

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 19.30 HRS
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Mark Dickson, Chief Inspector Maskrey

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Aris

074/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Hollis welcomed Chief Inspector Maskrey to the meeting. Cllr. Sutton explained about the issues regarding parking, speeding and the problems with the JCB Academy buses travelling along Mill Street and Ashbourne Road. CI Maskrey said that the police are going into the schools to discuss road safety along with other issues. Gerry Peck will co-ordinate the school visits. CI Maskrey said that he would attend the Parish Council meeting in December and asked if the clerk could remind him prior to this date.

Kate Yorke congratulated the Parish Council on obtaining third place in The Best Kept Village competition.

Kate also offered to attend the Alliance meeting which is to be held on Wednesday prior to the meeting about the Local Plan. All members of the council were in agreement with this and thanked Kate for attending.

075/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 14th July 2014 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr. Woodward.

076/14 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 Green and seconded by Cllr. Paxton.

077/14 PLANNING

Applications

P/2014/01004 – Land North East of Woodseat Grove, Rocester – Continued use of land for equestrian use and retention of a field shelter and storage shed – There were no objections but the members agreed that all public footpath access should be kept clear and maintained.

Granted

P/2014/00228 – JCB Rocester – Construction of 18 hole golf course

078/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- (a) ESBC – Local Plan Examination – Invitation to hearing – Cllr. Woodward said that he would try and attend and would confirm with the clerk the next day.
- (b) ESBC- Sara Botham – Neighbourhood Priorities-RVH Project – The formation of a new Management Committee is in abeyance at the moment and the Parish Council are acting as trustees. The members asked if the project could be kept in mind for future funding allocations as we reconstitute the Management Committee.

- (c) Mathew Ellis – PCC Letter re: Dangerous Parking Outside of Schools – Reply stating that the Dove First parking is an issue despite the head/governors best efforts and state that the school is situated in a cul- de- sac with the church.
- (d) SCC- Graham Hunt – Invitation to follow up meeting on County Highways Procedures – The clerk and Cllr. Hollis to attend.
- (e) ESBC – Letter Re: Members Allowances – Reply stating that there will be no payment of allowances to councillors
- (f) E-on Changes to Maintenance Regimes- Cllr Hollis proposed that Rocester Parish Council accept the changes

079/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Community Council of Staffordshire - BKV Results – The clerk asked if a letter could be sent to Tony Scales and Andrew Weetman thanking them for their hard work.
- (b) SPFA – Annual Report and Invitation to AGM
- (c) Audit Commission – Audit Report – The clerk was thanked for the good report
- (d) Jenny Woodward – Thank You Card
- (e) SCC – Notification of Grant for Riversfield Drive Garden Project
- (f) SCC – Cllr. Alan White – Letter Re: Supporting People Review
- (g) St Michaels Church – Letter re: Thank You letter for the annual grant for churchyard maintenance
- (h) HM Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire – Nominations for Honours
- (i) Community Council – AGM Notification

080/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr. Atkins said he had attended the First World War Centenary at Rocester Church. Cllr. Atkins proposed that twenty porcelain poppies are purchased, one for each life that was lost from the village of Rocester. All councillors were in favour. The clerk is to order these from the Tower of London web-site. Cllr. Atkins also reported that a planning application has gone in for project A on the A50. The roundabout in Denstone is nearly finished.

The average wage in Staffordshire has increased.

A new chief executive is being recruited at the moment.

081/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

082/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Green reported that he had bought a buffer for the village hall floor at a cost of £500. Things are ticking over but it is obvious that there isn't a management committee. Cllr. Atkins said that a meeting should be held at the start of next month's Parish Council meeting instead of Public Participation.

083/14 RIVERSFIELD/DOVEFIELDS GARDEN PROJECT

The clerk updated the council on the progress of the project. The three quotations were read out and Cllr. Atkins proposed that the cheapest quotation from RB Landscaping is accepted. Cllr. Hollis seconded.

084/14 CHURNET BRIDGE

Cllr. Paxton reported that the water main pipe that runs at the side of Churnet Bridge is in a very poor state of repair. It is very rusty and 50% of the insulation has come off it. The clerk was asked to report this to South Staffs Water.

085/14 FOOTBALL AND RUGBY PITCHES

Cllr. Paxton asked Cllr. Atkins if he could help to acquire sports pitches within the Uttoxeter area.

Cllr. Atkins said that ESBC deal with this and sports facilities will be made available at the Uttoxeter Quarry when the extraction has finished.

086/14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 13th October 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 9.15 hrs.

CHAIRMAN