

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

1.	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cllr M Shermer (Chair), Cllr C Kelly, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr B Wright, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr J. Mountney, Cllr L Beckett-Fountain, Cllr J Turner, Cllr K Stratton, Julie Sadler (Clerk) and Borough Councillor S Sankey.</p> <p>5 members of public were also present – all details were taken in line with the Covid 19 rules.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> None</p>	
2.	<p><b>The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</b> The minutes were agreed by all as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair and the clerk. All minutes for the meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were also signed.</p>	Clerk and Cllr Shermer
3.	<p><b>Declaration of interest</b> – None</p>	
4.	<p><b>Adjournment for Public Participation</b> – Cllr Ratcliffe asked if the outside toilet of the Village Hall was now open to the public. Cllr Shermer confirmed that it was.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters Rising/Clerks Report</b></p> <p>a. Correspondence Received – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received the renewal request from the Information Commissioners Office. The cost of this was £40 for the year. It was recommended by the SPCA that the Parish Council had this in the case of a data breach. It was agreed by the Parish Council that the renewal should be paid.</p> <p>b. Register of interest Forms – The clerk requested that all forms be sent to her as soon as possible as these had to be forwarded to the ESBC.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
6.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>a. P/2021/00589 – Installation of 2 x roof lights in loft living space - Mill House, Paddock Court, Lady Meadow Lane., Denstone, Uttoxeter, ST14 5FZ – No Objections raised</p> <p>b. P/2021/00801 – Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling including details of access - 7 The Westlands, Denstone, Staffordshire, ST14 5HS – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that this had been looked at by the NPMG who agreed the following. The Parish Council do not wish to raise an objection to this application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is within the settlement boundary, as per policy SB1 of the Made Denstone Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• It is not contrary to any of the Policies or appendices of the Made Denstone Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• It is an infill site within the settlement boundary, as per Policy H1 of the Made Denstone Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• It is not outside the of the settlement boundary of the Made Denstone Neighbourhood Plan as per the inset map 1 included in the Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to send the above text to the ESBC and also to add a condition that any hedges which are removed must be replaced elsewhere on the build.</p> <p>c. P/2019/01489 – Cllr Shermer expressed sincere thanks to all of those involved with this planning application. This application was taken to the Planning Committee on the 22<sup>rd</sup> June. The committee vote resulted in 5 for it and 5 against so the chair had the casting vote and it was therefore agreed. The Parish Council have since written to the local MP Kate Griffiths and to Naomi Perry (ESBC planning). The Parish Council have been informed that they will hear from Naomi Perry this week. Cllr Turner then informed the meeting that the Parish Council have been informed that they have a very strong case and are looking to take further steps with this. Depending on the outcome of the contact</p>	Clerk

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	<p>with the ESBC it could mean that the Parish Council need to engage with a legal team. For the initial meeting where the council would obtain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of the challenge</li> <li>• The likelihood of the success of the case</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Turner made it very clear that this is not about the Croft development but to protect the settlement boundary. If the Parish Council succeed, then all costs will be reversed. The cost of the initial contact with the legal team will be £875 to £1000. The Parish Council are also looking at other sources of funding should this go any further. A vote was taken and it was agreed 8-1 to go forward with the next step if required.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Website Village Hall</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that the Parish Council were approached by the Village Hall Committee to have additional pages and possibly a calendar put on the Parish Council website. After a considerable amount of discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Village Hall should embark on setting up their own website and the Parish Council would give them a top tab on their website with a link to the village hall website. The Parish Council feel that this would be much better for the Village Hall as they can have exactly what they want on their own website as they will not be governed with the accessibility guidelines like the Parish Council. Clerk to contact the village hall to update them on the Parish Councils decision.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Railway Platform – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting she had spoken to Steve Williams (Ranger) who confirmed that the line has now been gritted however the pointing where the ivy was removed needs repairing. The Parish Council have agreed to contribute £1000 towards the cost of this work and Steve has confirmed that its on the list of jobs to do. Hopefully this will not be too long. In the meantime, the Lengthsman is doing a great job of keeping the grass and the surrounding area extremely tidy. The Parish Council wish to express sincere thanks for all his hard work.</p>	
9.	<p>JCB &amp; Denstone College Invitation – Cllr Shermer reminded all the councillors of the 2 invitations that the Parish Council had received. The evening at JCB on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. The clerk has replied on behalf of all those wishing to attend. Cllr Kelly asked to be added to the list. Clerk to action. The second invitation is from Denstone College for the opening of the prep school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All councillors to send their own RSVP by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p><b>SCC COVID19 Support Fund</b> - Cllr Shermer asked that all councillors consider what should be done with the remaining £274.10 of the fund. All suggestions to be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	All Councillors
11	<p><b>CSW</b> – Russ Whitehurst informed the meeting that all the speed watch signs had now been installed. Everyone involved is fully committed and there is some training organised by Michelle Shaker. This will take place in the village hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July if the booking can be agreed. It was suggested that the clerk put together a poster to advertise this and confirmed the booking with the village hall.</p> <p>The clerk also informed the meeting that she had been approached by Michelle Shaker if a meeting could be held between Ellastone, Mayfield and Denstone Parish Councils to discuss the traffic between the villages. Cllr Wright and Russ Whitehurst agreed to be the representatives for Denstone. Clerk to discuss with the other two villages and arrange a meeting.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
12.	<p><b>Denstone Meadow</b> – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that the meadow is now finished and Cllr Shermer will be opening the meadow on the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. From the 15<sup>th</sup> July it will be open to all members of the general public.</p> <p>Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that the committee of the meadow were more than happy to continue with the maintenance of the meadow if the Parish Council approved of this. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council for the Committee to carry on and</p>	

