

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Atkins (Chair), Aris, Barlow, Green, Paxton

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Ruth Brompton- Charlesworth, Mark Dixon, Sara Botham (ESBC)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Hollis and Woodward

**040/14 ELECTION OF OFFICER**

Chairman- Cllr. Atkins, proposed by Cllr. Barlow, seconder Green. All councillors in favour.

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

Planning Sub – Committee - All councillors.

BKV Sub- Committee – Cllr. Hollis and to include all Local Groups

Rocester Community Centre representative- Cllr. Green

Rocester Village Hall Lease Review– Cllr. Atkins and Cllr. Hollis

Emergency Plan- Cllr. Green and the clerk

Footpaths – Cllr. Paxton

Cheque authorisation- Cllr. Woodward

**041/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Philip Wood asked if there was any news about the planning application for the school. Cllr. Atkins said that the planning application has gone in and would be available to view on the web-site.

Ruth Brompton-Charlseworth attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of planting around the village. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the clerk liaises with Ruth to discuss how to take this project forward.

Cllr. Atkins asked Ruth to attend the next meeting.

Mark Dixon attended the meeting to see if there was any update on the issues he raised last month with regards to the children on bikes. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to write to the Chair of Governors at each school to report the problem and also ask PCSO Higgs to stand outside the school when the children leave and check their bikes.

Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to write to Chris Mitchell and ask for a no cycling sign on Churnet Bridge and also contact the road safety team at the county council. Cllr. Atkins asked Chris Smith to request that the enforcement officer is also informed regarding this and the parking issues.

Concerns were raised with regards to overgrown hedges between Northfield Avenue Bull Ring and Swinson Close and also on Church Lane outside both the Old Vicarage and The New Vicarage. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to inform Chris Mitchell at Staffordshire County Council about this matter.

**042/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 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. Paxton.

**043/14 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. Paxton.

## **044/14 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

P/2014/00416- JCB Lakeside Works – Erection of two retaining walls between existing lakes to give the appearance of a new bridge, realignment of existing path and lake banks and alterations to land levels. There were no objections to this planning application.

## **045/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- (a) SCC – Community Paths Initiative – Cllr. Paxton has had the letter to read up about the grant.
- (b) SPCA – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Tim, Nigel or Dennis

## **046/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Jenny Woodward – RVH Letter of Resignation- See below
- (b) Natasha Gilbert – RVH Letter of Resignation – Se below

## **047/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The roundabouts on the B5030 are nearly finished and have cost a little more than expected. The third roundabout has been passed and the hedges have been covered.

The planning application for phase A of the A50 will be coming in soon. This will have little effect on the town.

The planning application has gone in for Dove First School.

There is a preliminary consultation about libraries.

Youth services will gradually be withdrawn. The Children's Centres are under review.

Bettercare fund has been set up to get Social Services and NHS working better together.

The minor injuries in Cannock is closing it is losing £1m per year.

Stafford Hospital will be under UHNS.

There is to be better feedback on road repairs.

## **048/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr. Smith said that because of the changeover of leadership things at the Borough had been a little slow.

The Mayor-making ceremony was last Friday.

Cllr. Smith had been on a site visit to Uttoxeter Leisure Centre with the Uttoxeter Rural councillors.

Cllr. Green asked Cllr. Smith about the rate review that is taking place and asked if this would change?

## **049/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Green reported that the AGM had not produced enough people to form a management committee. The bingo will carry on.

Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to write to Natasha Gilbert and Jenny Woodward thanking them for their work on the village hall management committee and to ask if they would like to be involved in some fundraising activity. Cllr. Atkins also asked the clerk to look into buying a gift as recognition of the Parish Councils appreciation for the hard work that had been done.

Cllr. Green said that two more cheque signatories would be needed. Cllr. Atkins and the clerk are to be cheque signatories and trustees. All in favour.

## **050/14 /HGV's AT JCB ACADEMY**

The matter of HGV's parking at JCB Academy was discussed. This has come about as a result of JCB stopping them from parking overnight on their car park. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the clerk writes to Jim Wade to make him aware of the problem of the HGV's travelling along Mill Street and also mention that

students attending the academy are travelling in their own cars and being taken to school by parents when the Parish Council were told that they would be taken to school by the buses.

**051/14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 9.25 hrs.

CHAIRMAN