

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH
COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 11TH MAY 2015 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Atkins (Chair), Barlow, Bietkowski, Green, Hollis, Podmore, Sutton and Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), David Yorke and Ken Sutton

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Paxton

038/15 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

OFFICER	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Cllr. Atkins	Cllr.Barlow	Cllr. Podmore
Vice-Chair	Cllr. Green	Cllr. Woodward	Cllr. Barlow
Planning Sub-Committee	Cllrs. Podmore, Hollis and Woodward	Cllr. Atkins	Cllr. Barlow
BKV Sub-Committee	Cllr. Hollis, Bietkowski and the Clerk	Cllr. Atkins	Cllr. Barlow
Rocester Community Centre	Cllr. Green	Cllr. Woodward	Cllr. Barlow
Rocester Village Hall Lease Review	Cllrs. Atkins and Hollis	Cllr. Woodward	Cllr. Barlow
Emergency Plan	Cllr. Green and the Clerk	Cllr. Atkins	Cllr. Barlow
Footpaths	Cllr.Paxton	Cllr. Hollis	Cllr. Barlow
Cheque Authorisation	Cllr. Woodward	Cllr. Atkins	Cllr. Barlow

039/15 CO-OPTION

The clerk read out the letters received from David Hollis and Steve Bietkowski applying for the two vacancies on the council. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the two applicants be co-opted on to the council. All other councillors were in favour.

040/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 13th April 2015 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. Wodward.

041/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Sutton attended the meeting to discuss the letter they had sent regarding the problems at the JCB Academy. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to write to Jim Wade stating that the council are aware of anti-social and traffic problems and request a meeting with them.

Cllr. Atkins asked that the letter be copied to Helen Riley at Staffordshire County Council, the Chair of Governors of the JCB Academy and Ken Sutton

David Yorke attended the meeting to discuss the meetings that had taken place regarding Churnet Farm with the Environment Agency and Michael Hargreaves and Grant Anderson at JCB.

David read out his draft notes and Cllr. Hollis proposed that the notes be used for the Local Plan meeting. All councillors voted in favour.

David Yorke is to email the clerk his notes to be circulated to all councillors.

Cllr Atkins asked that the final notes be sent to the leader of ESBC, the Chair of the Planning Committee and the leader for Regulatory Services.

Cllr. Atkins also asked that they are also sent a letter regarding the dangerous barns at Churnet Farm.

042/15 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. Hollis.

The clerk discussed the Rocester signs at the village gateways and read out the quote from Julian Jeffery. The council agreed to purchase two extra signs, with the additional sign to be used near to the JCB Academy.

Cllr. Barlow discussed the quotes from Tippers for the drainage channels outside the village hall.

Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to investigate the cost of repair and the price to replace with solid concrete drains.

043/15 PLANNING

Applications

P/2015/00535 – Red Lion Inn, Ashbourne Road – Installation of fire escape to rear – Amendments to original application – There were no objections

044/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Mathew Ellis – People Power Fund/ Space and Neighbourhood Watch – The clerk to apply for funding for new CCTV Cameras
- b) BT – Telephone kiosk adoption Deferred to the next meeting
- c) Jan Gallier – Complaint re: JCB Academy traffic – This is to be included in the letter regarding the JCB Academy – See above
- d) Allotments Committee – The clerk was asked to inform the committee that they need to approach Staffordshire County Council. It was suggested that they could put a kissing gate and fence around the top plot to avoid the dumping of rubbish on there. Cllr. Hollis offered to act as a liaison between the council and the Allotments

Committee on this project. The clerk suggested that they could apply for funding from the Community Paths Initiative

044/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Response from Spacio-Tempo regarding damage to car park fence – The letter was read out and noted

045/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report apart from the hearings are going ahead for the compulsory purchase on Project A.

046/15 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance. The clerk was asked to write to Chris Smith in relation to his attendance of meetings and send a copy to the leader of ESBC.

047/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Green distributed provisional accounts for the Village Hall. He reported that there had been a loss of £600 in the financial year. This loss was due to the write off of some stock of alcohol.

048/15 CAR PARKING STRATEGY

The parking in the village was discussed and Cllr. Atkins said that the priority was to sort out the issue of the JCB parking. The clerk was asked to write to JCB again regarding this, stating that JCB employees are parking all over the village and ask what they going to do to enforce their Code of Conduct.

The clerk was also asked to contact the Enforcement Officer from ESBC and ask him for more regular visits and also contact Graham Johnson and inform him of the obstructions caused by parking on the pavements.

The clerk was also asked to obtain more information about the Village Hall car park and what could be done to resolve the issues on there.

Cllr. Green presented a photograph to the council showing a JCB Academy bus parked on the front of The Premier shop. The excess traffic going to the Academy was also discussed. The clerk was asked to write to Jim Wade and Mark Deville about this matter.

049/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Atkins discussed the Neighbourhood Plan and advised that the council should have a neighbourhood plan. All councillors were in favour of the Planning Sub-committee investigating the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Hollis offered to lead this project. Cllr. Podmore said that he would inform the clerk of how Denstone Parish Council had produced their Neighbourhood Plan.

050/15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 8th June 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 9.55hrs.

CHAIRMAN