

### Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 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.  
**Apologies** Cllr K Stratton, Cllr P Robotham and Borough Councillor C Smith.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved by all and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. Cllr S Ratcliffe declared an interest in items 6D & E and Cllr Hinton declared interest in items 6L & M.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
  - a. Updating Standing Orders – it was a unanimous decision that the new standing orders would now be adopted. Clerk to send a copy to be put on the website.
  - b. Community Safety Survey – The survey was completed during the meeting and the clerk would forward it by the close of business on the 7 September 2016.
  - c. Play Quest quote– The quote of £542.00 + VAT for the repairs of the play area on the old railway line was agreed. Clerk to send off the details and have the work done as soon as possible.
  - d. Community Speed Watch- It was agreed that the clerk would invite Michelle Shaker from the Community Speed Watch Team to come to the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016
  - e. Financial items – The clerk informed the meeting that we were on track with the action plan the only item outstanding was the reassessment of assets. New spreadsheet had been set up for the accounts this would be sent to Cllr Hinton and Cllr Ratcliffe for sign off.
5. Adjournment for public participation
  - a. It was agreed to discuss the Playgroup closure at this point which is item 8 on the agenda. Nancy came to the meeting to inform us that due to the changes in the regulations the Playgroup Committee had agreed to close the playgroup as of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The toddlers group was however carrying on. Cllr Podmore stated that he would talk to the Parish Clerk at Rocester to see if the playgroup at Rocester could possibly take on the one at Denstone to prevent losing the facility from the village.
  - b. Could the sign be updated at the Old Railway line to include the telephone numbers of the Tavern and Heywood Hall be included. Cllr Podmore agreed for the number of the Tavern, However, Cllr Payne said that she would confirm with the owner of Heywood Hall. before any action was taken.
  - c. The Best Kept Village posthole cover is damaged Cllr Edmonds to have a look at it.
  - d. Children's sign on Frances Close needs replacing as very faint and needs replacing. Clerk to contact SCC.
  - e. Village Hall carpark sign for in and out needs looking at Cllr S Smith to raise it at the next Village Hall meeting.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
  - a. P/2016/00549- Farm Shop Denstone Hall Main Road Permitted
  - b. P/2016/00446 – Church Room Denstone Permitted
  - c. P/2106/00537 - Church Room Denstone Granted
  - d. P/2016/00434 – JCB Golf Course revised plans – No objections
  - e. P/2016/00423 – JCB Erection of a gate house, gates, associated walling and the realignment of internal access road revised plans. – No objections
  - f. P/2016/00669 – Parkbrook Lodge, Hollington Road Rocester Permitted

