

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Mark Dixon, Jeff Aris and Local residents to discuss the Ashbourne Road planning application. Mrs J. Woodward.

**APOLOGIES:** All councillors were in attendance

Cllr. Hollis opened the meeting by thanking Jenny Woodward for all her hard work for the village hall and the village and presented her with a gift from the Parish Council. Jenny thanked the Parish Council and said that the old committee wanted to put on an event later in the year. There was also a gift for Natasha Gilbert who could not attend the meeting. This was to be delivered to her by the clerk.

### **063/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The council were asked by the local residents if it was a unanimous decision by the council to object to the Ashbourne Road housing development. Cllr. Atkins was asked if he was for or against the application. He stated that he had to declare an interest because he chaired the planning committee for the school which is adjacent to the housing development. Philip Wood asked why the school had to be placed on that site. The site is a site available to place the school. Philip Wood also said that the school could go halfway down the field as there is still Foot and Mouth in that field. Cllr Atkins said that could be reported when the application for the school goes to a committee.

Cllr. Hollis informed the residents that the Parish Council did hold a special meeting the week after the June monthly Parish Council meeting and Cllr. Smith from ESBC did attend that meeting and listened to the concerns of the council.

Philip Wood asked Cllr. Atkins to ask Ian Bakewell at Staffordshire County Council for a reply to the email he sent in February regarding the Foot and Mouth.

David Yorke asked why decisions can be made on most developments but we are still awaiting a decision for the development for the flood plain. Cllr. Hollis proposed that the clerk writes to Chris Smith and ask this question.

The council were informed about a dispute relating to the hedge at the rear of properties on Valley View Walk. The clerk was asked to write to the occupants of 7, 9 and 11 Valley View Walk and inform them that the hedge does not belong to the parish council.

The clerk was asked to report the potholes around the roundabout at the Denstone turning and on Riversfield Drive.

Geoff Aris asked about the procedure for fencing around the allotment area when the development proceeds. He also asked about getting the boundary moved to enable deliveries onto the allotment site.

Geoff Aris informed the council that they had to drill for water on the allotment site. The cost was more expensive than anticipated and asked if the council would agree to pay the invoice as it was their land and could therefore claim back the VAT. The council agreed to this being paid.

### **064/14 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Paxton and seconded by Cllr. Woodward.

### **065/14 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.

The clerk informed the council that the Fixed Rate Bond had matured and a new one needed to be opened. The clerk said that due to the imminent rise in interest rates it would be advisable just to open one for a year. Cllr Hollis proposed that this account be opened and Cllr. Podmore seconded. All councillors were in favour.

Cllr Barlow proposed that the Parish Council reimburse the clerk for the cost of the lap-top and printer that had recently been purchased. Cllr Aris seconded the proposal. All councillors were in favour.

The clerk asked permission to pay the wages for the month of August. All councillors were in favour.

## **066/14 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

P/2014/00786 – 1 Swinson Close – Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation, erection of a first floor side extension and erection of a single storey front extension. The members of the council had no objections to the application on the condition there is adequate off road parking.

## **067/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- a) Ken Roache – request for permission to metal detect on the Recreation Ground – Permission was declined for safety reasons.
- b) Jim Wade (JCB Academy) – Notification of Car Rally – There were no objections to this event taking place.

## **068/14 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) SCC- Graham Hunt – Notification of Highways meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

## **069/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The big issue for this area at the moment is the new school. There has been a meeting with the portfolio holder to take the governing body through the points. Dove First need to communicate with Ryecroft. There are failing school systems in Uttoxeter. Thomas Alleyne is in the bottom quartile in the country. Rakemark respite has closed, it folded at the AGM at the end of the month. It was run by volunteers.

## **070/14 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

## **071/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Green distributed a report and discussed its contents.

## **072/14 RIVERSFIELD/DOVEFIELDS GARDEN PROJECT**

The clerk updated the council on the progress of the project. Three quotations are to be obtained from landscaping contractors.

## **073/14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 9.20 hrs.

CHAIRMAN