

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Atkins, Aris, Barlow, Green, Podmore, Paxton, Sutton and Woodward.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk),

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Hollis

Cllr. Atkins welcomed Cllr. Aris to the meeting.

**016/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Philip Wood attended the meeting and asked why his query about the proposed sites for Ryecroft and Dove First School was not on the Parish Web-Site. The clerk informed him that minutes are not added to the web-site until they have been signed at the following month's meeting.

**017/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 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.

**018/14 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 Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Green.

The clerk requested that salaries are paid during the first week of the month due to the implications of HMRC Real Time reporting. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the salaries are paid during the first week of the month but are signed by two other Councillors and not the clerk.

**019/14 PLANNING**

**Applications**

P/2014/00228 – Woodseat Level, Rocester – proposed 18 hole golf course. – There were no objections to the application. However, the clerk was asked to enquire about the effect on the walks around the lake and ask if a Traffic Impact Assessment has been carried out for the days of potential tournaments. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to request that provision is made in the design for a cycle route from the lake to Uttoxeter. It should also be noted that there has been a lot of road improvement and welcome the extra investment and job opportunities in the parish. It was also recorded that this project will not be in the area for Superfast Broadband.

**Granted**

P/2013/01237- JCB Lakeside Works, Rocester – Redevelopment of West Yard

**Refusal**

P/2013/00913- Land North East of Woodseat Grove- Continued use of land for equestrian use and retention of a field shelter and storage shed.

**020/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- (a) SCC – Glynn Hook – Street Lighting – it was decided not to partake at this moment in time.

(b) Community Council of Staffordshire – Good Neighbour Scheme – Request more information.

#### **021/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

(a) SCC – Notification of plans for school available to view until 21<sup>st</sup> March

#### **022/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr. Atkins read out the email from Graham Hunt in relation to last week’s presentation at Uttoxeter Racecourse. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to forward the presentation to all councillors for them to read. Achieving Excellence for young people is in cabinet on Wednesday. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will continue. The proposal is to save £2.5m. The City deal was signed on Thursday. This will create 20,000 more jobs in the county. Connectivity - the M6 is being widened.

#### **023/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

#### **024/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Green reported that the AGM will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Leaflets are to be distributed around the village asking people to come forward and take part.

#### **025/14 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

The clerk reported that the entrance forms were ready to send for the BKV Competition. She also asked that Councillors let her know if they spot anything in the village that needs doing that will help to improve the appearance of the village ready for the judging. The clerk reported that she had approached Chuck Wood for a quotation for the repair and replacement of some of the coping stones on the village hall wall.

Cllr. Atkins proposed that all schools get involved including JCB Academy.

#### **026/14 RIVERSFIELD/DOVEFIELD GARDEN PROJECT**

As a result of a Portacabin being put on Trent & Dove ground by the cladding company, £800 had been given to use on a village project. Cllr. Atkins reported that he had walked round the village with Ron Dougan (CEO of Trent & Dove) and they had discussed the garden project on Riversfield Drive. It was decided that it would be a joint project with Staffordshire County Council highways taking the lead. The clerk had passed on all the plans and design information done by Groundworks on to Ron Dougan.

#### **027/14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 9.10hrs.

CHAIRMAN