

Meeting of Denstone Parish Council held 6th April 2021 at 7.15pm <https://zoom.us>

1.	Attendees: Cllr M Shermer (Chair), Cllr C Kelly, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr B Wright, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr J. Mountney, Cllr L Beckett-Fountain, Julie Sadler (Clerk) and Borough Councillor S Sankey. Also present at the meeting was Russell Whitehurst and David Boden Apologies: Cllr J Turner and Cllr S Ratcliffe,	
2.	The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March 2021. The minutes were agreed by all as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair and the clerk at the next available meeting.	Clerk and Cllr Shermer
3.	Declaration of interest None	
4.	Adjournment for Public Participation – David Boden, expressed Thanks to the Parish Council on behalf of the village for all the work that they have done over the last 12 months especially throughout these difficult times. David Boden also raised the issue of the Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust License. He explained that this year the cost would be £1.00. He also raised the issue of the contribution towards the emptying and cleaning of the compost bin of £45 for 2020/21 and 2021/22. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would make the contribution for 2020/21 and 2021/22. However, the amount of usage would be looked at over the next coming year before any further contributions were made.	
5.	Matters Rising/Clerks Report a. Correspondence Received – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received a request from the church for the yearly contribution for the maintenance of the grass. A cost of £500. It was unanimously agreed that this would be paid. The clerk also raised the issue of the bins on the railway line. b. Accounts -The clerk informed the meeting she would forward the accounts to Cllrs Ratcliffe and Kelly for checking. c. Insurance Renewal – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received the annual quote for the insurance for the Parish Council. The fee last year was £1500.50 and the quote for this year is £1522.00 an increase of 1.4%. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote and make the payment. d. Bins on Railway Line – The question was raised whether the Parish Council should purchase a new bin to help with the amount of rubbish being left. It was agreed that this would be taken over to the next meeting to see if the releasing of the restrictions has any impact before a bin is purchased.	Clerk Clerk
6.	Planning Applications a. P/2021/00201 – Erection of a detached garage/workshop – Top House Farm, Quixhill Lane. Prestwood Staffs ST14 5DD – No objections b. P/2021/00258 - Internal works to facilitate the conversion of 2 flats to form 1 dwelling - Flats 1 & 2, Top House Farm, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood, Staffordshire, ST14 5DD – No objections c. P/2021/00162 - Demolition of 4 existing agricultural buildings to facilitate the erection of a new agricultural building - Denstone Hall Farm, Main Road, Denstone, Uttoxeter, ST14 5HF – No objections d. P/2021/00264 - Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate a single storey rear extension and alterations to the South West elevation to include demolition of existing lobby - 11 The Weavers, Denstone, Staffordshire, ST14 5DP – No objections	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
7.	Remote Meetings – The clerk informed the meeting that after the 7 th May 2021 remote meetings will not be lawful for Parish Councils so a decision will have to be made during the meeting on the 4 th May regarding any future meetings, Cllr Shermer agreed to contact the Chair of the Village Hall to establish the availability of the large room in the hall.	Cllr Shermer
8.	Bicycle Shed – All Saints School – The information regarding making a contribution to the bike shed was distributed prior to the meeting. After looking at the safety aspect it was	

