

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 13th APRIL 2015 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), David Yorke, Residents to discuss The Churnet Farm Planning Application. PC G. Johnson

APOLOGIES: All Councillors were in attendance

027/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Hollis welcomed all the residents to the Parish Council meeting. Paul Redshaw said that the residents are objecting to the additional number of dwellings and the village won't actually cope with the extra capacity. Cllr. Hollis explained the Parish Council had already lodged their objections to both the application for the 90 dwellings and also the demolition of Churnet Farm House. David Yorke spoke to the residents in great detail about both applications. It was reiterated to the residents that they will need to submit individual objections showing valid planning grounds. There were nine responses from residents concerned about highway dangers, additional traffic, will the drains and other surfaces cope with the additional properties. There are no planning notices displayed in the area. David Yorke suggested that a residents petition maybe useful in addition to their individual responses. This is to be arranged by the residents. The clerk was asked to publicise the Parish Councils response on the Parish web-site.

028/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 9th, March 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.

029/15 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 annual accounts were presented to the council and agreed. Proposed Cllr. Barlow and seconded Cllr. Hollis. The accounts are to be now forwarded for internal audit.

030/15 PLANNING

Applications

P/2012/00205/JI – Churnet House Farm – Demolition of farmhouse and associated buildings

P/2012/00201/JI – Churnet House Farm – Outline application for the erection of up to 90 dwellings

P/2015/00297 – Land adjacent to Millholme, Mill Street, Rocester – Erection of four detached dwellings including the formation of vehicular access – No objections provided they are in keeping with the conservation area and reflect the historic part of the village and the existing trees are kept.

In relation to the Churnet Farm applications Cllr. Barlow proposed and Cllr. Green seconded that the response prepared by David Yorke is to be submitted to ESBC.

Cllr. Atkins proposed that David Yorke speaks at the planning meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. All councillors were in favour of both motions
Cllr. Aris and Cllr. Hollis thanked David Yorke on behalf of the council for his hard work on assisting the Parish Council on this matter.

Applications Granted

P/2015/00181 – Land adjacent to the River Churnet – Installation of concrete extraction chamber

P/2014/01354 – Former Queens Arms, Ashbourne Road, Rocester – Installation of four replacement windows to the front elevation

031/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a. Community Council of Staffordshire – Village SOS campaign –Publicise in the village, Parish magazine and the web-site. The clerk was asked to contact the Community Council of Staffordshire and ask for examples of projects within the area.
- b. SCC Highways - NHT Teams- List of jobs required – A list of jobs was produced and is to be sent to Highways.

032/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a. SCC – Notification of display and presentation of the new school to be built in Rocester – This is to be shown on the parish web-site.
- b. Entrust – Notification of partnership – Read out and noted

033/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

The integrated trust is going to extend the contract for three years.

The A50 project A is progressing.

There have been four more town deals, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley and Leek.

034/15 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

035/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Green is working on the year end accounts and hopes to have draft account for the Annual Parish Meeting.

They have lost the bookings from the Children’s Centre, the Youth Group.

The Parish Council will continue to help and support the village hall.

The old committee has decided to do a Barn Dance as a fundraising event for the village hall in the autumn.

036/15 CAR PARKING STRATEGY

Car parking issues in the village were discussed at length. These were highlighted as being in the following areas:

Rocester Village Hall – JCB employees parking on there, day and night.

Riversfield Drive – JCB employees parking on the pavement.

There needs to be a review of double yellow lines within the village.

There will be parking issues on Ashbourne Road, when the new school is open.

There is an issue of timing of traffic with JCB Academy, The Dove First School, Abbotsholme and Denstone College.

It was reported that a Spacio van is parking in the disabled bay on the village hall car park and has caused damage to the fence behind it. The clerk was asked to write to the company and report this and ask if they have any comments to make. Cllr. Green is to forward photographs of the damage to the clerk.

Cllr. Atkins reported that parking enforcement is no longer done by ESBC but is contracted to Stoke City Council.

037/15 BUTTERCROSS

The state of the paving around the Buttercross was discussed. The clerk said that it desperately needed cleaning and was getting very slippery in wet weather. ESBC had started to clean the area but had not finished it. The Chair proposed that the clerk be given authority to arrange cleaning and weed-spraying of this area.

037/15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 11th May 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 09.50 hrs.

CHAIRMAN