

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 27th February 2018

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr R Wright and Cllr J Turner.
Apologies., Cllr S Ratcliffe, and Cllr S Smith, Cllr K Stratton and Borough Councillor C Smith
Cllr Payne began by passing on sincere condolences to June for the recent passing of William Ratcliffe.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 9th January 2018 were approved by all and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There was no declaration of interest.
4. Adjournment for public participation – the following items were raised during public participation:
 - a. Would it be possible to have a one-way system at the back of Marlpit Lane? Cllr Payne said that the Parish Council would add this to the list for Richard Rayson (SCC Highways).
 - b. The fence on the Old Railway Line had been put back up back to front. Clerk to contact the Ranger regarding this. It was also said that the dog bins were full.
 - c. There were a lot of leaves and mud on the Old Road near Lady Meadow Bridge, the clerk to contact the SCC (Highways) regarding this.
5. Election of Vice Chairman – None of the Councillors present expressed a preference to take on the role of Vice Chair. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting.
6. Councillor Vacancy – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received an application again from Joanne Mountney who applied when Cllr Turner was appointed. A vote was taken and it was a unanimous decision to co-opt Joanne Mountney to the Parish Council. Clerk to inform Cllr Mountney.
The clerk then informed the meeting that she had received a further resignation from Cllr Stuart Smith. Therefore, the Parish Council were now looking to fill two positions. Clerk to put a notice on the notice board, the website and in the Weaver message. Cllr Payne thanked Cllr S Smith for all his hard work and support whilst on the Parish Council.
7. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Correspondence Received – Updated
 - b. March Meeting 2018 - It was agreed that the next meeting would be on the 20th March. It was also suggested that the April meeting be the same evening as the Annual meeting and this was agreed. Clerk to check the availability of the main room for the combined meeting.
 - c. Data Protection Changes – Clerk informed the meeting that she is continuing to look for training.
8. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. Appeal P/2016/00840 APP/B3410/W/17/3185558 No objections
 - b. P/2017/01515 - Doveleys Barn, Doveleys Estate, B5032, Rocester, ST14 5BZ – Permitted
 - c. P/2017/0152 – Conversion of garage to holiday let and associated external alterations Willow Bank Denstone ST14 5DH – Permitted
 - d. P/2018/00137 - Dale Gap Farm, Barrowhill, Rocester, ST14 5BX No Objections
 - e. P/2018/00183 - Crumpwood Weir, Denstone – for information only.
9. End of the War Celebrations – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that Cllr C Smith had been speaking to Cllr Ed Barker regarding having a Beacon on the Weaver Hills. having a beacon on the Weaver Hills. Cllr Ed Barker has said this will be discussed at Wootton Parish Council in March and he will let us know the outcome. Cllr Payne expressed her sincere thanks to Cllr C Smith for the support he has given her as Chair. Cllr Payne contacted Richard Rayson (SCC Highways) regarding planting poppies around the village, Richard confirmed that would be fine. Therefore, Sue Edmonds ordered the plug plants and seeds required. The poppies will be planted around the village and down the Old Railway Line, Cllr Payne was given the go ahead by the Ranger. Others involved are the Church, Heywood Hall, The W.I, The School, Hester from Stubwood and Pauline Gilbert. If anyone else would like to plant poppies in their gardens Sue does have some spare seeds.
10. Mobile Post Office – This was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would ask if it would be possible to have it twice a week, on a Monday and a Thursday. The suggestion would be Monday for an hour in Denstone and an hour in Stubwood. On a Thursday the suggestion would be just in Denstone but on Marlpit Lane if feasible.
11. Denstone Show – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that she was happy to pass on all here contacts. The question was therefore asked do the Parish Council want to continue with the show? Cllr Edmonds stated that he was happy to help so it was agreed that a poster would be put up in the village, the website and the

Weaver message asking if people wanted to be involved with the show. It was suggested that something like the old wartime poster was used. Clerk to Action.

