

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4  
NOVEMBER 2014 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

**Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, Cllr P Reid, Cllr S Smith. **Apologies:** Cllr C Vernon, Cllr M Allen.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 7 October were approved & signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Smith (7), Cllr Payne (11).
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
  - a. Declaration of Interest
  - b. Ethical Standards Training
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Signature for banking. It was agreed that Cllr Ratcliffe would become the 3<sup>rd</sup> signature.
  - d. Election of new Parish Council Chair. No volunteers agreed to be discussed at Decembers meeting.
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/2014/01010** – Erection of a detached two-storey office building and bin store with parking and landscaping. Harper Meadow, Denstone. **Passed by planners.**
  - b. **P/2014/01191** – Erection of two detached dwellings and a detached garage. Land adjoining Mount Pleasant, College Road, Denstone. **Passed by planners.**
  - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. Applications **P/2014/01102** and **P/2014/01130** Denstone Vicarage, Main Road, Denstone have been **granted**. Also the appeal on **APP/B3410/A/14/2223475**, Ash Lea, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood, ST14 5DD has been **dismissed**.
6. **The Post Office.** Update given, on going.
7. **Village Hall Toilets.** Discussion held.
8. **Donation £1000 to the village.** Suggestions were made and Cllr Smith will communicate these to the donor.
9. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Questionnaire and news letter to go out w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and to be completed and returned by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to The Farm Shop, Village Shop or The Tavern Pub.
10. **Oak Road play area.** – *On-going.*
11. **Roundabout work/parking area/Tree sculpture.** On-going.
12. **Emergency Plan for village.** On-going.
13. **Weavers – Marlpit Lane footpath.** Discussed.
14. **The footpath at the junction of College Road and B5031.** Discussed
15. **Footpath/hedgerow on the B5031 going towards JCB.** Discussed.
16. **All Saints Church celebration of Christmas Carols.** Discussed and Cllr P Reid to take forward.
17. **Highway Issues**
  - a. *Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. On-going.*
  - b. *Potholes & Drainage issues in the village. On-going.*
  - c. *Speed Limits (Oak Road & Stubwood). Completed.*

**18. Neighbourhood Working**

- a. Neighbourhood Forum. On-going
- b. Railway Platform projects. New green bins to be provided. On-going

19. **Correspondence:** all items circulated with agenda were noted.

20. **Correspondence on the table to note:** All noted

**21. Finance/Payments****All payments agreed and approved.**

- a. Website October = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- b. E-on Public Lighting October = **£7.73**vat = **£0.39** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- c. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for September - **£60** [LGA 2000 s111]
- d. Clerk's pay for October 2014 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112]
- e. Clerk's expenses for October = **£69.40** (LGA 1972 s111)
- f. Clerks training with Staffordshire Parish Council Association = **£40.00** (LGA 1972 s137)
- g. Denstone Village Hall for use of the hall for Parish Council meetings 1<sup>st</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 = **£40.00** (LGA 1972 s137)
- h. Donation to Royal British Legion for Poppy Appeal & Wreath = **£40.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- i. 1<sup>st</sup> Alton Scout Group for the hire of two large tents for the village show. **£150.00** (LGA 1972 s137)
- j. Total = **£722.52**

**25. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

26. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 2 December & 6 January 2014

The meeting closed at.....20.37

**ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:** Request for a meeting of the Stubwood action committee to get an update on the situation and actions going forward. PC David Higgs informed us of the driver safety courses they will be holding at Denstone College and the JCB Academy. Signage and traffic information was passed to the Parish Council in regards to College Road.