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	the Parish Council would continue to support the meadow by contributing £200 per year towards the cost of the maintenance.	
13.	<p><b>Junior Play Area</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that Peter Robotham had resigned after 10 years of looking after the play area. The Parish Council expressed their sincere thanks to Peter for all the hard work that he had done throughout that time. Cllr Beckett-Fountain agreed to take on this role and is attending a training course on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 funded by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that the approved spend of repairing the slide on the play area would be carried out on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Peter Robotham would oversee this work.</p> <p>Cllr Beckett-Fountain informed the meeting that the roundabout on the play area had now been fixed at no cost to the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
14.	<b>Denstone Voice &amp; Face Book page</b> – Cllr Mountney informed the meeting that there was no further update on this.	
15.	<p><b>Village Hall</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that the Village Hall had lots of project on the go at the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new sign is underway</li> <li>• The car park signs are to be updated</li> <li>• The timber gladding is being replaced and internal work will follow</li> <li>• As 2022 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the hall there are lots of events planned for the future.</li> </ul>	
16.	<b>Data Protection</b> – The clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by SCC that they were offering all Parish Councils a Data Protection Officer, this is not a requirement so it is up to the individual Parish Council if they take this up or not. The clerk informed the Parish Council that very little data was held by the Parish Council and what personal data was held the clerk had approval from the person to hold the data. It was therefore unanimously agreed by the council that this was not a requirement.	Clerk
17.	<b>Church – Thank you Event</b> – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that this event will take place on the 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2pm – 4pm should anyone wish to attend. The Parish Council have contributed to this event by the purchase of a bench. Which will hopefully arrive prior to the 25 <sup>th</sup> July. If anyone would like to attend they will be very welcome.	
18.	<p><b>Highways issues</b></p> <p>a. Traffic issues &amp; Stubwood sub-committee – Cllr Shermer informed the meeting that this work has now been completed. Thank you very much to Richard Rayson and his team for all their help with this. This item can now be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>b. Potholes, Drainage and Pavements issues in the village – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that all pavements in the village will be repaired. It was raised that the Parish Council do need to make sure that Lady Meadow Lane is put back to its original state before the building work commenced. Cllr Shermer agreed and said that this would be kept on the agenda.</p> <p>It was also raised the lid of the drain on college road keeps lifting and is extremely dangerous. Clerk to report this to the ESBC.</p> <p>c. Footpaths – The issue was raised regarding the change of the footpath around Denstone College. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Wright would draft an objection within the next couple of days and the clerk would send it to all councillors for comments by close of business on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The deadline for the objections is the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Clerk to forward the final objection to Robin Carr before the 19<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>The bridge over the river Churnet was also raised by members of the parish that were present at the meeting. It was agreed that Borough Cllr Steve Sankey would contact Souths Staffordshire Water with the backing of the Parish Council regarding the possibility</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	of replacing this bridge. The clerk would update the councillors and the members of the parish once any further information was received.	
19.	<p><b>To approve the following payments:</b> Proposed by Cllr Ratcliffe and seconded by Cllr Wright. The cheques were signed at the meeting and the clerk would distribute.</p> <p>a. Webmaster pay for May &amp; June 2021 = £50 [LGA 1972 s142 &amp; 144]</p> <p>b. Clerk's pay for May &amp; June 2021 (Made by Standing Order) = £397.80 [LGA 1972 s112]</p> <p>c. Eon Lighting May 2021 = £23.22 + June 21= £23.22 total £46.44 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]</p> <p>d. J Etherington – Cleaning Village Hall May 21= £50 – paid &amp; June 2021 = £50</p> <p>e. Russ Whitehurst – Lengthsman May &amp; June 2021 = £196.10</p> <p>f. Bench for Church - £389.00+VAT =£466.80</p> <p>g. Lavin Printers – Denstone Diary = £480 – paid</p>	
	<p><b>Items for Future Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clearance of the gully – Cllr Mountney to contact Mr Plant</li> <li>2. Denstone Show</li> <li>3. Defibrillator Training</li> <li>4. Footpath</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Denstone</p>	Clerk