12. Lorries to JCB and Lady Meadow Bridge – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that lorries to and from JCB's stockyard were coming through Stubwood and over Lady Meadow bridge. Clerk to contact JCB and inform them of this to see if anything can be done. Clerk also to contact SCC regarding the sign on Alton Road that is still down.
13. Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust Meeting - report by Councillor who attended – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that The Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust are happy with the resurfacing to include a hopscotch but were concerned at the loss of the picnic bench. Councillor Edmonds has since met with Abacus who have said there is room for a picnic bench. The additional cost was approved by the Parish Council. Abacus are aware that the work must be completed and invoiced by the end of March.
14. Libraries Consultation – It was agreed that we would like to keep the mobile library in Denstone and the Parish Council strongly support the continuation of the Library in Uttoxeter which, among its many functions, is used to view full sized planning applications. The Parish Council no longer receive these.
15. Fly Tipping – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from a member of the village regarding fly tipping though nothing was to be done on this occasion it was agreed that people need to be vigilant of this happening again in the future.
16. College Road Footpath – This was reported to Richard Rayson but no reply as yet, clerk to chase.
17. Inspection of Defibrillators – Councillor Wright had spoken to Terry Davies at Stubwood regarding the defibrillator there and a rota to check this. Terry Davies had said people didn't know that they could use the defibrillator. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would contact Simon Poole regarding further defibrillator training for the parish and whether notices could be put on the outside of each defibrillator explaining what to do in an emergency. The paperwork Parish Council has regarding the defibrillator outside the Village Hall states that new batteries and pads will be required in June 2018. Clerk to check this with Simon Poole.
18. Best Kept Village – It was agreed that the village will enter the competition again this year. Cllr Wright to provide the map for the clerk.
19. Children's Posters – Cllr Payne to pass contact details for the school onto the clerk to sort out the posters.
20. Denstone Diary – Cllr Edmond informed the meeting that the Diary is coming along nicely, it will be 4 pages bigger this year and will pay for itself by advertising. Cllr Payne thanked Cllr Edmonds and Sue Edmonds for all their hard work with the Diary.
21. Railway Line Equipment – The clerk informed the meeting that the quote had come back from Hags regarding repairing the Railway Line equipment. It would cost £245 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk was to instruct Hags to carry out the repair. Cllr Payne agreed to talk to Sue Ratcliffe regarding the dog waste bins.
22. Oak Road Play Area – Clerk to chase Abacus for a date for the work to be carried out. Cllr Payne added that the rotten gate post is being replaced.
23. The Graveyard – Clerk informed the meeting that she had commenced talks with the church by emailing Sue Robins the documentation from SPCA as Sue Robins thought that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council.
24. Progress of Purchasing Land by the Churnet – Paperwork was signed at the meeting by Cllrs Payne and Edmonds. The forms and cheque for £10,562.00 to be sent to Cleggs by Cllr Payne. Cleggs will then inform the clerk when complete so that the clerk can then contact the Parish Council insurers, Zurich, to ensure Public Liability insurance is in place.
25. Proposed 20 mph speed limit – Clerk to chase Richard Rayson.
26. Village Hall committee member. As Cllr S Smith now resigned a new Parish Councillor is required to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee. Clerk to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
27. Emergency Plan for village – Cllr Payne to contact Cllr Ratcliffe.
28. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. No update
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Nothing
 - c. Footpaths – College Road as discussed in item 16

29. Finance/Payments - Payments proposed by Cllr Wright seconded by Cllr Edmonds.

To approve the following payments:

- a. Webmaster pay for January 2018= £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- b. Clerk's pay for January 2018 (Made by Standing Order) = £340.17 [LGA 1972 s112]
- c. Clerk's expenses for January 2018 = £54.05 (LGA 1972 s111)
- d. Eon Lighting January 2018 = £16.02 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- e. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall Toilets (February) = £40.00
- f. Sue Ratcliffe – emptying dog waste bins – £106.00
- g. Cleggs – Churnet Land – £10,562.00
- h. SPCA – Annual Subscription - £296
- i. John Etherington (March) =£40.00
- j. J Payne - Poppy seeds for End of War Celebrations= £26.95
- k. Sue Edmonds – Poppy Plants for End of War Celebrations = £39.96

Cllr Payne was thanked for all her hard work whilst on the Parish Council.

Items for Future Agenda – None

1. Dates of next meetings: April, 1 May, 5 June