

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 8th APRIL 2013 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Atkins (Chair), Cllr. Barlow, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Hollis, Cllr. LeBlanc, Cllr. Paxton, Cllr. Sutton, Cllr. Woodward and Cllr. Yorke

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Sarah Botham (ESBC), Sonny Turner and friends (Skatepark)

APOLOGIES: All councillors were in attendance.

026/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin Bussey attended the meeting to discuss the Summer Arts Festival which is to be held at Rycroft School on the 18th May. He asked if a letter could be sent from the Parish Council to the schools and local groups and also write to JCB to ask for sponsorship.

Sarah Botham from ESBC introduced herself and attended the meeting to discuss the skatepark. The young people said that wooden ramps are nice but Sarah said that they don't last very long. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the youth come up with the plans with the help of Sarah Botham. They also said that they would like a shelter in the corner of the park. The Parish Council are to apply for the funds on their behalf.

027/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 4th March 2013 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Hollis.

028/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

That authority is given for cheques to be issued in respect of the invoices detailed on the Appendix to be signed. Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Sutton.

The accounts for year ending 31st March 2013 were distributed and approved. The Audit Commission return was signed by Cllr. Atkins and the clerk.

029/13 PLANNING

Applications

P/2013/00116 - JCB Academy, Mill Street, Rocester – Alterations to existing boundary wall along Mill Street to form student access point including associated hard-standing and a replacement external door.

P/2013/00315 – 2 Dovecliffe Cottages, Barrowhill - Erection of two storey side extension

The members had no objections to the applications shown above.

030/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) Star Foundation – Recycling projects – This was passed on to RVHMC

031/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) SCC and City of S-O-T – Notification of Joint Waste Local Plan being adopted.

032/13 VILLAGE ALLIANCE GROUP

Another meeting of the Alliance has been arranged. Cllr. Yorke informed the members of the council that from the Alliance point of view she will be able to continue to attend the meetings after she has ceased to be a councillor. The members agreed that they would like her to continue to attend these meetings.

033/13 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The possibility of moving the date of the Parish Council meeting was discussed. It was decided that it would accommodate for bank holidays that occur at the start of the month and would maybe fit in better with Cllr. Smith (ESBC).

Cllr. Atkins moved that the Standing Orders are amended to reflect that the Parish Council meetings are on the second Monday of the month. The recess months of January and August will remain the same. All councillors voted in favour.

034/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins reported that there are three candidates for the County Council election (Conservative, Labour and Libertarian). He also reported that the recent snow has hidden a lot of road damage and the pothole level has gone from 700 to 2800. Highways are currently repairing sixty per day. The consultation is to take place on the two roundabouts at the junction with the B5030 and there are plans for another roundabout at the T junction in Denstone. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to contact Annabel Chell to ensure that there is enough publicity and it is early enough to go into the parish magazine.

035/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

036/13 ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr. Green discussed the report that had been distributed to all councillors. He added that he had been told that the registration numbers of cars parking on the village hall car park could be passed onto JCB for further action. The public toilets at the village hall were briefly discussed and Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to put this as an item on the agenda for the May Parish Council meeting. The clerk is also to investigate whether or not timed locks are available for use on the toilet door.

037/13 NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held on Monday 22nd, April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 13th May 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at 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 Chair closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

CHAIRMAN