

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 November 2013 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Attendees: Cllr S Smith, Cllr J Richardson, Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmunds, Cllr S Ratcliffe & Cllr P Reid and Borough Cllr Smith. Apologies: Cllr C Vernon & Cllr R Wright

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 1 October were approved & signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** S Smith Post Office (11) & Simon Ratcliffe (17a)
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. Budget vs Expenditure (April-Oct). Noted
 - b. Budget Proposal 2014/15. Noted
 - c. Best Kept Village Report. Noted
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *a summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes*
5. Planning (**Permitted & Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. **P/2013/01039** Formation of a manege at Folly Farm, Alton Road, Denstone. **Permitted.**
 - b. Any applications received since publication of the agenda.
P/2013/01248 Erection of 2 storey side, single storey front and first floor rear extensions Rose Cottage, Barrowhill, Rocester. Ongoing
6. **Parish Councillor Resignation:** Cllr Jenny Richardson announced her retired as Parish Councillor. Cllr J Payne led the many thanks expressed for Jenny's hard work and commitment during her years as a Councillor.
7. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Agreed to send an application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Planning Area.
8. **Consultation for new Local Plan from ESBC.** Noted
9. **Jubilee Mugs.** Noted & they will be sold at the Christmas lights switch on.
10. **Hedge Issues around the village:** Ongoing
11. **Post Office old lease.** Agreement of the decision of the last meeting to lease the PO to the shop still stands.
12. **Tree planting in village:** Ongoing
13. **Churnet Valley Masterplan Consultation.** Noted.
14. **Footpath surfacing in the Village:** Ongoing
15. **Emergency Plan for the Village:** Ongoing.
16. **To update the status of Mount Pleasant Garage:** Ongoing
17. **Highways Issues:** All ongoing
 - a. Traffic issues in Stubwood: Ongoing.
 - b. Road Improvements in the village: Ongoing
 - c. Potholes & Drainage Issues in Village: Ongoing
17. **Neighbourhood Working:**
 - a. Neighbourhood Forum: New projects have been put forward for a Community Orchard & repairs to the fountain.
18. **CORRESPONDENCE:** all items circulated with agenda were noted.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted

24. Finance/Payments

All payments were agreed and approved:

- a. Webmaster October = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- b. E-on Public Lighting 1Oct – 31 Oct = £7.73 + 0.39VAT = **£8.12** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- c. SLCC Membership renewal = **£86.00** (LGA 1972 s137)
- d. External Audit (Grant Thornton) = £100 + 20.00 = **£120.00** [Audit Commission Act 1998, s17(5)]
- e. Emptying of Dog Waste Bins January - October = **£86.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- f. Blooming Gardens Railway resurfacing = £870.00 + 174.00 = **£1044.00** [Highways Act 1980 s43(2)]
- g. Donation to Royal British Legion for Poppy Appeal & Wreath = **£40.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- h. Clerk expenses = **£15.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- i. Clerk's pay October 2013 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112]

Total = £1784 + h

26.ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Wind Turbine at Prestwood, New Dog bin on Railway line,

27.DATES OF NEXT MEETING: 3 December & 7 January 2014

The meeting closed at.....21.06

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: The matter of a new, larger wind turbine was raised – proposed at Prestwood to replace the current one. At this stage there is a screening request to see if an environmental impact assessment is required. Concern was raised that the turbine is too large for the location.