



**Denstone Parish Council Minutes held 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

	<p>Regeneration, Planning Policy and Business support), they are taking us very seriously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are awaiting response from ESBC about some proposals we have made for next steps. However, they are aware that if they do not correct the errors that have been made in the points of Law, then we will be taking the matter further. Our Barrister has informed us that if this application is approved as it stands with no corrections, then a High Court challenge would have a very good chance of success. We have made ESBC aware of this.</li> <li>Along with the actions being taken with ESBC our MP, Kate Griffiths, is organising a meeting for us with the Minister responsible for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in support of our approach</li> </ul> <p>On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Shermer thanked Cllr Turner and Jacquie Payne for all their hard work and time contributing to this project.</p> <p>Cllr Turner informed the meeting that the Parish Council had already used up the 7 hours for Urban Vision that they agreed payment for. Urban Vision have also done 6 hours pro-bono work for the Parish Council which is very generous of them. However, there is still more work to do on this and any other issues that come along. Therefore, would the Parish Council agree to another 7 hours of Urban Visions time. It was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council for 2 more days of Urban Visions time.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Denstone College Footpath</b> - The clerk informed the meeting that she had received an update from Robin Carr. He informed her that the outcome of the consultation will be considered in due course with possible amendments followed by further consultation if required. It is likely to be some months before a decision is made on the application. It was agreed that this would stay on the agenda until this matter was resolved.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Lengthsman</b> – The Lengthsman raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Drain outside Stone House</b> – the clerk has sent an email regarding the problem with this drain being blocked and the impact that has on the village when it rains to Trevor Mellor at SCC. Clerk to chase.</li> <li><b>Gardener</b> – Cllr Shermer thanked Sue Edmonds for the fantastic job that she does in the village. However, work is required on the War Memorial and the ground around the waterfall. This is not a job for the Lengthsman so it was agreed that the Parish Council would look for a gardener to cover these areas. Cllr Turner agreed to have a word with the lady who does the work for the Tavern to see if she would be interested.</li> <li><b>War Memorial Paving</b> – With regards to the paving around the War Memorial Cllr Mountney agreed to have a word with Gary Plant to see if he could look at tackling this later in the year. In the meantime, just to keep the weeds at bay it was agreed that a working party would be set up. Item to be put on the next agenda.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Turner</p> <p>Cllr Mountney</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p><b>Bridge over the River Churnet</b> – Cllr Sankey informed the meeting that the site visit took place with South Staffordshire Water. The representative had already researched where the bridge used to be. The representative took several photos during the visit and informed Cllr Sankey that she would work out the costings and put a proposal to the directors. A decision would then be made by them. However, we would not hear anything further until at least November.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Councillors use of Private email addresses</b> – It was unanimously agreed by all councillors that they would set up a new email address for Parish Council business only. It would be made up as follows: all lowercase with no spaces First name dot surname dpc at whichever domain they choose. e.g., <a href="mailto:julie.sadlerdpc@gmail.com">julie.sadlerdpc@gmail.com</a></p>	All Councillors
11	<p><b>Denstone Show</b> – It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £240 to the show to cover the following: Rosettes £56.00 – First aid £98.00 – Event Licence £21.00 and hire of</p>	Clerk

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	the Village Hall £65.00. It was however agreed that if the show made a profit, it would give back the £65.00. Clerk to contact Sally Sankey regarding this decision.	Clerk
12.	<b>Loneliness</b> – Cllr Mountney informed the meeting that this subject was first raised in 2020. Then Covid 19 arrived so no further action could be taken. However, during that difficult time we found that people in the village supported each other. So, the question of whether anything like this was needed in the village was raised again. After discussion it was agreed that there were sufficient events going on in the village to combat this and therefore nothing further for the Parish Council to do at this time.	
13.	<b>Defibrillator Training</b> – Cllr Mountney informed the meeting that the nurses from Denstone College had offered to do some defibrillator training. The Parish Council agreed that this was an excellent idea. Cllr Mountney to arrange for it either to take place at the village hall or Denstone College.	Cllr Mountney
14.	<b>Denstone Meadow</b> – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that Denstone Meadow was now open to members of the parish. It was agreed that this now needed advertising on Facebook and the website. Cllr Mountney agreed to draft the article and pass it onto Cllr Edmonds for clarification before putting it on the website and Facebook.	Cllr Mountney
15.	<b>Junior Play Area</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that Cllr Beckett-Fountain had now taken over the role of checking the play area. It has been advised that the rampboard in the play area needs replacing. The clerk has received a quote for this from Hags. The quote is £531.00. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this. Clerk to contact Hags. Cllr Shermer also said that the gate needs repairing. Cllr Beckett-Fountain is taking care of this. It was also agreed that the play area needed tidying up a working party was suggested week commencing the 16 <sup>th</sup> August Cllr Shermer to send an email regarding this.	Clerk
16.	<b>Village Hall</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that the Village Hall had lots of projects that they were progressing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the chairs have been thoroughly cleaned in the hall.</li> <li>• All internal repairs are being carried out</li> <li>• The flat roof is being repaired.</li> </ul> The village hall is also sending a survey out shortly to all residents in the village. Cllr Shermer reminded people about the 49 Club if anyone would like to join.	
17.	<b>College Invite</b> – Cllr Shermer gave out the invites to all councillors who wanted to go to the event on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021.	
18.	<b>Carved Tree on College Road</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that a parishioner had informed her that the plaque at the side of Carved Tree on College Road did not relate to that tree. It was therefore agreed for the plaque to be removed and returned to its owner. This will not be replaced with another plaque. Cllr Shermer volunteered to do this with the aid of the Lengthsman.	Cllr Shermer
19.	<b>Verges</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that she was informed by TaylorMade that SCC had asked them to reduce the number of times they cut the verges from 8 to 6 times a year.	
20.	<b>Highways issues</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lady Meadow Lane – Clerk to contact the ESBC to remind them of 2 conditions of the planning application P/2017/00571. Condition 14 is to provide a footway along Oak Road and 19 to restore the verges to what they were before the development began.</li> <li>b. Potholes &amp; drainage issues in the village – See item 8a</li> <li>c. Footpaths and Pavements – Nothing to raise.</li> </ol>	Clerk
19.	<b>To approve the following payments:</b> Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Wright. The cheques were signed at the meeting and the clerk will distribute. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lascombe Consulting for July 2021 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 &amp; 144]</li> <li>b. Clerk's pay for July 2021 (Made by Standing Order) = £397.80 [LGA 1972 s112]</li> </ol>	Clerk

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	<p>c. Eon Lighting July 2021 = £21.77 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3] d. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall July 2021 = £40 e. Russ Whitehurst – Lengthsman July 2021 = £60 f. Hags – Tom Boden Sports Trust Play area – Repairs = £2581.20 g. RoSPA Play Safety Ltd – Training for Cllr Becket-Fountain = £312.00 h. Jessica Turner – Payment for No 5 Barrister Chambers = £1680.00 (paid) i. Edward Edmonds – Denstone Meadow = £276.26 j. Mrs S E Edmonds – Denstone Meadow = £38.95 k. Urban Vision - £635.00 l. Staffordshire County Council – Contribution to the Old Railway Line – £1000 m. Denstone Country Show – £240</p>	
	<p><b>Items for Future Agenda</b> 1. Facebook Page</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> – Date of next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7pm</p>	Clerk