

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

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

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 6 September 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 inspection. Report received. Obstacle noted but not now present. Suggested train should be fixed. **Cllr Payne to contact John Quigley SCC for advice.**
 - c. Meeting with JCB on 20 July concerning noise. Nothing to report.
 - d. Autumn litter pick 20 November. Andy Mason has been informed..
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/2011/00837/EW. Erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension to form granny annexe including erection of a conservatory, erection of a two storey front extension to form car port with storage above, erection of a single storey front extension to form lobby and porch and re-siting of existing horse walker, Denstone Stud, Hall Riddings, College Road. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2011/00841/JI. Erection of a detached building to form stable block and machinery store, Birch House Farm, College Road. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2011/00865/JI. Formation of a slurry lagoon, Alverton Hall Farm. Alton Road. **Permitted**
 - d. P/2011/01009/EW. Erection of an agricultural building to form hay and machinery store, Vinewood House Farm, Marlpit Lane. **Prior approval not required**
 - e. P/2011/01043/JI. Erection of a detached dwelling and formation of a new vehicular access, Land adjacent to 16 Marlpit Lane. **To raise no objections but comment bungalow would have been preferred.**
 - f. P/2011/01101/EW. Erection of a single storey rear extension, Inge Cottage, Barrowhill. **No objections to be raised**
 - g. P/2011/01103/EW. Erection of a building for the storage of machinery, hay and straw, Inge Cottage, Barrowhill. **No objections to be raised**
 - h. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. See below.
 - i. P/2011/00696/JI. JCB Egress road Combridge. Request for support against from Combridge/Crakemarsh residents. **Agreed not to support** but application withdrawn.
 - j. CPRE/NALC – How to respond to planning applications. **To be circulated to Planning Committee members**
6. **WEBSITE:** New site operational - good. Some items need updating by village organisations. Show pictures required. **Cllr Hinton to determine hosting costs.**

7. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Cllr Wright to investigate assistance from Sudbury Prison. Clerk to provide contact.

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

- a. Dropped kerb. Installed 14 September. **Clerk to contact church about making into car park.**
- b. To report progress on Church Room. Awaiting meeting.

9. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Good event. Letter of thanks from Art Group. Thanks given to several individuals and organisations. Feedback from participants to be requested. Various payments agreed (see 21). **Agreed to have Show in 2012 - possibly earlier in September.**

10. **NPOWER ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASES AND CHANGE TO E.ON:** No success at reducing charges. **Agreed to pay outstanding amounts. When switched suppliers raise with Ofgem.**

11. **WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE:** Awaiting quote and value for insurance. **Agreed clerk can progress for cost not exceeding £400.**

12. **COLLEGE ROAD TREES & HEDGES:** Specialist tree surgeon visited and provided quotation which has been forwarded to landowners. Two have responded that arrangements with contractors have been made. **Clerk to contact third landowner. Clerk to contact The Croft about part of tree/hedge protruding into road.**

13. **BROOK BEHIND POST OFFICE AND SHOP:** Agreed in principle that should be dug out – clerk to approach landowner.

14. **BOARD ON OLD RAILWAY LINE PUBLICISING AMENITIES:** Cllr Payne to contact John Quigley SCC for permission. Then up to businesses to progress.

15. **ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 10/11 DECEMBER:** Cllrs Payne & Vernon to progress.

16. **SPCA EAST STAFFS AREA COMMITTEE – 27 OCTOBER HANBURY:** Chairman may attend

17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Letter circulated. County Cllr Atkins has given Richard Rayson SCC approval to progress. **Clerk to arrange meeting between Richard Rayson and Traffic calming group.**
- b. Traffic calming working group. See 17a. – Stubwood issues to be raised.
- c. Parking on College Road. New sign on Old Railway Line gate has had some effect.
- d. Annual maintenance of streetlights. Circulated. Condition of lights noted.

18. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:

- a. Neighbourhood Forum - Issues for 22 November meeting. **Agreed proposal for area around church room to go forward.**

19. CORRESPONDENCE: All items circulated with agenda.

- a. Staffs & Stoke on Trent NHS – New partnership trust launched. **Noted**
 b. CPRE – What price the countryside Lichfield 6 October. **Noted**
 c. Staffs Police Authority – Citizens’ Panel. Volunteers requested.
 d. SPCA AGM 5 November. Clerk may attend.
 e. SPCA Newsletter September 2011. **Noted**
 f. SPCA Budgets & precept seminar 6 October. **Noted**
 g. SCC & Stoke on Trent – Joint waste core strategy. **Noted**
 h. Stretton PC – Localism & Neighbourhood development planning. **Noted**
 i. ESCVS – CRB workshop. **Noted**

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

- a. SCC – Provision of Legal Services by the Legal Services Unit
 b. Staffs Office of Lieutenancy – Queen’s Award for Voluntary service 2012
 c. Big Jubilee Lunch 3 June 2012
 d. Churnet Valley Conservation Society – The future of the Churnet Valley
 e. Buy heating oil early

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Renewal of Post Office lease with Mrs Crompton. **Agreed to renew at rent of one peppercorn.**

To approve the following payments:

- b. Teen Play Area Annual Inspection = **£75.60** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 c. Dropped kerb by Church Room = £1364 +232VAT = **£1596.00** [Road Traffic Reg. Act 1984 s7]
 d. Streetlight electricity = £361.08 + 72.03VAT = **£433.11** (see 10)[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 e. Streetlight maintenance 2011/2 = £68.01 +13.60VAT = **£81.61** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 f. Lengthsman (non SCC) (OLR 110, Teen 25) = **£400.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s4]
 g. British Legion Poppy Appeal (inc wreath) = **£40.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 h. Post Office Ground Rent = **£104.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 i. Webmaster September = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 j. Denstone show expenses (Cllr Hinton) = **£72.93** [LGA 1972 s137]
 k. Denstone show Village Hall hire = **£145.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 l. Denstone show donation St John’s Ambulance = **£100.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 m. Denstone show donation MacMillan nurses = **£43.30** [LGA 1972 s137]
 n. Denstone show singers’ expenses = **£20.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 Total = **£3136.55**. All payments proposed Cllr Vernon seconded Cllr Ratcliffe.

22. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. None.

23. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 1 November & 6 December 2011

The meeting closed at 21.00.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Stubwood Lane. Concern about condition of road edges as there are deep ruts at edge. **To be raised at meeting with Richard Rayson** (see 17). Hedge in College Road against The Croft (see 12)