

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH
COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 13th MAY 2013 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Atkins (Chair), Cllr. Barlow, Cllr. Green, Cllr. LeBlanc, Cllr. Paxton and Cllr. Woodward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Sonny Turner and other youth to discuss the Skateboard Park. William Read (ESBC – Emergency Plan)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Hollis (Holiday)

038/13 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman- Cllr. Atkins proposed by Cllr. Woodward, all councillors in favour.

Vice – Chair - Cllr. Hollis proposed by Cllr. Barlow, all councillors in favour.

Planning Sub – Committee - All councillors.

BKV Sub- Committee – All Local Groups

Rocester Community Centre representative- Cllr. Green

Rocester Village Hall lease review and allotments contract – Cllr. Atkins and Cllr. Hollis.

Emergency Plan- Cllr. Green and the clerk

Allotments lease – Cllr Atkins and Cllr. Hollis

Footpaths – JCB Academy

Cheque authorisation- Cllr. Woodward

039/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sonny Turner and other youth from the village attended the meeting to discuss the skateboard park and presented pictures of what they would like. The clerk is to contact Sara Botham to arrange a meeting to progress this project further.

Jenny Woodward and Natasha Gilbert attended the meeting to discuss the visit by the fire officer to the village hall. The fire officer and building regulations officer had been asked for advice on the forthcoming refurbishments. The fire officer said that he had been into the village hall before and had made recommendations for things to be done. The fire officer told them that the building was not fit for purpose. The cladding had to be removed, the fan heater under the stage and next to the kitchen had to be disabled and a Fire Risk Assessor would have to be brought in.

Natasha Gilbert had been advised by OFSTED not to use the building. This had caused a loss of revenue and had been a huge inconvenience as a business. Jenny Woodward said that this meant that they had to incorporate things that hadn't been budgeted for. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the council discuss help for the Village Hall in the finance section of the meeting.

William Read attended the meeting to discuss the progress of the Rocester Parish Council Emergency Plan. He offered to come to a meeting to help to highlight the risks around the village. The clerk is to arrange this meeting.

040/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 8th April 2013 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. Woodward.

041/13 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 Woodward and seconded by Cllr. Barlow.

With regards to Rocester Village Hall, Cllr Atkins proposed that the council pays for items up to £1000 (exc. VAT) in relation to the fire risk assessment report.

042/13 PLANNING

Applications

P/2013/00398- Building rear of 60 High Street, Rocester – The members have no objections subject to there being adequate parking for visitors and no obstruction.

P/2013/00370- Rocester Village Hall, Rocester – Erection of single storey extension to form lobby and disabled WC. – No objections

P/2013/00495- 51 High Street, Rocester- Erection of rear conservatory – No objections

P/2013/00493 – Myrtle Cottage, Jardines Lane, Denstone – Erection of detached building, to form workshop and garage with first floor decking and covered swimming pool with games room above.

Granted

P/2013/00117 – JCB Academy, Mill St, Rocester – Alterations to boundary wall.

P/2013/00315- 2 Dovecliffe Cottages, Barrowhill, Rocester – Erection of two storey side extension

P/2013/00116 – JCB Academy, Mill St, Rocester – Alterations to boundary wall.

043/13 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) Request for donation from Campaign to Protect Rural England – Not at this moment in time.

044/13 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) St Michaels Church, Rocester - Thank You letter for grant – Read and noted.

045/13 VILLAGE ALLIANCE GROUP

The report issued by Kate Yorke was distributed to the councillors.

046/13 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins reported that he had been re-elected and was still leader of Staffordshire County Council. The council now had a smaller cabinet of five. The paperwork had been signed for BT to be the bidder of the Broadband, this is to be rolled out over the next eighteen months and will be covered by a 4G network. The public consultation had taken place on the B5030 improvements and all attendees were in favour.

047/13 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Mayor making at ESBC had taken place last Friday. Mike Rogers (Lib Dem) is the new Mayor and David Leese is the new deputy Mayor. Cllr. Atkins suggested that it would be a good idea for the local organisations to attend the Neighbourhood Forum this November. Chris Smith reported that he had been invited to the JCB dealer conference press review. Chris had to visit JCB to request that they use their own road onto Prestwood Park.

048/13 ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

It was reported that Rocester Village Hall Management Committee do not want to take on board the running of the village toilets.

049/13 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

The clerk was asked to write to Caroline Hill to ask if she would like to sell the land at the rear of Rocester Garage and also draw attention to the fact that we have had complaints about the fence on Bulls Entry and reports of rodents.

The clerk reported on the community project on the recreation ground by JCB Academy. As part of their project the students would like to refurbish the play equipment. The members of the council were all in favour for them to proceed.

050/13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 10th June 2013 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 9:10 pm

CHAIRMAN