

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

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

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 3 August were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **SPRINGFIELDS PLANNING APPLICATION:** Jon Millhouse, Planning & Design presented revised proposals. **Agreed no further discussion to take place until a revised planning application submitted.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Denstone Show 2011. Note circulated giving details of 30 September meeting.
 - b. SCC/SPCA Liaison meeting 27 September. Circulated. No cllrs to attend.
 - c. Fallen tree on Old Railway Line. Thanks to Messrs Gustard & Sargeant for dealing.
 - d. Litter pick Sunday 3 October. For information.
5. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
6. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. P/2010/00717/JI. Erection of single storey and two storey side extensions and a single storey rear extension, Marlpit Cottage, Alton Road. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2010/00729/JI. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling including details of access, Springfields, College Road. **Refused**
 - c. P/2010/00803/EW. Erection of a single storey side extension, Bankhouse Farm, Oak Road. **Permitted.**
 - d. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None**
 - e. Review of ESBC Planning Committee Procedures. Circulated. **Noted**
7. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. Printed update handed out at meeting. **Clerk to obtain update on Parish Room for next meeting.**
 - b. Return of unspent Awards for All grant. The £1478 which had not been spent from this grant to be returned (see 24m).
 - c. Working group to progress Village Hall. **Cllr Bednall to approach potential members.**
8. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Latest draft passed to Cllr S Ratcliffe to check before sending to landlord.
9. **WEBSITE:** Responsibility has been handed over to the new webmaster.

- 10. FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Cllr S Ratcliffe still awaiting a quote. Agreed that up to £200 may be spent before the next meeting.
- 11. ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:** Planning permission for dropped kerb to include change of use to car parking. Clerk pursuing – see 24 re expenditure. Cllr S Ratcliffe to pursue toilet removal.
- 12. TEEN RECREATION AREA:** Agreed to treat timber as recommended by annual inspection. Cllrs Edmunds & Wright to arrange.
- 13. DAMAGE TO INFORMATION BOARD ON OLD RAILWAY LINE:** Replacement in hand - £115. Clerk to pursue financial contribution.
- 14. DEAD TREES ON COLLEGE ROAD BETWEEN RICHMOND HOUSE AND NARROW LANE:** Clerk to speak to landowners.
- 15. SPCA AGM & CONFERENCE 13 NOVEMBER/NOMINATIONS:** Circulated. Clerk to attend conference.
- 16. NALC LEARNING SEMINAR ON QUALITY COUNCILS PENKRIDGE 12 OCTOBER:** Circulated. No one to attend.
- 17. SCC LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STAFFORDSHIRE 2010. BRIEFING 15 SEPTEMBER:** Circulated. No one to attend.
- 18. SLCC – PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX INCREASE REFERENDUMS:** Circulated. Clerk to raise with MP.
- 19. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – COMMUNITY INFORMATION NOTE ON MR SILLITTO’S LANDSPREADING:** Circulated. Feedback determined by Chairman & clerk to be sent.
- 20. HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. September Neighbourhood Highway team visit. No items identified. Clerk to enquire if dropped kerb falls within remit.
 - b. Any other items. None.
- 21. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Neighbourhood News Issue 1. Circulated. **Noted.** Three priorities required for next meeting. Early evening traffic main Road, Litter Old Railway Line & Dog fouling old road to Ryecroft suggested.
- 22. CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- a. ESBC Bedding Plant/Winter bulb grant 2010/11. Clerk to inform gardener.
 - b. Community Right to Build/Powers to build affordable homes. **Noted**

- c. SCC Strategic Plan 2010-15. **Noted**
- d. SCC Waste consultation. **Noted**
- e. SCC Community Wellbeing Fund. **Noted**
- f. SCC Contact details. **Noted**
- g. Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 23 September. **No one to attend**
- h. Staffordshire Rural Forum 22 September. **No one to attend**
- i. SPFA AGM 20 October. **No one to attend**

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

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – September to December
- b. LINK Staffordshire Bulletin – Vol 1 Issue 4 June 2010
- c. Vitalise – request for donation
- d. CPRE Fieldwork August 2010
- e. CPRE Countryside Voice – Summer 2010
- f. No Need for Nuclear
- g. Community Council of Staffs – Annual Report 2009-10
- h. SPFA Annual report & Accounts 2009-10

24. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Review of expenditure vs budget 2nd Qtr. Circulated. **Noted**
To approve the following payments:
- b. Audit Commission = £135+23.63VAT = **£158.63** [Audit Commission Act 1998]
- c. Lengthsman 2nd Qtr = **£174.25** [Local Government Act 2000 s19]
- d. Payment for emptying Old Railway Line bins (26 weeks to 30/9) = **£52.00** [Litter Act 1983 s6]
- e. Clerk's expenses 3mths = £173.77(88Annual report, 64 Parish Plan, 9Play area)+1.33VAT = **£239.10** [LGA 1972 s112]
- f. Inspections of Teen Recreation Area (6mths) = **£156.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s19)]
- g. Rocester Parish plan expenses = **£100.32** [LGA 1972 s111]
- h. Webmaster = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- i. Cllr's travelling expenses = **£24.70** [Local Authorities Members Allowances Regulations 2003 s26]
- j. SPFA Subscription = **£15.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s19)]
- k. Planning application for vehicle access crossing = **£85.00?** (see 13) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s7]
- l. Permit for vehicle access crossing = **£100.00** [Road Traffic Reg. Act 1984 s7]
- m. Return of unspent Awards for All grant = **£1478.68** (see 7b) [LGA 1972 s111]
Total = **£2608.68** All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmonds.

25. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Housing survey
- b. Traffic problems – College Road/Narrow Lane/Marlpit Lane

26. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 5 October & 2 November 2010.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

None.