

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
2 NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, S Ratcliffe and R Wright. Apologies: C Salt (ill). Five members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 5 October were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:** – Miles King, Midlands Rural Housing, explained that he would be meeting with ESBC and Trent & Dove on 16 November. The next stage then could be to identify a suitable site for up to 9 homes by a walk around the village. **Parish Council to consider further next meeting.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Denstone Show 2011. Meeting 28 October made progress. Next meeting 13 January 2011.
 - b. Teen recreation area – timber treatment. Water based treatment suggested – colour chart to be obtained. Application to be carried out when weather improves.
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/2010/01237/JI. Change of use of former school playground to a car park and formation of a new vehicular access, Land in front of School House & Church Room, Main Road. For information only. **Noted**
 - b. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. See below
 - c. P/2010/01289/EW. Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension, Little Park Farm, Alton Road. **Delegated to Planning Committee**
7. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. Parish/Church Room – see 11b. Old Railway Line – some tree trimming to be carried out by SCC when leaves have fallen.
 - b. Working group to progress Village Hall. Meeting held on 14 October indicated little support at present. **Item on hold under further interest arises.**
 - c. Financial statement Churnet VV2 Steering Group. Final statement circulated. **Payment to Rocester Parish Council** (see 19g).
8. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Clerk to chase landlord.
9. **WEBSITE:** Notice to be put in Weaver Message and notice board asking organisations to contact the webmaster in order to get their details updated.
10. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** WASP application for £300 has been submitted by Borough Cllr Atkins (see 16a).

11. ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. To report progress on planning application. Application out for consultation (6a above).
- b. To report progress on Parish Room. Some support indicated by church representatives. **Agreed to write reiterating Parish Council support for community use.**

12. DOG FOULING CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND SCHOOL AREA OF OAK ROAD: Neighbourhood Coordinator to be asked for bags to put in box on Old Railway Line.

13. BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2010 – JUDGES COMMENTS: Circulated at meeting. Discussed.

14. LAYING OF WREATH ON SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER: Cllr Payne to do.

15. HIGHWAY ISSUES:

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. **Clerk to propose 6 December morning for meeting with Richard Rayson.**
- b. Proposal for footpath towards College along College Road. Circulated. Letter from Denstone College distancing themselves from proposal. **Clerk to inform landowner of no support for proposal.**
- c. Customer Focus for Highways. Circulated. **Cllr Wright to complete online survey on Parish Council's behalf.**
- d. Community focus for ice busters. Circulated. Grit bin provided by Birch Close. Grit can be spread by volunteers but not on private drives. **Clerk to chase other two locations requested.**

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

- a. Report on October 26 forum. WASP funding application (see 10 above). Improvements to Old Railway Line surface possible but consultation of users first. Old school toilet removal to be risk assessed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

- a. None.

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

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – November to February
- b. VAST Action – October 2010

19. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. To approve the following payments:
- b. Bulbs for garden = **£25.36** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
- c. Supplementary planning application fee = **£82.50** (see 11) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s7]

- d. Streetlight electricity = £37.21+6.52VAT = **£43.73** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - e. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Jul-Sep) = **£35.40** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - f. SLCC Subscription = **£82.00** [LGA 1972 s143]
 - g. Churnet VV2 payment to Rocester = **£910.00** (see 7c) [Local Government Act 1972 s111]
 - h. Webmaster October = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - i. Cllr's travelling expenses = **£24.70** [Local Authorities Members Allowance Regulations 2003 s26]
- Total = **£1228.69**. All payments proposed Cllr Edmunds seconded Cllr S Ratcliffe.

20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Walks around Denstone leaflet
- b. Jubilee tree at B5030/5031 junction

21. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 7 December 2010 & 4 January 2011.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Footpath towards College along College Road – see 16b.