

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Hollis (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Barlow, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Paxton, Cllr. Sutton and Cllr. Woodward.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Sara Botham (ESBC), Sonny Turner, Angela Proud (Trent & Dove Resident), Kate Yorke and Kevin Bussey.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Atkins,

**064/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kate Yorke attended the meeting to return the questionnaires from the Village Action Plan. The council agreed that these documents could be destroyed as the information from them had already been analysed. Kate gave the clerk the 'Note on Five Year Land Supply Methodology June 2013' and suggested that the Parish Council request that ESBC include the Parish Council on their mailing list.

Sara Botham attended the meeting to update the council on what was required regarding the skateboard ramps. She wanted to check on what size of land the Parish Council were prepared to let them use for the project. Cllr. Hollis proposed that they use whatever land they need. All councillors were in favour. Cllr. Barlow suggested that JCB are approached for funding for the project. Cllr. Hollis asked the clerk to inform Chris Smith of the date of the September meeting.

Angela Proud attended the meeting to discuss various issues with Trent & Dove properties. Cllr. Hollis said that we need to have a good relationship with Trent & Dove to enable their residents to live in the environment we want within the village. The clerk is to forward the photographs from Cllr. Barlow to Angela so she can liaise with Trent and Dove about the issues and create an introduction so we have a point of contact with them.

Cllr. Hollis reported that he had been approached by a member of Rocester Football Club to see if they can use Rocester Playing Fields as a football pitch. Cllr. Hollis proposed that a sub- committee is formed to liaise with Rocester Juniors during July and August so it can be up and running in September. Cllr. Hollis also proposed that Cllr. Paxton and Cllr. Woodward run the sub –committee. The sub-committee is to look at maintenance, public liability insurance and preparation of the pitches. Cllr. Woodward said they would need to check the age groups of children etc.

The clerk reported that Phil Ellis had attended before the start of the meeting to ask if he could lease the land at the rear of Three Woodseat Close. Cllr. Hollis proposed that the clerk speaks to Cllr. Atkins for his advice on the matter.

**065/13 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Sutton.

**066/13 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 Sutton and seconded by Cllr. Paxton.

The clerk asked permission to pay wages and any outstanding invoices during the August recess. Cllr. Paxton proposed and Cllr. Green seconded that these payments are made. All councillors were in favour.

## **067/13 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

P/2013/00805 – Former Queens Arms, Ashbourne Rd, Rocester- Removal of existing fireplace and replacement fireplace with multi-fuel burner.

P/2013/00691- Former Queens Arms, Ashbourne Rd, Rocester – Installation of 2 replacement windows on street elevation.

There were no objections to the applications shown above.

### **Applications Granted**

P/2013/00544- Primus, Castrum Court, Rocester – Installation of 16 solar panels

P/2013/00493– Myrtle Cottage, Jardines Lane, Stubwood – Retention and completion of a detached building to form workshop and garage with first floor decking and covered swimming pool with games room above.

Cllr. Hollis asked the clerk to write to ESBC Planning department to state that the members of Rocester Parish Council are disgusted that no notice has been taken to their objection of the application shown above for Primus, Castrum Court, Rocester. The applicant paid no attention to the development being in a conservation area or made any planning application that succumbed to this. ESBC Planning Committee paid no attention to the feelings of the members of Rocester Parish Council and local residents. A letter is also to be sent to Cllr. Smith as East Staffs Borough Councillor and comment on the disgust at lack of support.

## **068/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- (a) Brooks Solicitors – Letter Re: Invoice for re-siting of Village Hall gate – Cllr. Woodward proposed that the letter is passed on to the legal team at SCC to deal with. All councillors were in favour.
- (b) Churnet Valley Conservation Society – Request for support- all councillors agreed to support this request.
- (c) Harley Bussey – Request for sponsorship for Borneo Challenge. - Cllr. Barlow proposed that £500 is donated from King George V fund on the condition that Harley attends a Parish Council meeting on his return to do a presentation about the trip. All councillors were in favour.

## **069/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) ESBC- Local Plan Draft- Revised Statement of Community Involvement 2013 – The letter was read out and noted.

## **070/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor was not in attendance.

## **071/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

## **072/13 ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr. Green read out the Rocester Village Hall monthly report. A copy of the report is attached as an appendix.

## **073/13 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The letter of application from Cllr Reynolds was read out and discussed and Cllr. Barlow proposed that Yvonne Reynolds was co-opted on to the council. All councillors were in favour.

### **074/13 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

The clerk issued an 'Outstanding Issues List' and suggested that this document be produced every month as it was when Mark Howard was Chairman. The list was discussed and the clerk asked the councillors to let her have by email the names of any projects they would like to be included on the list. All councillors were in agreement with this document being used again and felt that it would avoid projects and tasks being left to fall by the wayside.

The clerk explained that as a result of attending the Annual Clerks Day and there been a section on Allotments, the National Allotment Association offered free advice on allotment leases. This could be useful as the council still have to draw up the lease with the Rocester Allotment Association. Cllr. Sutton proposed that Rocester Parish Council become a member of the association and Cllr. Barlow seconded the motion. All members were in favour.

### **075/13 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 9: 35 pm

CHAIRMAN