

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Hollis, Cllr. Barlow, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Paxton, Cllr. Podmore, Cllr. Sutton and Cllr. Woodward.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Sara Botham (ESBC), Mrs K Yorke

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Smith (ESBC)

**089/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr. Atkins reported that he had received a letter regarding the Eyes Farm planning application. This is to be discussed later in the meeting.

Sara Botham attended the meeting to update the council on the Skateboard Project. There was one design that the youths liked. The company are attending a site meeting at the park on 26<sup>th</sup> October; the time is to be confirmed. Their price came in at £30k. Trent and Dove do have some funds available. Cllr. Atkins to contact Staffordshire University to see if the group can use their filming facilities to produce a video to present to the Neighbourhood Forum.

**090/13 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2013 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Hollis and seconded by Cllr. Woodward.

**091/13 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. Greene.

The clerk read out the comments from Grant Thornton who carried out the audit on behalf of the Audit Commission on the accounts for financial year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**092/13 PLANNING**

**Applications**

P/2013/01014 – Eyes Farm Bungalow, Dove Lane, Rocester – Outline application for the erection of up to 18 dwellings with all matters reserved – Cllr. Atkins proposed that the clerk informs ESBC that the council are to continue with their objections on similar grounds as the previous application and also incorporate the comments included in the resident's letter. The clerk is also to include in the letter about the increase in traffic in area. A vote was taken and six councillors voted for and two abstained.

**Applications Granted**

P/2013/01020 – 46 Dovefields, Rocester – Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form garage, store and conservatory and formation of hard-standing to the front

P/2013/01022 – 8 Rivercroft Close, Rocester – Conversion of integral garage to form additional living accommodation

P/2013/00983 – Horseshoe Farm, Combridge – Erection of detached double garage with office above

P/2013/00863 – The Knoll, Old Uttoxeter Rd, Combridge – Erection of dormer extension to front and rear

### **093/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- (a) ESBC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – The letter was read out and noted.
- (b) Wicksteed – Annual Audit – I was agreed to have the basic audit.

### **094/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Cllr. Chris Smith – Reply re: Planning and meetings – Read and noted
- b) JCB Academy – Reply re: Buses travelling the village – Read and noted
- c) Community Council of Staffordshire – BKV Judges Comments – To be forwarded to all members
- d) Mathew Ellis – Notification of Public Meeting (21st October 2013) - Read and noted

### **095/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Atkins reported that Highways will be holding drop in meeting in Rocester Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October regarding the installation of the two roundabouts on the B5030 in Rocester.

Cllr. Atkins has called a meeting with Geoff Morrison about developments in Uttoxeter. He is conscious that Uttoxeter is missing out on a lot of public sector services. Agencies included will be Trent & Dove, Uttoxeter Racecourse, NFU, South Staffs College, Health Services etc. Chris Smith and Colin Whittaker will also be invited to attend.

Cllr. Atkins will be writing to all Parish Councils as the need for planning g permission has been lifted on the erection of flagpoles. Cllr. Atkins said that there was still money available in the SLCF.

### **096/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

### **097/13 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The monthly village hall report was received and noted.

### **098/13 CHRISTMAS 2013**

It was agreed that the Christmas Lights would be turned on this year on 7<sup>th</sup> December in conjunction with events at Rocester Village Hall. Cllr. Paxton proposed that the clerk applies to the Staffordshire Local Community Fund for money towards buying extra trees and lights for the local businesses.

It was also agreed that £50 is spent on raffle prizes and the money is kept in reserve towards improving the Christmas lights next year.

### **099/13 JOHN HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL BENCH**

The clerk presented the information on the benches. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the three seat oak bench from Sandon Sawmill is purchased. All councillors voted in favour.

### **100/13 VILLAGE HALL LEASE**

The village hall lease was discussed and Cllr. Atkins proposed that Cllr. Hollis obtains more information

### **101/13 OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

The clerk was asked to write to Chris Smith and request that there is a purge on parking around the village and also ask if it is possible for the decriminalised parking enforcement to be passed onto security at JCB. The parking issue is to be on next month's agenda.

### **102/13 PARISH COUNCIL SOLICITORS**

Cllr Atkins reported to the council that all Parish Council documents are safe with Philip Taylor at his new company in Burton after the closure of Wilkins & Thompson in Uttoxeter.

### **103/13 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN