

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Kate and David Yorke, Mandy Whittaker, Natasha Gilbert
Cllr. C Smith (ESBC)

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Davies,

003/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Yorke informed the council that the Churnet Farm planning application had been deferred for a legal opinion. The flooding issue may be resolved.

Cllr. Atkins and Cllr. Hollis thanked David Yorke for attending the Planning Committee meeting on behalf of Rocester Parish Council.

David Yorke discussed the Conservation Area consultation. He said he would prepare an issues sheet for discussion at next month's meeting with Ben Williscroft,

004/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 8TH, December 2014 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Woodward and seconded by Cllr. Barlow

That the minutes of the precept meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2015 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Woodward and seconded by Cllr. Barlow.

005/15 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. Paxton.

The clerk informed the members of the council that the current auditor had moved out of the area and that the council would have to appoint a new auditor. Cllr. Hollis proposed that the clerk chooses a suitable auditor off the list supplied by SPCA.

006/15 PLANNING

Applications

P/2015/00056 – JCB (Excavators) Ltd, Lakeside Works, Rocester – Display of two internally illuminated fascia signs.

Granted

P/2014/01597- Dove Flats Farm, Rocester – Conversion of agricultural building to form a dwelling

P/2014/01617 – Red Lion Inn, Ashbourne Road, Rocester – Installation of external fire escape to rear

007/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Community Council of Staffordshire – BKV Competition – All councillors were in favour of entering the competition again this year.

- b) ESBC – Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation – The clerk notified the council that Ben Williscroft will be attending the March meeting (See Public Participation)
- c) ESBC – Rest Centre Training – Cllr. Green is to attend.

008/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) ESBC – Election – Important Dates – Read and noted

009/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins reported that there was a county council meeting on Thursday, the cabinet approved that council tax is to go up to 1.95 %. We are still next to the lowest council tax in the country.

There is £74m given out to authorities on the distress fund. There is some money put into dementia centres. We are on weekly updates on NHS winter crisis in Stoke-on-Trent.

There is another £15.4m in local growth money for more regeneration and more jobs.

Project A on the A50 is to start in March, project B is in the final stages of planning and are almost ready to publish the routes. Project B junction has got to be bigger than originally thought.

010/15 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing to report

011/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Green reported that bookings are starting to pick up, which is good news.

012/15 RIVERSFIELD DRIVE GARDEN

Cllr. Paxton asked if there was a possibility of having the trees removed at the Riversfield Drive garden.

It was decided to leave it till the summer then the clerk ask local residents what they think.

013/15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 9th March 2015 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 9.20 hrs.

CHAIRMAN