

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2014 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Attendees: Cllr C Vernon (in chair), Cllr J Payne, Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr P Reid, Cllr R Wright, Cllr S Smith, Borough Cllr C Smith. Apologies: Cllr M Allen

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 1 July were approved & signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Hinton (13), Cllr S Ratcliffe (5b), Cllr S Smith (6), Cllr Edmonds (13)
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. Declaration of Interest
 - b. Grant Thornton Audit complete.
 - c. New Councillor Training.

Thanks were given to Emily Whitehead for all her hard work and dedication to the post of Denstone Parish Clerk over the last few years.

4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *a summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes*
5. Planning (**Permitted & Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. **P/2014/00057** – Town and country planning Act 1990 – Appeal under section 78 at Ash Lea, Quixhill Lane, Preswood. **No change to the original objections, which were access and parking.**
 - b. **P/2014/01010** - Erection of a two-storey office building and bin store at Harper Meadow, Denstone. **Objections raised with reference to height and traffic.**
 - c. **P/2014/00852** – Erection of two detached dwellings and a detached garage at land adjoining Mount Pleasant, College Road, Denstone. **No objections raised.**
6. **The Post Office.** Discussed. Cllr Hinton to write a letter to the local MP Andrew Griffiths and Clerk to contact the post office for an update on the situation and actions being taken.
7. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Reports/minutes on meeting of Steering Group meeting of 4th August were given by Cllr Payne. Next meeting 22nd September.
8. **Supporting people review.** *Noted*
9. **Member Allowances.** *Noted*
10. **Road Cushions on College Road/Oak Road.** *Meeting to be arranged with Graham Hunt to discuss along with other areas issues.*
11. **Weaver to Marlpit Lane footpath.** *Discussed and quotes to be arranged (Cllr Edmonds).*
12. **Denstone Show.** *Thank you to everyone who was involved, the show was a great success as usual and all had fun. There was the highest amount of entrees in all classes this year, with up to 55% more in the 11 – 16 year olds and 50% more in the under 11's.*

13. **Denstone College.** *On-going.*

14. **Roundabout work.** *Mark Snape (Staffordshire County Council) gave an update on the works that have been carried out and gave the council the opportunity to decide what would be the best use of the old road and land. A vote was taken as to which option should be taken between 1. Landscaping all the area or 2. Leave part of the old road for car parking and landscape the rest. The vote went 4 to 3 in favour of option 2 with the option to remove the car parking area if it is not used.*

15. **Best Kept Village.** *Denstone won the Best Kept Village award 2014 and received a cheque for £200.*

16. **Emergency Plan for the Village:** *On-going*

17. **Highway Issues**

- a. *Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Meeting with Graham Hunt to be arranged.*
- b. *Potholes & Drainage issues in the village. On-going*
- c. *Speed Limits (Oak Road & Stubwood). New "20" scheme has been introduced outside All Saints First School.*

18. **Neighbourhood Working**

- a. *Neighbourhood Forum. On-going*
- b. *Railway Platform projects. On-going*

19. **Correspondence:** *all items circulated with agenda were noted.*

20. **Correspondence on the table to note:** *All noted*

21. **Finance/Payments**

All payments agreed and approved.

- a. *Webmaster Maintenance for August 2014 = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144] (EE/JP)*
- b. *E-on Public Lighting August 2014 = **£7.99 + 0.40 vat** = £8.39 Parish Councils Act 1957 s3] (SP/EE)*
- c. *Lengthsman payment non SCC for July and August **£90 + £145** [LGA 2000 s111]*
- d. *External Audit Grant Thornton 2013/2014 = **£100.00 + £20.00 vat** [Audit Commission Act 1998]*
- e. *ICO data protection renewal = **£35.00** (Data protection Act1996)*
- f. *Donation for play area insurance = **£192.50** (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19)*
- g. *Clerk's pay x2 for August 2014 = **£580.00** (2 cheques for £290.00) [LGA 1972 s112]*
- h. *6 months dog bin emptying = **£52** (LGA 1972 s137)*
- i. *Total = **£1247.89***

25. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** *Land to the right of the new roundabout and dog bin emptying.*

26. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** *7 October & 4 November 2014*

The meeting closed at.....21.10

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: *Roundabout works (item 14)*