

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 10TH JUNE 2013 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Sara Botham (ESBC)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Le Blanc, Cllr. Woodward

051/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sara Botham from ESBC attended the meeting to discuss the Skateboard Ramp for Rocester Playing Fields. Sara said there could be funding available from the Neighbourhood Development Fund. Sara is going to start and look what funding is available. The clerk is to forward the details of Sonny Turner so she can arrange a meeting to discuss what equipment they want.

052/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2013 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Paxton and seconded by Cllr. Barlow.

053/13 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 Woodward and seconded by Cllr. Barlow.

The clerk reported that she had collected the accounts from the auditor and there were no issues to report.

054/13 PLANNING

Applications

P/2013/00544- Primus, 1 Castrum Court, Rocester – Retention of 16 photovoltaic solar panels
Cllr. Barlow proposed that the application is rejected on the grounds of it being within a conservation area. The clerk was also asked to report that the panels are not aesthetically in keeping with the rest of the development. Cllr. Hollis also commented that if it was passed it would encourage other residents on the development to have them installed.

Applications Granted

P/2013/00495- 51 High St, Rocester – Erection of rear conservatory
P/2013/00398 – Rear of 60 High St, Rocester – Conversion of existing garage, to form one dwelling, including the erection of two storey front extension.

055/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) JCB Academy – Request to hold a village fete – The clerk was asked to reply stating that there was no objection on the condition that a copy of their Public Liability insurance was provided.
- (b) Holly Yeomans – Bulls Entry maintenance – Cllr. Atkins had reported this issue. Cllr. Hollis requested that this item is kept on the agenda
- (c) Rocester Village Hall – Invite to Community Showcase Event – It was agreed that the parish council would have a table at this event, showing who the councillors are.

056/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There were no matters for information.

057/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor was not in attendance.

058/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

059/13 ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr. Green reported that the refurbishment is moving on well and the start date for the work is to be announced at the Annual General Meeting. The Fire Assessor had visited the village hall and had only charged £175 (this was expected to be higher). Natasha Gilbert's group are back in the village hall. The ceiling is going to be replaced and there will be more insulation and heating within the ceiling. This will make the village hall warmer and more inviting for people who want to hire it.

060/13 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr. Hollis proposed that this matter is deferred till the July parish council meeting due to the Chair not being in attendance. Cllr. Hollis asked the clerk to acknowledge receipt of Yvonne Reynolds application and to continue to advertise the position.

061/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD HIGHWAY TEAMS

The clerk reminded the council that the Neighbourhood Highway Teams would be in the area w/c 24th June and to inform her by email of any areas that required attention. The clerk was asked at the meeting to inform them of the weeds along the High Street. Concerns were also raised about the state of Churnet House regarding weeds at the front and also loose tiles on the roof of the out-buildings, which could be potentially dangerous if they fall onto the pavement. The clerk offered to speak to Paul Shanley from Conder regarding these issues.

The clerk was also asked to write to Tent and Dove and Midland Heart to ask them to inspect and maintain the exterior of their properties in light of the Best Kept Village Competition.

062/13 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Cllr. Barlow reported that Angela Proud (Trent & Dove representative) is to let the council have a list of issues. The clerk was asked to invite Angela to the July parish council meeting to discuss these concerns and to also contact Trent & Dove to ask for a current copy of their lettings policy.

Cllr. Sutton asked if the Police Commissioner could be invited to the July parish council meeting, the clerk replied that PCSO Higgs had already been invited but she would also invite Insp. Maskrey.

Cllr. Barlow discussed the issue of Ashmore's Ice Cream Van constantly parking on double yellow lines on Station Road. The clerk was asked to write to Parking Enforcement at ESBC to ask them to resolve this matter.

063/13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 8th July 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: 15 pm

CHAIRMAN