

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

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

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 7 September were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
  - a. Denstone Show 2011. Preliminary meeting 30 September successful. Next meeting 28 October.
  - b. SCC/SPCA Liaison meeting 27 September. Useful discussion on the Big Society.
  - c. Litter pick Sunday 3 October. 12 participants – to repeat Spring & Autumn.
  - d. Teen recreation area – timber treatment. **Cllr Edmonds to ask supplier for recommended product.**
  - e. Community Paths Initiative grant for new footpaths leaflet. £500 received. **Comments on existing leaflet to Cllr Wright.**
  - f. Electoral review of Staffordshire 2010. Circulated. To await next stage.
  - g. Local Councils' Day 4 October. Sessions on IT, County planning and Big Society
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/2010/00914/JI. Erection of a detached dwelling, detached double garage and alterations to vehicular access, The Rick Yard, Alton Road. **Permitted**
  - b. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
  - a. Review of Parish Plan. Situation on Parish Room uncertain. **Cllr Payne to speak Rev Brian Leather.**
  - b. Working group to progress Village Hall. Two potential members approached and a meeting to be held on 14 October.
  - c. Financial statement Churnet VV2 Steering Group. Circulated. **Agreed to split remaining funds between the two parish councils.**
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Draft has been sent to landlord. **Clerk to chase.**
8. **WEBSITE:** New webmaster has highlighted a number of problems including hosting space occupancy and number of registered software users.
9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Ongoing.

**10. ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a. To report progress on planning application. Application has been submitted.
- b. To report progress on Parish Room. See 6a.

**11. DAMAGE TO INFORMATION BOARD ON OLD RAILWAY LINE:**

Letter of apology from offender circulated. Replacement has been fitted.

- 12. DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:** Reported circulated. Next stage to be determined. See also Public Participation.

**13. HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

- a. September Neighbourhood Highway team visit. Repair made to footway on Marlpit Lane.
- b. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Circulated. Wide ranging discussion – Traffic Calming Committee is being reformed. **Clerk to approach Richard Rayson about a meeting to establish options.** See also Public Participation.

**14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

- a. Issues for next forum. Surface scraping of Old Railway Line, footpath Marlpit Lane to Alton Road and removal of toilets to be submitted as the three issues.

**Chairman to do. Cllrs Payne & Salt to attend**

- 15. CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.

- a. NALC – Changes to Big Lottery Grant funding. **To raise objection.**
- b. SCC Local government Legal advice. **Noted**
- c. SPCA Newsletter September. **Noted**
- d. South Staffordshire NHS – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation.

**Noted.**

- e. Nominations of volunteers. **Clerk to make nominations.**

**16. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE: All noted.**

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – October to January
- b. ESBC Licensing Policy Review
- c. DEFRA- Being a good employer, Guide for Parish cllrs
- d. SPCA Annual Report & Accounts 2009-10
- e. Staffs & Stoke on Trent Archive Service – Time 2 Time Autumn 20

**17. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

- a. Renewal of Post Office lease with Mrs Crompton. **Agreed to renew.**

To approve the following payments:

- b. Old Railway Line mowing and other work (£70 OLR, 10 Teen Play) = **£217.50** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
- c. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (inc wreath) = **£40.00** [Local Government Act 1972 s137]
- d. Post Office Ground Rent = **£52.00** (see 7 above) [LGA 1972 s137]
- e. SPCA Next meeting posters = **£5.70** [LGA 1972 s111]

- f. Replacement information sign on Old Railway Line = £115+20.13VAT = **£135.13**  
[Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
  - g. Webmaster = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - h. Cllr's travelling expenses = **£22.10** [Local Authorities Members Allowance Regulations 2003 s26]
- Total = **£497.43**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Payne.

**18. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- a. Proposed footpath to College/Phase2

**19. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2 November & 7 December 2010.**

The meeting closed at 21.20.

**ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Member of public offered site for affordable housing – see 12. A proposal also made for part extension of College Road footway towards the College – see 13b also **next agenda**.