

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 3 July 2018

1. **Attendees:** Cllr B Wright (in chair), Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr M Shermer, Cllr J Turner, Cllr E Edmonds and Cllr P Frampton **Apologies.** Borough Councillor C Smith, Cllr J Mountney and Cllr P Robotham.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 5th June 2018 were discussed and agreed by all as correct. The minutes were signed by Cllr B Wright.
3. There was no declaration of interest.
4. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. It was reported that a new Hawthorn tree is needed for outside The New House, Clerk to contact the Tree Officer at East Staffs.
 - b. Clerk to contact the Lengthsman with regards to looking at the footpath on College Road, outside The Stone House.
 - c. Clerk to contact ESBC regarding the potholes on College Road again.
 - d. Clerk to contact ESBC regarding the pavement on College Road and Marlpit Lane.
 - e. The Parish Council would also like to pass on their thanks to Pauline Jilbert for all her work that she has done on the area near the shop. If she would like a contribution towards the cost then please pass an invoice to the clerk.
5. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Correspondence Received – Cllr Turner raised the issue of the Neighbourhood Plan article that was in the SPCA Bulletin, she agreed to talk to Cavell regarding numbers of additional properties to be built in Denstone. Clerk to send electronic copy of Neighbourhood Plan to all Councillors. Clerk to email a copy of the policing document that she distributed to councillors to be put on the website. Clerk to invite local PCSO to come to future meetings.
 - b. Consent Forms – Clerk collected signed consent form from Cllr Frampton.
 - c. Repair to Play Area Old Railway Line – It was agreed that the clerk would contact Hags again regarding the repair and put the ball back in their court by stating that no payment will be made until the Parish Council are satisfied with the repair and it is like for like.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2018/00669 - JCB (Excavators) Ltd Lakeside Works, Station Road, Rocester, ST14 5JP- Formation of car park – The Parish Council raised no objection to the planning application however clerk to ask that JCB look at the size of the new car park and justify how does increasing the square footage fall in line with their overall reduction of single car drivers? Also, why doesn't the new car park have electric pumps and wouldn't it be better to introduce a cycle lane from Uttoxeter?
 - b. P/2018/ 00682 - Crumpwood Weir, Denstone, Staffordshire - Installation of fish pass with associated structural alterations below the floor level within the house – No Objection
 - c. P/2018/00759 - North View Farm, Alton Road, Denstone, ST14 5DH - Use of land as Landscape Contractors yard including office and repair workshop – No Objections, however the Parish Council would like to know what measures have been put in place should a request be made in the future for an agricultural building? Also, to ask whether recent surfacing of field between proposed site and Alton Road to provide vehicle parking should have had planning permission as change of use. Clerk to contact ESBC.
 - d. P/2018/00444 – The Parish Council confirmed that after the comments from Alan Harvey they had no further issues with this planning application. Clerk to contact Alan Harvey.
7. Councillor Training – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that she enjoyed the training for the Chair and was looking forward to the Councillor training on the 25th July 2018.
8. End of the War Celebrations – The clerk informed the meeting that she met up with the clerk for Wootton and had a detailed discussion. Apparently only a small number of people can go onto the weavers on the evening. It was therefore agreed that Denstone would share the cost of the event only. Clerk to contact the British Legion to see what they are doing, and then put a notice on the website informing everyone what is available and they can choose where they want to go.
9. Lengthsman – Cllr Wright has spoken to the Lengthsman regarding payment for the work carried out in the village. Subsequently the clerk has since received an invoice. Clerk to send a list of lengthsman's tasks to

all councillors. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman (Dan James) if he could cut the grass over the pavement on College Road.

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10. Key for the Railway Line – It was agreed that Cllr Frampton would purchase the agreed key safe and install it on the gate of the Old Railway Line.
11. Telephone Box – No further action.
12. Mobile Post Office – This is now back in the village and is being well supported. Clerk to put an article on the website.
13. Oak Road Play Area – Clerk informed the meeting that she has contacted the other organisations who gave to the resurfacing of the play area and is waiting to hear back from them.
14. The Graveyard – Nothing to report as yet.
15. Progress of Purchasing Land by the Churnet – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that this has now been completed and the land legally belonged to Denstone as at the 28th June. There will be a meeting for the people who contributed in the next few weeks. Clerk to inform the insurance company.
16. Proposed 20 mph speed limit – Still waiting for the results of the Speed and Volume Test. Clerk to chase.
17. Village Hall committee member. Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that the fundraising event had been very successful and there were a couple more in the coming months. Fish & Chip Lunch 12th October and lighting up the Village on the 18th November. Cllr Frampton said that he would help with the latter if required.
18. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – Clerk to contact Richard Rayson and question if it is a crossing near the school on Oak Road.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – nothing to add.
 - c. Footpaths - Missing fence by Lady Meadow Bridge was raised, clerk to contact Richard Rayson.
19. Finance/Payments

To approve the following payments: Cllr Stratton proposed and Cllr Edmonds seconded.

 - a. Webmaster pay for June 2018 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. Clerk's pay for June (Made by Standing Order) = £355.87 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - c. Clerks back pay for July = £15.70 LGA 1972 s112]
 - d. Clerk's expenses for June 2018 = £30.01 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - e. Eon Lighting June 2018 = £17.02 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - f. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall Toilets June = £40.00
 - g. Hags – Play area on Old Railway = £294.00
 - h. SPCA – Training - £20.00
 - i. Hawksworth Printing – Denstone Diary = £904.00
 - j. Daniel James (Lengthsman) January – July 2018 = £180.00

Items for next Agenda – Clerk to ask Cllr Robotham to be Chair.

1. Dates of next meetings: 4 Sept, 2nd October, 6 November and 4th December 2018