr Robotham to send pictures to the clerk.
31. Village log seat. Updated
32. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Updated.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Updated.
 - c. Footpaths. Updated
33. Neighbourhood Working
 - a. Neighbourhood Forum. Updated
34. Finance/Payments
To approve the following payments:
 - a. Webmaster April 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. C Hinton Work done for NP=£25.00
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for April 2016 =£115 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk's pay for April 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk's expenses for April 2016 = £18.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. NP Printing Cavell Portman =£192 & £57.89 =£249.89
 - g. Eon Lighting April = £12.62 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - h. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan April 2016= £328.00
 - i. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall =£56.68
 - j. Gardeners 111+ 1/4hours =£545.40

Items for Future Agenda

- 1. Speed guns**
- 2. Dates of next meetings: 7th June, 16th July**