

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER 2008, AT 7.30 P.M.
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Howard(Chair), Cllr Atkins, Cllr Austin, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Podmore, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Roberts and Yorke.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Mr P Pritchard

APOLOGIES: No apologies were received

098/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st September 2008 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Yorke and seconder Cllr Roberts .

Cllr Yorke reported that minute number 093/08 should read that the sewerage works are due to commence in October and not be completed in October.

099/08 JCB ACADEMY

Paul Pritchard from JCB reported that the planning reports should be ready in the next two days. Bowmer and Kirkland have been appointed as main contractors. There has been a large interest in the JCB Academy web-site which is currently part of the JCB web-site. The JCB Academy will shortly have its own domain name. The mill is virtually empty. This week the Academy has advertised in all the main newspapers for a principal, they have had 52 people download the application form and 22 very good applications. This Friday the best six have been invited for an assessment centre at JCB and their appointment will be confirmed next Monday. There will be eventually a team of three, the principal, Paul Pritchard and a PA/Secretary(Diana Ross). Bowmer and Kirkland have been asked to provide a point of contact for the Parish Council.

100/08 FINANCIAL REPORT

That authority be given for cheques to be issued in respect of the invoices detailed on the Appendix to be signed. Proposed Cllr Yorke . Seconded Cllr Roberts.

The clerk reported that the audit was alright apart from the fact that the Risk Assessments have still not been completed.

It was agreed to donate £100 for Friendship Club Christmas Party

101/08 PLANNING

HO/07905/003 – 17 Churnet Row, Rocester, - Single storey rear extension, construction of a pitched roof over existing two storey rear extension and alterations to the front elevation by the additional installation of two windows.

There were no objections to this application as long as the work is carried out in accordance with the Conservation Area.

102/08 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Central Networks – Christmas Lights – Report usage the same as last year.

- b) SCC – Invitation to Playbuilder Programme – Cllr Yorke
- c) Communities & Local Government – Consultation paper -
- d) SCC – Re: Invoice for cleaning culvert – Send invoice to Severn Trent Water with copies of other documentation
- e) SPCA – Invite to AGM- No response

103/08 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The community gang came round the village mid-September. Cllr Atkins said that they need to have an updated list at regular intervals of jobs that need to be carried out, and find out off Richard Rayson what date the community gangs will be coming round and what date they need the list of jobs.

ESBC- Meadowside Leisure Centre is an ongoing project. Another major issue is Fox's Biscuits which affects jobs of people in the village.

The main cost rise at the moment is fuel costs.

104/08 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Community Council of Staffordshire – Annual Report
- b) Staffordshire Playing Fields Association – Annual Report
- c) SPCA – Annual Report
- d) The Community Council of Staffordshire – Grants Available- Pass to Ray Johnstone

105/08 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –

The clerk reported that she had now received the accounts and committee structure from Ray Johnstone. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting and copies be issued to all councillor's.

106/08 RIVERSFIELD DRIVE

Councillor Yorke had nothing to report.

107/08 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The clerk reported that the bus shelter had now been ordered.

108/08 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 10th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in Rocester Village Hall.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: -

That, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involved the likely disclosure of information which, in the opinion of the Council, would be prejudicial to the public interest and/or is of a confidential nature.

IN PRIVATE

The Chairman closed the meeting at pm

CHAIRMAN