- g. P/2016/00902 – Prior approval for conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling – Brown egg Barn, Folly Farm, Alton Road Denstone – No objections
  - h. P/2016/00672 – Continued use of a holiday let as a dwelling house Brown egg Barn, Folly Farm, Alton Road Denstone - Permitted
  - i. P/2016/00553 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and septic tank – All Saints Church, Main Road, Denstone – Withdrawn
  - j. P/2016/00660 – All Saints Church – internal and external alterations – Withdrawn
  - k. College Road Denstone – College Road Denstone Diversion of Vehicular Traffic.
  - l. P/2016/01072 – Denstone College listed building application for the demolition of existing shed and ancillary walls in the north west corner to facilitate car park extension – No Objections
  - m. P/2016/01073 – Denstone College Listed Building application for the demolition of existing shed and ancillary walls in the north west campus to facilitate car park extension – No Objections
  - n. ES.16/12 Planning application for the new footpath for new School at Rocester. It was agreed that we would remind Cllr Atkins regarding having the barrier fitted. Clerk to email Ruth before taking any further action on the lighting issue.
7. Denstone Show – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that entries were up this year on last, the finances are yet to be finalised but it is looking like a profit of £450 to £500. The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped.
  8. Denstone Playgroup Closure – discussed in the public participation item 5a.
  9. Trees, Hawthorn Close, College Road and the Millennium tree – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that some trees on Hawthorn close and College Road were dead and needed cutting down and replacing. Clerk to look to see if any funding available for trees.
  10. Notice Board – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that Churnet Valley Joinery had kindly offered to donate the new notice board to the village. It was agreed that a thank you letter would be sent and a plaque made to put on the board. Clerk to issue letter.
  11. Village Voice – Cllr Edmond suggested that a something like the village voice be done once a year for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.
  12. Bonfires – A parishioner had raised a query through Cllr S Smith regarding bonfires in the village. Cllr Payne informed the meeting of the process that the pollution team at East Staffordshire Borough Council would take. Cllr S Smith would take that back to the parishioner. If any further information was required the parishioner could contact the parish clerk.
  13. Weavers Message – It was agreed that the clerk would forward an update of the meeting for the weaver message after every meeting.
  14. Domain Renewal for Website – This was a unanimous decision.
  15. Staffordshire Way – Cllr Wright has cleared the footpath concerned and a sign has been put up.
  16. Broken Sign Post - South Staffordshire Water board have informed Cllr Payne that this will be repaired.
  17. Centenary Fields Programme – Nothing has been received since the map was sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, clerk to chase.
  18. Best Kept Village – Denstone got Highly Commended this year, however the report has not arrived as yet. Hopefully it will be here for the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
  19. Grit Bins – Await the return of Cllr C Smith for update.
  20. 2<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator – Clerk informed the meeting that the second defibrillator can be sighted in the telephone box. Cllr Payne to send contact details to the clerk for Dennis.
  21. Rocester New School – See item 6n.

22. Neighbourhood Plan to date. This has now been sent to East Staffordshire Borough Council for six weeks and then it will be returned to Denstone. Cllr Payne to update once received.
23. The Post Office – This is still in the process of moving forward.
24. Tree sculpture – This has now been finished by the artist. Jubilee has been carved into the sculpture. Clerk to contact Nat Wakefield a reporter from the Times, Echo and Life Publications so she is able to complete the article.
25. Village Hall committee member – Nothing to update.
26. Emergency Plan for village – Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that this is still a work in progress.
27. Highway Issues
  - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – Cllr Payne asked for the clerk to contact Sun & Soil regarding the funding from the planning application. Clerk to contact Kevin McCammon at Denstone College regarding the speeding traffic on College Road. Also contact Timothy Buxton regarding having SID Speed Indication Display units put into the Village to help reduce the speed of the traffic.
  - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – Pothole at the bottom of Narrow Lane College Road. Gully's grassed over on Alton Road and Lady Meadow Road.
  - c. Footpaths - Cllr Ratcliffe to let clerk know landowners name so she can contact them.
28. Finance/Payments – Proposed by Cllr Ratcliffe and seconded by Cllr Edmonds.
  - a. To approve the following payments:
  - b. Webmaster July & August 2016 = £50.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - c. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for July & August 2016 = £85.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
  - d. Clerk's pay for July & August 2016 = £629.66 [LGA 1972 s112]
  - e. Clerk's expenses for July & August 2016 = £58.16 (LGA 1972 s111)
  - f. Village Hall – 1 January to 30 June 2016 = £30.00
  - g. Eon Lighting August = £12.62 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - h. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan July 2016 & August = £1723.00
  - i. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall July & August £50 + £46.88 =£96.88
  - j. C H Portman for Printing NP = £124.00
  - k. Travel expenses BKV and raffle tickets for Denstone Show Jacquie Payne= £29.75
  - l. Play Quest repairs=£542.50 +Vat =£651.00
  - m. Cost of Domain renewal for Website C Hinton = £26.39
  - n. Cost of 500 programmes for the show St Michael's Church=£220.00

### **Items for Future Agenda**

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 4 October, 1 November, 6 December