

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT 19.00 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Atkins (Chair), Aris, Barlow, Hollis, Green, Paxton, Podmore, Sutton and Woodward

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Natasha Gilbert, Anthony Fowell (Kickboxing), Jason Wortley (Rocester Camera Club), Kate Yorke and Philip Wood

**APOLOGIES:** All Councillors were in attendance

**087/14 ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

The clerk was asked to speak to Cathy Russell about what happens in a situation where there is a paid secretary/manager employed by the Management Committee.

The list of groups is to be redone and invite each of them to have a representative on the committee along with the already elected members of the committee. If an organisation has a couple of people wishing to be on the committee there is room on the co-opted route. The Management Committee manages the hall but is not involved in the day to day running of the village hall.

The Parish Council are to look at revenue funding streams that we can give as an annual grant.

The clerk was asked to contact Graham Hunt and Helen Gill to see if there are any funding streams.

The clerk and Cllr. Green were asked to produce a business plan for the existing village hall and explore likely revenue opportunities.

**088/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>TH</sup> September 2014 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Hollis and seconded by Cllr. Woodward.

**089/14 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.

**090/14 PLANNING**

**Applications**

P/2014/01179 – Land at Rear of 54 High Street, Rocester- Erection of a dwelling- There were no objections but the members wished for it to be mentioned that they are towards the limit of dwellings off that particular access.

P/2014/01178- 70 Mill Street, Rocester – Erection of single storey rear extension – No objections

P/2014/01250- Adj. The Mill, High Street, Rocester – Felling of 2 Alnus Glutinosa (Alder) Trees – No objections.

**Granted**

ES.14/10 Outline Application for development of Middle School – Land off Ashbourne Road, Rocester

P/2014/01004 – Land North East of Woodseat Grove, Rocester – Continued use of land for equestrian use.

**091/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- a) First Steps Pre- School – Letter re: Village Hall Floor – Cllr. Green to investigate ways of rectifying the problem.
- b) ESBC – Questionnaire on Ethical Standards Training – The clerk to reply and complete the questionnaire.
- c) Wicksteed – Annual Inspection due- Inspection to be arranged

- d) BKV – Judges Comments – The comments are to be discussed at next month’s meeting.

#### **092/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) PCSO Higgs Rocester Update – The update was read out by the clerk and noted  
b) Chris Mitchell Letter Re: Bike Sign - The letter was read out and noted

#### **093/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

The County Council are recruiting a new chief executive. There are concerns with the economy at the moment. A lot of work is going on with Health and Well - Being board. Privatisation of cancer care and end of life care. It’s a very complicated debate. DMH were funding the privatisation of end of life care. Passed petition to Clinical Commission group with the four major points that the petitioners raised. Police and Crime Commission on Child Safety. There are worries of child exploitation in Burton.

Youth Clubs, D of E award scheme agreed that youth workers are to set up social enterprise company to take this forward. Phil Pussey will advise on how to set up a children’s group.

The consultation on libraries has closed. There were close on 4000 replies to the consultation. Uttoxeter Library will stay as it is but the opening times will reduce by 15 minutes per day.

Children’s Centres consultations are out at the moment. There are 54 across the county. Some are remaining as a Children’s Centre. There will be a discussion as how we manage the building.

Some will stay as they are, some will be slightly different and more than half that are next door to schools will be taken over by the schools. There will be more information on the web-site.

The Planning Application is in for project A on the A50.

78% of schools in Staffordshire are good or outstanding.

The County Council is submitting its Local Plan statement stating that it does not comply. It will be available on the ESBC web-site.

#### **094/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

#### **095/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This matter was discussed at the start of the meeting.

#### **096/14 ALLIANCE MEETINGS/LOCAL PLAN**

Kate Yorke asked if Rocester Parish Council still want to be represented at the Alliance meetings.

Cllr. Atkins said that he thought the plan would be thrown out by the Inspector.

The clerk was asked to send Kate Yorke a copy of the position statement that was sent by Rocester parish Council.

Write to Cllr. Chris Smith and say that we are negatively impacted by him being on the committee.

#### **097/14 CHRISTMAS 2014**

It was agreed that the Christmas lights would be switched on, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 6pm.

The clerk is to purchase raffle prizes to the value of £50 and also see if we can encourage local business’s to have three extra trees.

The clerk is also to chase Trevor Mellor at Staffordshire County Council regarding the hole in the ground outside the Red Lion PH to put the tree in. Cllr. Barlow is also going to speak to Trevor mellor regarding dimensions etc.

The clerk reported that she had contacted Les Humphries regarding carol singing by The Churnet Valley Male Voice Choir. This is to be confirmed in the next few days. She also reported that there is £107 in the budget towards the project from last year’s raffle. It was agreed that the proceeds from last year’s raffle would go to expanding the project.

**098/14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 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