

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, C Vernon and R Wright and Borough Cllr C Smith. Apologies: T Swinson (domestic). Five members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 4 October were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Training for new cllr. Ongoing.
 - b. Teen Play Area securing of train. Response awaited from John Quigley SCC.
 - c. Meeting with JCB on 20 July concerning noise. Action taken on stockyard to enforce 07.00-21.00 hours and move loading away from Stubwood Lane. Planning permission has been submitted and close to validation.
 - d. All Saints Church Christmas Tree festival 10/11 December. In hand.
 - e. Board on Old Railway line publicising amenities. John Quigley agreed in principle but wishes to sort out detail directly with businesses. **Clerk to notify Farm Shop.**
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
5. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. P/2011/01101/EW. Erection of a single storey rear extension, Inge Cottage, Barrowhill. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2011/01101/EW. Erection of a building for the storage of machinery, hay and straw, Inge Cottage, Barrowhill. **Permitted**
 - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. See below.
 - d. P/2011/01198/EW. Erection of a single storey rear and single storey side extension, Broadview, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised**
6. **WEBSITE:** Cllr Wright to check content of Mothers Union and Garden Guild information. Chairman and Cllr Payne to check Welcome Pack details are up to date so they can be put elsewhere on the site.
7. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Not suitable project for Sudbury Prison. **Cllr Wright to organise.**
8. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. Dropped kerb. Church has agreed to car park marking and suitable signage but three spaces must be reserved for tenant. **AGREED to suggest two would be adequate. Cllr Edmonds to look at border against footway.**
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. Meeting later in November – possibility of Heritage Lottery funding.

9. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** One programme advertising payment still outstanding. **AGREED not to pursue any further stall fees.** Some organisations have been approached about next year.
10. **NPOWER ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASES AND CHANGE TO E.ON:** Switch has been tried. To take up with Ofgem.
11. **WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE:** Quote and insurance value received (circulated). Quote accepted. **Clerk to inform insurance company of £80k valuation.**
12. **COLLEGE ROAD TREES & HEDGES:** Most of the dead trees have been removed. Only the ones on the north side beyond Narrow Lane remain. Tree overhanging St Chads Close to College Road footpath. **Clerk to contact householder.**
13. **BROOK BEHIND POST OFFICE AND SHOP:** Clerk to contact landowner and possible contractor.
14. **AUTUMN LITTER PICK 20 NOVEMBER:** To take place at 10.30 (subsequently changed to 14.30).
15. **LAYING OF WREATH ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13:** Chairman to do.
16. **BKV 2011 – JUDGES’ COMMENTS:** Circulated and discussed. Clerk to copy to Lengthsman and Gardener and mention Stubwood bench. Clerk to pass on comment about Robert’s Green.
17. **REPLACEMENT HAWTHORN TREES COLLEGE ROAD:** Cllr Ratcliffe to contact Fred & Ann Ratcliffe.
18. **SPCA AGM MOTIONS:** Circulated. **Agreed to support both.**
19. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Meeting held with Richard Rayson on 31 October. Possible solutions to be developed for presentation to residents and a public meeting on 26 January. **Cllr Hinton to inform College.**
 - b. Stubwood. Short extension of 30 mph possible and then 40 mph to the Hollington Road could be considered.
 - c. Access gate to Old railway Line. **AGREED to request ‘Access protection line’.**
 - d. Community Ice Busters. **AGREED to apply for.**
20. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum - Issues for 22 November meeting. Chairman & Cllr Payne to attend. **Agreed proposal for area based on Old Railway Line.**
 - b. Heritage Lottery Fund in East Staffordshire/Event Uttoxeter 23 November. Circulated. **Cllr Payne to enquire about a Youth Fund attendee.**

21. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda. Items b-j Noted

- a. SCC – 2012 Volunteer Staffordshire Award. **Clerk to enquire if need to be active.**
- b. SPCA Training Seminars November 2011 to February 2012
- c. ESBC – Burton on Trent Eco home
- d. NALC – Environment Agency issues Groundwater consultation
- e. Vitalise – Support for disabled people and carers
- f. Boundary Commission – Final recommendations on electoral arrangements for Staffordshire
- g. Staffordshire Rural Hub – Rural crime events
- h. SCC – Public voice and confidence in Health & Social Care Services
- i. Ofsted – Parent View
- j. NHS South Staffs – Public consultation on mental health

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

- a. Shugborough – Autumn & Winter programme
- b. Cane & Co Insurance – Parish Matters Autumn 2011
- c. Staffs & Stoke Archive Service – Time 2 Time Autumn 2011
- d. VAST – Action Oct 2011 & Training programme

23. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

a.

To approve the following payments:

- b. Streetlight electricity = £235.12 + 47.03VAT = **£282.15** (see 10)[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - c. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Jul-Sep) = **£34.73** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - d. SLCC Subscription = **£82.00** [Local Government Act 1972 s143]
 - e. Wood for bus shelter panels = **£32.40** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]
 - f. Webmaster October plus hosting renewal = **£49.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- Total = **£480.28**. All payments proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Ratcliffe.

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. None.

25. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 6 December 2011 & 10 January 2012

The meeting closed at 21.05.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

College Road trees – removal of dead trees an improvement. Electric fence on footpath through Little Park Farm – **Cllr Swinson to be contacted.**