	unanimously agreed that a promise of the contribution would be made as long as the school successfully received all the other funding. Clerk to contact the school informing them of the Parish Councils decision.	Clerk
9.	Broadband Funding – Cllr Sankey informed the meeting that over 100 people which is over 30% of the village had supplied their details for this project. Borough Cllr Sankey and Cllr Turner are currently waiting to see what the new scheme will be. This information should be out in the next couple of days. However, there is currently a large waiting list with BT but this is an excellent start for the project. Cllr Shermer expressed sincere thanks to Cllr Turner and Borough Cllr Sankey for all the work they have done so far.	
10.	SCC COVID19 Support Fund - Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that there is still currently £274.10 left in the fund so if anyone is aware of anyone who requires some of the funding, please contact the clerk.	
11.	CSW – Russ Whitehurst updated the meeting regarding the Community Speed Watch. He confirmed that the new signs had been ordered and he would keep the Parish Council updated on when these will be erected in the village.	Russ Whitehurst
12.	Denstone Meadow - Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that the weather had finally been good so the committee were able to install a couple of seats on the meadow and also do some of the fencing. Thanks to JCB they had also been able to dig out the lower platform. Hopefully the meadow will be opening at the end of June 2021.	
13.	Denstone Diary – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting how lovely and informative the monthly updates of the meadow were. Cllr Edmonds confirmed that these had not been sent to everyone as permission had not been received. All councillor's and the clerk gave their permission.	
14.	Junior Play Area – Cllr Beckett-Fountain informed the meeting that a lot of older children were using the junior play area and she was concerned that this would damage the equipment. She felt that this was because there was no area for them now as the Teen play area had been removed. She asked what the Parish Council is going to do for the older children? Cllr Shermer confirmed that the Parish Council would of course give their full support to anyone approaching them with a project for a new play area for the older children. The project does not have to be run by the Parish Council, she suggested that as Cllr Beckett-Fountain knew a lot of the parents in the village she could possibly talk to them about it, and see if anyone was interested. Cllr Beckett-Fountain also raised that the paint was coming off the house and the climbing frame in the junior play area even though this was only painted last year. This was noted.	
15.	Stubwood Housing Development – The clerk informed the meeting that Alan Harvey planning officer at ESBC had informed the SCC regarding the damage to the verges who have taken this up with the developer.	
16.	WI Centenary – information regarding the history of the WI was sent out prior to the meeting. Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that to commemorate 100 years the WI would like to plant some damson trees on the railway line near the apple trees. Along with an information board. Steve Williams the ranger confirmed he had no objections to the trees being planted. The WI confirmed that they would supply the trees. Therefore, the Parish Council agreed that they had no objections to the trees being planted. Cllr Shermer will inform the WI.	Cllr Shermer
17.	Lawn Mower – Russ Whitehurst informed the meeting that the cost to service the lawn mower would be £200 and the price of a new one would be £350. It was therefore agreed that a new lawn mower would be purchased from TaylorMade.	
18.	Denstone College & Traffic Issues – Cllr Shermer confirmed that the current increase in traffic in the village going to Denstone College is due to Covid. Children are not using the buses and are not sharing cars at the moment. However, she and Cllr Edmonds are continuing their meetings with the head of the Denstone College who has been extremely	

	<p>helpful and informative. Cllr Edmonds has also spoken to one of the teachers from Smallwood School who had confirmed that 21 members of staff would be moving from Smallwood to Denstone College in September. The actual number of children would not be known until nearer the time. It has been confirmed that Smallwood school is up for sale so the school unfortunately had no choice. Cllr Shermer and Cllr Edmonds intend to meet again with the current Head Master on the 14th May and then meet with the new Head Lotte Tulloch in September once things have settled down. Of course, in the meantime the Parish Council will be monitoring the traffic situation in the village.</p>	
19.	<p>Highways issues</p> <p>a. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – Nothing to add</p> <p>b. Footpaths and Pavements – Nothing to add</p>	
20.	<p>To approve the following payments: Proposed by Cllr Edmonds and seconded by Cllr Stratton. The clerk will send all the invoices to Cllr Shermer for the outstanding payments. Cllr Shermer will then write the cheques and sign them and get a second signature from either Cllr Stratton or Cllr Edmonds.</p> <p>a. Webmaster pay for March 2021 = £25 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]</p> <p>b. Clerk's pay for March 2021 (Made by Standing Order) = £397.80 [LGA 1972 s112]</p> <p>c. Clerk's expenses March 2021 - Stationery = £40.84</p> <p>d. Eon Lighting March 2021 = £21.04 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]</p> <p>e. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall March 2021 = £50</p> <p>f. Russ Whitehurst – Lengthsman March 2021 = £30</p> <p>g. Sue Edmonds – Wildflower seeds = £37.80</p> <p>h. Zurich Insurance - £1522.00</p> <p>i. Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust License =£1.00</p> <p>j. Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust – Contribution to emptying and cleaning of the compost bin - £45 for 2020/21 and £45 for £2021/22 = £90</p> <p>k. W Burton & Son Ltd – Denstone Meadow - £828.00 incl. VAT</p> <p>l. Contribution to maintaining the grass - Denstone Parish Church and PCC = £500</p> <p>m. TaylorMade – Service of Brushcutter & Purchase of Mower = £415.00</p> <p>n. MJD Paving – Denstone Meadow = £720.00 Inc. VAT</p>	Clerk and Cllr Shermer
	<p>Items for next meeting</p> <p>1. Denstone Voice & Facebook Page</p> <p>2. Tree – Stubwood Hollow – Cllr L Beckett-Fountain</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm via https://zoom.us</p>	