

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 1st November 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith, Cllr K Stratton and Cllr P Robotham. **Apologies** Cllr Podmore and Borough Councillor Smith
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 4th October 2016 were approved by all, however, the clerk was asked to remove “Stubwood” from item 17. The minutes were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk’s report
 - a. Threat to Precepts – The clerk informed the meeting that she had emailed Andrew Griffiths and also sent the letter suggested by the SPCA.
 - b. Date of January Meeting – The clerk suggested moving the January meeting to the 10th as the first Tuesday was the 3rd and this was a little close to the Christmas period. This was agreed by all.
 - c. Precept 2017/18 – The clerk suggested that she prepare and send to all councillors the details to enable a decision to be made on the precept at the December Meeting. This was agreed.
 - d. Wreath for Remembrance Day – It was agreed that a £40 donation would be made for the remembrance wreath and Councillor Edmonds would lay the wreath on the day.
 - e. SID’s – Speed Indication Devices – The clerk read out the email from the SCC regarding having SID’s put in the village. Cllr Edmonds suggested that the clerk research into OST Technology and bring details to the next meeting. Clerk also to write again to SCC regarding having an SID in the village.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. Railway Track – the little train at the end of the play area on the old railway requires painting. Cllr Robotham said he would have a look.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/01072 Denstone College – Demolition of ancillary walls in the north-west campus to facilitate an extension to the carpark. Permitted
 - b. P/2016/01073 Denstone College – Listed Building application for the above – Permitted
7. Denstone Show – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that the show had made a healthy profit this year and a large proportion of the profits would be put to the refurbishment of the war memorial. He also suggested that a meeting would be held to discuss the outcome of the show and items to take forward to next year before the next Parish Council Meeting.
8. Best Kept Village - Cllr Payne read out the report from the BKV competition, a copy is to be put on the website for all to see.
9. Grit Bins –Nothing further until we can ask Cllr C Smith for an update/advice.
10. 2nd Defibrillator – Cllr Payne and the clerk are to meet with Simon Poole regarding the 2nd Defibrillator on the 3rd November 2016. Cllr Robotham agreed to continue testing the 1st Defibrillator for another month.

11. Rocester New School – Cllr Payne stated that we are still waiting for SCC regarding the planning application. Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that he had informed JCB about the parents using the parking area to pick up and drop off children and they had no problems with this. Cllr Ratcliffe thanked for this and asked to convey Parish Councils' thanks to JCB.
12. Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the draft plan was still with the examiner, however there was a meeting of the Steering Group on the 9th November 2016. Cllr Payne to update the Parish Council at the next meeting.
13. The Post Office – Nothing further to update at this time.
14. Village Hall committee member. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that there was a village hall meeting next week so there was nothing to update at this time. Cllr Payne asked could he inform the meeting that the Parish Council were struggling for tables when the art group was on.
15. Emergency Plan for village – Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that he would update the Parish Council at the next meeting.
16. Playing area – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the Play Inspection Company who complete the annual inspection have highlighted that the wet pour is wearing in places on the Oak Road play area. Cllr Robotham thought this would be very expensive. Cllr Payne has spoken to a funding agency who might be interested in this as a project if the surface was improved to include additional features. Cllr Payne to contact various companies for quotes.
17. Tree near the play area – Clerk to contact the SCC regarding the overhanging tree on the play area on the railway line.
18. Oak Road Play area – The gates on the Oak Road play area are not closing properly. This has been pointed out as a very low risk. Gates need to be painted a different colour on the inside Cllr Robotham said that the majority are yellow. Cllr Robotham to paint in the spring. Broken slat on the bench on Oak Road, Cllr Robotham to mend.
19. Hawthorn Trees – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that he had spoken to all the people living near the Hawthorn trees and they are all happy to have the trees replaced in the spring.
20. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – Cllr Edmonds to ring Jenny regarding the Stubwood plans.

Clerk to try and contact Sun & Soil again and also ask Cllr C Smith if he knows anything regarding this.

The Hedge by the Van Tiernans has now been cut back by Denstone College. The hedge also near the mini roundabout has been cut back by J Jilbert.

Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that the Quixhill bridge has been hit on both sides and needs looking at. Clerk to contact SCC.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village - Cllr Edmonds suggested for the next meeting putting together a list of all the work that needs doing in the village. Then the clerk to arrange a meeting with Richard Rayson to discuss.
 - c. Footpaths. Path that extends beyond the shooting range is overgrown. Cllr Wright to have a look and cut back if required.
21. Finance/Payments – Proposed by Cllr Edmonds and Seconded by Cllr Hinton
 - a. To approve the following payments:

- b. Webmaster October 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- c. Clerk's pay for October 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
- d. Clerk's expenses for October 2016 =£9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
- e. Eon Lighting October 2016 = £14.19 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- f. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall October 2016 = £40.00
- g. British Legion = £40.00
- h. Donation for St Michaels Church Rocester =£50.00
- i. Peak Falconry Donation =£50.00 – Chq returned
- j. Lengthsman SCC Quarter 2 &3 2015 and Quarter 1 2016 =£542.00
- k. ICO Data Protection Registration renewal =£35.00
- l. Mark Titterton (Peak Falconry) new chq =£50.00
- m. EON Highways = £88.49

Items for Future Agenda

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 6 December 2016, 10 January 2017