

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Atkins (Chair), Barlow, Green, Paxton, Podmore and Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Kate and David Yorke, Paul Woodcock and Helen Mathews (S.C.C.), Chief Insp. S. Maskrey and S.C. Jo Goodwin

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Aris and Hollis

114/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Woodcock and Helen Mathews from Staffordshire County Council attended the meeting to discuss the future of the Children's Centre in Rocester.

Paul Woodward said that Staffordshire County Council will no longer fund the Children's Centre after the end of the current financial year. It is costing £9,600, this includes £6,000 for the pre-school and £3,600 for the utilities. The pre-school currently do all the administration. There are three things that need to be considered, they are:

- 1) No change
- 2) Look at fresh business into the building
- 3) What will happen to the building

Cllr. Woodward said that it is very important that this facility continues and that the Parish Council meet with Natasha Gilbert.

Helen Mathews said that she would send the clerk details of the current running costs.

David Yorke attended the meeting to discuss the Churnet House Farm planning application. He reported on the discussions at the planning meeting he had attended today and said that the Chair of the meeting had deferred the meeting until further information had been obtained from The Environment Agency and the Highways Department at Staffordshire County Council. David Yorke said that it would be advisable for the Parish Council to hold a meeting with Highways, The Environment Agency and also representatives from JCB. It was agreed that this meeting should be arranged for early in the New Year.

Chief Inspector Maskrey attended the meeting to update the council on police matters. He distributed a newsletter to all councillors.

115/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2014 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. Paxton.

116/14 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 Green and seconded by Cllr. Paxton.

It was agreed that the Precept Meeting will be held on Monday, 12th January 2014

117/14 PLANNING

Granted

P/2014/01179-54 High Street, Rocester – Erection of a dwelling

118/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

There were no items of correspondence requiring a decision.

119/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There were no matters for information.

120/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins reported that the library consultation has finished. The mobile library is part of the consultation.

There had been an information and feedback session on the two /three tier system. 85% were in favour of three tier system. Thomas Alleyne's continues to have a Sixth Form that doesn't have enough numbers. Staffordshire County Council are budgeting for 1.95% rise in Council tax. Staffordshire still has the lowest Council Tax in the country.

The work on the A50 is due to commence in the spring.

121/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

Cllr. Atkins reported that the Local Plan has been deferred to March 2015.

The clerk reported that Cllr. Smith had arranged for the Buttercross area to be cleaned by ESBC.

122/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Green reported that a meeting is to be held on Tuesday with VAST to discuss the future of the Management Committee.

123/14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 9th February 2014 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 9.10 hrs.

CHAIRMAN