

## Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr R Wright and Borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies.**, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr J Turner and Cllr S Smith  
Cllr Payne opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New on behalf of the Parish Council.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 5 December 2017 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest declared.
4. Adjournment for public participation
  - a. A member of the public suggested with regards to item 8b that this could lead to a future planning application to infill with more houses. Cllr Payne explained that until a planning application for such a development was received there was little the Parish Council could do. The Parish Council had no objections to the current application.  
There had been flooding in College Road outside Richmond House and Stone House. Cllr Edmonds said the drain in this area was cut into the grass, had a very narrow channel and buses and lorries squashed the grass down, eventually closing the channel. It was suggested the Lengthsman look at this and see if the grass can be cut back to effectively widen the channel.
5. Lengthsman – The new Lengthsman Daniel James came to the meeting and introduced himself. He currently works for Denstone College and also has his own business as a tree surgeon. Cllr Payne thanked him for attending.
6. Precept 2018/19 – The amended budget sheet was brought back to the meeting by the clerk and it was unanimously agreed by all councillors present that the budget for 2018/19 would be £15,500.00. This is an increase of 3.25%. Clerk to send request off to ESBC.
7. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
  - a. Correspondence Received – The clerk informed the meeting that there was nothing on the SPCA Bulletins that required further discussion. However, she was continuing to keep a look out for any training on the changes on Data Protection.
  - b. February's Meeting – It was agreed that the February meeting would be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February instead of the 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Email from Isha Henderson – Speeding on Alton Road – It was agreed that Cllr Wright would talk to Isha Henderson and ask her to contact Cllr Atkins and Andrew Griffiths with regards to the traffic on Alton Road.
8. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
  - a. P/2017/01521 Conversion of garage to holiday let and associated external alterations – Willow Bank Alton Road Denstone. No objections
  - b. P/2017/01515 Erection of a detached garage and store and use of land as domestic curtilage – Doveleys Barn Doveleys Estate Rocester. No objections
  - c. P/2017/01530 Conversion and alterations to existing attached double garages to form dependent relative accommodation Inge Cottage, Barrowhill, Rocester, ST14 5BY No objections
  - d. P/2017/01567/Siting of 5 glamping pods, refurbishment of greenhouse to form associated shop and storage, and formation of car park. Home Farm, Barrowhill, Rocester, ST14 5BX No objections
  - e. P/2017/01580/ Erection of a single storey rear garden room extension to replace an existing conservatory 7 The Weavers Denstone Staffordshire ST14 5DP No objections
9. Public Participation – The clerk informed the meeting that all changes had been made and that a copy was on all of the noticeboards. Clerk to send a copy to the Webmaster to be put on the website.
10. End of the War Celebrations – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that Cllr C Smith had asked Cllr E Barker of Wootton to talk to the landowner of the Weaver Hills about lighting a beacon on the Weaver Hills to commemorate the End of the War Celebrations. Cllr C Smith still waiting to hear from Cllr Barker. The idea was also discussed of planting poppy seeds down the Old Railway Line, on the land by the Churnet and also to ask people to plant them in their gardens. Cllr Payne had discussed this with the Head Ranger Steve Williams who thought this was a good idea. It was agreed to put a sign up in the village in March and also include it in the bulletin of the Weaver Message.

11. Denstone Diary – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that Sue Edmonds is more than happy to coordinate the production of the Denstone Diary again this year. It was agreed that as it was such a success last year then this would be a great idea. It would be funded once again by advertising. Sue to send a letter to the clerk to send out to all those who advertised in last years.
12. Railway Line Equipment – The clerk informed the meeting that she was still waiting to hear back from HAGS with regards to a quote for broken piece of equipment on the play area on the Old Railway Line.
13. Oak Road Play Area – Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the Parish Council had successfully acquired funding of £5000 toward the resurfacing of Oak Road Play Area from Awards for All. Cllr Payne would like to express her sincere thanks to Sara Botham for all her help in completing the funding application. It was agreed that the clerk would instruct Abacus playgrounds to carry out the resurfacing of the play area. Cllr Payne also informed the meeting that we will receive funding from Cllr Phillip Atkins and Cllr C Smith. It was agreed that the old benches on the play area would need to be removed before the resurfacing could take place. Cllr Robotham agreed to take this on board. Cllr Payne agreed to keep him informed of the date once agreed with Abacus playgrounds.
14. The Graveyard – Cllr Wright informed the meeting that after a discussion with the church he has been advised that there are 12 plots remaining in the church graveyard. This means that it will be 3 years before it becomes a problem. Clerk to contact Sue Robins and start negotiations with the church with regards to the possibility of extra land for the graveyard.
15. Progress of Purchasing Land by the Churnet. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that all the documents are still with Cleggs the solicitors.
16. Proposed 20 mph speed limit - As the clerk had not received any objections from anyone in the village regarding a 20mph speed limit it was agreed that the clerk would now contact Richard Rayson at SCC and ask him what the next step the Parish Council needs to take.
17. Village Hall committee member. Nothing to update.
18. Emergency Plan for village – Cllr Payne to email Cllr Ratcliffe and asked him if he could bring what he has done so far to the February meeting, so that the other councillors could help with anything that is missing.
19. Highway Issues
  - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – updated
  - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – no issues raised
  - c. Footpaths – no issues raised
20. Finance/Payments
 

To approve the following payments: Proposed by Cllr Hinton Seconded by Cllr Edmonds

  - a. Webmaster pay for December 2017= £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - b. Clerk's pay for December 2017 (Made by Standing Order) = £340.17 [LGA 1972 s112]
  - c. Clerk's expenses for December 2017= £9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
  - d. Eon Lighting December 2017= £16.02 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - e. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall Toilets = £53.00
  - f. Cllr Hinton payment for recorded delivery to Barclays Bank = £6.45
  - g. Peter Robotham – Playground Inspections = £312.00

### Items for Future Agenda

- College Road footpath
- Inspection of Defibrillators

Councillor Hinton announced at the meeting that he was stepping down as a Parish Councillor at the end of this meeting. Cllr Payne followed by stating that she would be stepping down as a Parish Councillor at the end of the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. The Parish Council will have to advertise for two new councillors and appoint a new Chairman and Vice Chair at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

1. Date of next meeting: 27 February