

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2013 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Hollis, Cllr. Barlow, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Paxton, Cllr. Podmore, Cllr. Sutton and Cllr. Woodward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Cllr. C. Smith (E.S.B.C)

APOLOGIES:

116/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The allotment lease was signed by both parties. The peppercorn rent was paid for the year to March 2014. Kate Yorke reported that ESBC had produced a consultation document about who should live in council houses.

David and Kate Yorke went to the Alliance meeting. Individual comments have been sent regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

117/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 11th November 2013 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Paxton and seconded by Cllr. Barlow.

118/13 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. Green.

Cllr. Atkins requested that a copy of the precept letter be forwarded to all councillors.

119/13 PLANNING

P/2013/01237 – JCB Lakeside Works, Station Rd, Rocester - Redevelopment of West Yard and extension to North West and South West elevation . There were no objections.

Planning Applications Committee - notification for Eyes Farm Bungalow, Dove Lane -This was discussed and it was agreed that Steve Bietowski be approached to see if he would be prepared to speak at this meeting.

120/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) Wicksteed- Annual Playground Inspection Report – Get two quotes for work required.

121/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) ESBC – Sara Botham – Neighbourhood Forum – Read out and noted
- (b) SCC- Cty Cllr. Simon Tagg – Highways Web-Site – Read out and noted

122/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins informed the council that £300 had been awarded from the Staffordshire Local Community fund towards the cost of the Christmas lights and trees.

A meeting is to be held by JCB on Monday, 6th January 2014 to inform the local councils about their plans.

The flag poles are now ready for delivery.

123/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. Smith reported that housing is taking up a lot of Borough Council time at the moment.

Cllr. Smith is now vice-chair of the Scrutiny Committee and is also the representative for East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee.

124/13 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The village hall committee held a very successful Rocesters Got Talent and Christmas Party and are looking forward to a rest after Christmas.

Cllr. Hollis had held a meeting with Jenny Woodward, Natasha Gilbert, Cllr. Green and Cllr. Podmore to discuss the village hall lease. Cllrs. Hollis and Podmore are to liaise with the village hall committee to sort out the lease. Cllr. Hollis said that the Parish Council must give the village hall committee support with help and volunteering. They also need more help and support with the way forward. Cllr. Hollis asked if an amount of money could be included in the precept for maintenance purposes.

Cllr. Atkins said that they need to build up a capital fund for projects and encourage other organisations to do their bit for the village hall.

125/13 JOHN HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL BENCH

The engraving on the bench needs to be done and Mrs Hutchinson is to be contacted in the springtime to come and see the bench.

126/13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 10th 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 hrs.

CHAIRMAN