

**Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith and Cllr C Podmore, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr P Robotham and Borough Councillor Smith  
**Apologies** None
2. Michelle Shaker from the Community Speed Watch Team – came to the meeting to give us an update on the changes that had been made since Denstone joined the Community Speed watch.
  - a. The cost of the training is now £300 instead of £1000
  - b. Risk assessment carried out now by a PCSO and you are covered by insurance
  - c. They are starting to have community meetings starting the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016
  - d. As well as checking speeding they are also looking at people using mobile phones whilst driving and not wearing a seat belt as the scheme is about road safety in general.
  - e. When you go out taking part in the community speed watch scheme you need to email 101 and let them know that you are going.
  - f. If you encounter any conflict whilst taking part, then the police will visit the person concerned.
  - g. You cannot do this without putting out the sign as you would not be covered by the insurance.
  - h. The time for taking part in the community speed watch scheme is anytime between ½ hour after sunrise and ½ before sunset.
  - i. To give feedback they are looking at a quarterly newsletter.
  - j. It is important that you do not photograph cars.Michelle finished by stating that she would send a pack out to the Parish Clerk and an electronic copy of the log sheet.  
Cllr Payne thanked Michelle for attending on behalf of the Parish Council.
3. The minutes of the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved by all and signed by Cllr Payne.
4. Cllr S Smith declared an interest in item 17.
5. **Matters Arising/Clerk's report**
  - a. Financial items – The clerk brought the financial document for signing off, Reconciliation of Bank Statement to Account Book. This was signed off by Cllrs Hinton and Ratcliffe.
  - b. Threat to Precepts – The clerk informed the meeting that there is current consultation of capping the precept to 2% or £5.00 per household whichever the greater. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Andrew Griffiths and express the concerns of the Parish Council.
  - c. Highway infrastructure Asset Management Consultation report – The clerk asked if there were any comments to be made regarding the two documents. The documents were noted but no comments were made.
  - d. Pension for Clerk – The clerk informed the meeting that she had taken the necessary action regarding a pension, however nothing was payable as her pay was below the threshold.
  - e. Permission to Park in Village Hall Car Park – Clerk had received an email requesting the ability to park on a regular basis in the village hall carpark. It was agreed to pass the email to Cllr S Smith to take to the next village hall meeting.
  - f. Audit Report from Grant Thornton – The clerk informed the meeting that the final report had been received from Grant Thornton and the audit had been passed. The final document is now on the website.
6. **Adjournment for public participation**
  - a. The signpost on the same side as Quixhill Farm opposite the Prestwood junction was missing. Cllr Ratcliffe to check and let the clerk know if actually missing or damaged.

7. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
  - a. P/2016/00840 – Manor House Farm, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood retention of static caravan – No Objections
8. Denstone Show – The accounts for the show will be ready by the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. It was agreed to give a donation of £50 to the St Michaels Church in Rocester for catering for the judges at the show. Also a £50 donation to Peak Falconry. Also there was excellent coverage of the show in the paper and there will be more coverage on the tree in the weeks to come.
9. Denstone Playgroup Closure – Cllr Podmore informed the meeting that he had spoken to Rocester playgroup but unfortunately there was nothing that could be done.
10. Village Voice – Cllr Edmonds said that Sue Edmonds is willing to take on board producing the Village Voice. Hopefully advertising will cover the cost of funding production. Cllr Edmonds to let the clerk know when it will need to be put on the agenda again.
11. Weaver Message – Everyone was very happy with the article submitted for the October issue by the clerk. It was agreed that this would now continue as a regular thing.
12. Broken Sign Post – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that sign post had now been repaired, she had informed Sue Allerton who had reported it and she was very pleased. Cllr Payne also expressed her thanks on behalf of the Parish for Sue painting the sign post on a regular basis.
13. Grit Bins – Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that there are no resources available for an additional bin for outside the school from SCC. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Hinton would ask Denstone College if they could sponsor a bin for the village on College Road and move the one opposite the Tavern to outside the school.
14. 2<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator – The clerk informed the meeting that she had emailed Dennis to pursue the purchase of a second Defib for the Parish. Cllr Robotham agreed to take over the checking of the defib outside the village hall for the next month.
15. Best Kept Village - The clerk received the report and passed it to Councillor Payne who will give comments at the next meeting.
16. Rocester New School – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the clerk had sent comments to SCC stating that the Parish Council supported the ES.16/12 planning application for the new footpath for new School but we asked for the barriers to be looked at as agreed by Cllr Atkins. It was also noted that parents were using the parking area outside JCB to drop off and pick up children, Cllr Ratcliffe said that he would make JCB aware but did not foresee a problem. The issue of people advertising on barriers was raised by several councillors, Cllr C Smith informed the council that if they contact the Borough Council, then any signs would be removed immediately.
17. Neighbourhood Plan – Updated
18. The Post Office - Updated
19. Hedges – Cllr Payne stated that a parishioner complained the hedges still needed further cutting back at the bottom that had been recently cut, Cllr Payne informed the meeting that she would contact the owner of the hedge direct.

Kevin from Denstone college is to contact the Van Tiernans regarding cutting their hedge. Cllr Robotham reported that the mini round about sign near the wishing well was also over grown and needed cutting back. Cllr Edmonds to have a look.
20. Village Hall committee member. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that the village hall committee had agreed to obtain a no entry sign for the village hall carpark.
21. Emergency Plan for village – Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that this was ongoing.
22. Highway Issues
  - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Cllr Payne asked Cllr Edmonds if he would go and discuss the plans with Jenny Richardson. He agreed. Cllr Payne asked the clerk if we had received any come back from Sun & Soil. The clerk said nothing as yet, but she would chase again.

- b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Clerk asked to contact the SCC regarding potholes on Narrow lane, a large pothole on Oliver's Green, a pothole on Oak Lane which is approximately 6" deep. Clerk to action.
- c. Footpaths – Cllr Ratcliffe to chat to Marjorie White regarding the footpath.

23. Finance/Payments

- a. To approve the following payments:
- b. Webmaster September 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- c. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for September 2016 = £70.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
- d. Clerk's pay for September 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
- e. Clerk's expenses for September 2016 =£12.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
- f. Eon Lighting September 2016 = £12.62 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- g. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall September 2016 = £51.50
- h. St Johns Ambulance – show =£138.00
- i. The Play Inspection Company Ltd = £114.00
- j. Andrew Frost – Tree Sculpture = £2500.00
- k. St Michaels Church – Show £65.00
- l. D Sneyd -Judges lunch – Show - £37.00
- m. Lengthsman pay August 2016 = £85.00
- n. Sue Edmonds Show =£53.98
- o. Edward Edmonds – New Signs for the village = £87.60
- p. Barrie Hinton – Expenses for show - £71.00
- q. Grant Thornton – invoice for Audit -£240.00
- r. Village Hall – Show =£130.00
- s. Peter Robotham, Moss Killer = £13.99
- t. Play Safety =£79.80

**Items for Future Agenda**

1. Playing area
2. Tree near the play area
3. Oak Road Play area
4. Hawthorn Trees

**Dates of next meetings:** 1 November, 6 December