

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 14th APRIL 2014 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Aris, Barlow, Green, Hollis, Paxton, Sutton and Woodward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Residents regarding planning application for the land at the rear of Rocester Garage. Mr Philip Wood. Mr Mark Dixon.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Atkins,

028/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Local residents attended the meeting to discuss the outline planning permission for three dwellings at the rear of Rocester Garage. They all voiced their concerns over the access to the land and the disruption caused whilst the properties are being built.

The residents raised the following issues:

- How would the developers get the services to the site without disrupting existing residents?
- There would be disruption to the traffic flow to the village whilst the site is being developed.
- The delivery Lorries to the site would not gain access due to the width of the access which is 8ft at its narrowest.
- There were serious concerns about the proposal of having a car park at the rear of the garage. This would result in more problems with the access, due to the increase of traffic coming in and out of the site.
- There were also concerns about security and safety with the car park at the rear of the garage.

The residents were advised by the clerk that even if the Parish Council agreed to make representation it would help if they each sent their own letter to ESBC planning department.

Mr Philip Wood asked if the Parish Council have had more information about the Foot and Mouth in the field where the proposed school is to be built. He had contacted someone name Ian Bakewell but had received no reply. The clerk was asked to speak to Philip Atkins to find out who would deal with this. Mr Wood also asked if the council could investigate the possibility of having a footpath towards the end of Ashbourne Road. Cllr. Green proposed that we wait until the new school is built as a footpath will have to be put in then.

Mr Mark Dixon attended the meeting to report a problem with children cycling on the pavements. Cllr. Hollis proposed that the clerk writes to Ryecroft to ask them to educate the children on cycling safety.

029/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 10th March 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.

030/14 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 Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Aris.

031/14 YEAR END FINANCES

The year- end finances for 31st March 2014 were presented by the clerk. Cllr. Woodward proposed and Cllr. Barlow seconded that they be accepted and be forwarded to the councils auditor.

032/14 PLANNING

Applications

P/2014/00068 – Land at Rear of Rocester Garage, Ashbourne Rd, Rocester – Outline application for 3 dwellings with all matters reserved. – Cllr. Hollis proposed that the council write a letter objecting for the reasons shown above

Granted

P/2014/00090- 76 Mill Street, Rocester – Erection of first floor rear extension

033/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) Rocester Local History Group – Request for funding for WW1 Event - Cllr. Hollis proposed that a maximum of £100 is donated but the clerk is to ask Kate Yorke how much they need.

034/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) ESBC- Revised Sustainability Report available for comment
- (b) ESBC – Submission of Local Plan – Report available for comment
- (c) David Cameron – Information on tax cuts for businesses and local councils

035/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The clerk reported the following which had been received from Cllr. Atkins

The Riversfield Drive project is on-going with plans being made using the Groundwork consultation looking for a low maintenance solution.

SCC agreed that the existing paving was in need of replacement and could be done by the County Council as part of its on-going maintenance of the public highway. However if the work was seen as maintenance our normal practice would be to replace the paving with tarmac. Clearly this treatment would not reflect the responses from the public consultation. So Chris Mitchell is also going to cost up a scheme that would better reflect these comments whilst not committing the County Council to a high maintenance solution. He is aiming to provide some draft proposals. He will be looking at both the installation cost as well as the on-going maintenance cost.

036/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Proceedings at the borough have been overshadowed by the change of leadership. Julian Mott is now the leader of the council. ESBC are looking into the possibility of charging for green bin waste. There is a petition on line that can be signed if you disagree with it. ESBC are spending an extra £5000 a day under the new leadership.

Outline planning permission has been granted for the site by the JCB roundabout for Finance and Insurance.

Cllr. Smith said he was to attend a site visit at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre.

037/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The report is to be issued at the Annual Parish Meeting

038/14 TRAFFIC ISSUES (Cllr. Paxton)

Cllr Paxton reported that a bus and a car had gone over the bridge in the wrong direction; he had reported it to the police and the bus company.

The clerk was asked to report this matter to Staffordshire County Council. Cllr. Paxton is to inform the clerk of the name of the person he had reported this matter to.

The clerk reported that HGV's are travelling along Mill Street and parking overnight on JCB Academy and is causing traffic problems as they come through the village. She had spoken to PCSO Higgs who said that JCB had stopped them from parking on their car parks overnight and this is causing them to park up in the village and surrounding areas. The clerk was asked to put this on next month's agenda for discussion and invite the police to the June Parish Council meeting.

039/14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 12th May 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Rocester Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 23rd April 2014.

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 9.30hrs.

CHAIRMAN