

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

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

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 2 August 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 will be received by end of September.
 - c. Walks around Denstone leaflet. Nothing to report.
 - d. Proposal to empower local councils. Council support added to proposal.
 - e. Junior Play Area – Insurance. Representatives have met with insurer and children are covered. Chairman asked if the two bodies could meet again before the Council was asked to consider taking over responsibility.
 - f. Pilot Project. Update circulated via email. **Noted**
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/2011/00729/JI. Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling including details of access, Springfields, College Road.
Appeal allowed
 - b. P/2011/01345/JI. Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and widening of pavement, Springfields, College Road. **Appeal allowed**
 - c. P/2011/00662/JI. Erection of a two storey side and rear extension and canopy and formation of new access and driveway, The Shrubbery, Stubwood Lane.
Permitted
 - d. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. One - see below.
 - e. P/2011/01009/EW. Erection of an agricultural building to form hay and machinery store, Vinewood House Farm, Marlpit Lane. **No objections to be raised**
6. **WEBSITE:** Site will transfer to new host by 17 September and will then be new version.
7. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** The feasibility of using Sudbury prisoners is being pursued by Andy Mason.
8. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. Dropped kerb. Quote from Paul Wright Landscapes accepted – work should take place next week.
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. Proposal on making building watertight progressing.

9. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Road closure approved and insurance arranged. Meeting 13 August. David Boden has made arrangements for car parking either adjacent to Barleyfield or Farm Shop.

10. **MEETING WITH JCB ON 20 JULY CONCERNING NOISE AND EMPLOYEE TRAFFIC:** Nothing to report.

11. **NPOWER ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASES AND CHANGE TO E.ON:** Ongoing.

12. **WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE:** Awaiting details of contact.

13. **COLLEGE ROAD TREES & HEDGES:** The Croft hedge has been cut. Other landowners experiencing difficulties finding suitable contractor to fell trees. Parish Council obtaining quote from specialist tree surgeon. **To seek others then pass on to each landowner.**

14. **ESBC CORE STRATEGY – DRAFT PRE PUBLICATION STRATEGIC OPTIONS:** Circulated via email. **To respond that not opposed to small developments within the village in keeping with existing housing.**

15. **ESBC COMMUNITY CARBON CHALLENGE BURTON 7 SEPTEMBER:** Circulated. **No one to attend.**

16. **AUTUMN LITTER PICK:** Agreed morning of Sunday 20 November.

17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Cllr Edmunds letter circulated. **Clerk to send copy of letter to County Cllr Atkins to Borough Cllr Smith so that it can be on agenda of forthcoming highways meeting.**
- b. Neighbourhood Highway Team visits. Redundant sign on Alton Road has been removed.
- c. Speed of traffic on College Road. Letter to Denstone College sent.
- d. Traffic calming working group. **Cllr Vernon to arrange first meeting after Denstone Show (17 September).**

18. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

- a. Neighbourhood Forum - Issues for October meeting. **Agreed Cllr Payne to coordinate bid for improvements round Old Railway Line & Church Room.**

19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items except i circulated with agenda.

- a. ESBC – Review of polling districts and places. **No comment to be made.**
- b. RHS – Britain in Bloom. **Noted**
- c. NALC – Local Government Resource Review. **Noted**
- d. NALC – Localising support for local council tax in England. **Noted**
- e. SPFA – AGM 19 October/subscription (see 221). **Noted/agreed**
- f. SCC Engaging Communities Staffordshire. **Noted**
- g. Big Lottery Fund SOS competition. **Noted**
- h. Community Council AGM 28 September. **Noted**

- i. SPCA nomination for member of Executive Council. **None**
- j. Staffordshire Rural Hub – August 2011 Newsletter. **Noted**
- k. Churnet Valley Living Landscapes – open evening Mayfield 28 September.

Noted

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

- a. SPCA Annual Report & accounts 2010-1
- b. SPFA Annual report & 2010 AGM minutes
- c. CPRE Fieldwork & Countryside Voice Summer 2011
- d. Community Council Annual report & 2010 AGM minutes

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Audit 2010-1. Completed – no issues to report.
 - b. Review of expenditure vs budget 2nd Qtr. Circulated. **Noted**
- To approve the following payments:
- c. Rosettes for Denstone Show = **£246.20** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - d. Insurance for Denstone Show = **£52.99** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - e. Lengthsman 2nd Qtr = **£174.75** [Local Government Act 2000 s19]
 - f. Payment for emptying Old Railway Line bins (26 weeks to 30/9) = **£52.00** [Litter Act 1983 s6]
 - g. Inspections of Teen Recreation Area (6mths) = **£156.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s19)]
 - h. Materials for gate/path to church = £92.40+18,48VAT = **£110.88** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - i. SPCA Next meeting notices = **£5.70** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - j. SPFA Subscription = **£15.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s19)]
 - k. Clerk's expenses 3mths = £192.01(85Annual report, 14.29Show)+3.16VAT = **£195.17** [LGA 1972 s112]
 - l. Clerk's pay(less 20% tax) (Jul-Sep) = **£686.80** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - m. Tax on clerk's pay = **£171.70** [LGA 1972 s111]
 - n. Webmaster August = **£15.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - o. Programmes for Denstone Show = £430 + 86VAT = **£516.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
- Total = **£2398.39**. All payments proposed Cllr Vernon seconded Cllr Edmunds.

22. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Digging out brook behind post office and shop,

23. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 4 October & 1 November 2011

The meeting closed at 21.10.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Parking on College Road – concern over parking by Old Railway Line gate causing difficulties with egress from opposite driveway. **Village Hall to be asked if parking notice could be altered to encourage visitors to park there. Various options to be pursued for stronger wording on the gate to discourage parking.**