

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Kate and David Yorke, Mr Ben Williscroft (ESBC), Lee Hudson (Rocester Allotments), Joan Lane (West View)

**APOLOGIES:** All Councillors were in attendance

**014/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lee Hudson attended the meeting to inform the council that he would like to erect a Poly Tunnel on the allotments. The clerk is to check the lease and write to Lee Hudson with her findings.

Kate Yorke attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council were still planning on meeting with the Environment Agency. David Yorke said that we need reassurance that the development will not cause any flooding problems for adjacent properties. The clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency to arrange a meeting.

Ben Williscroft from ESBC presented the Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation and answered a number of questions from councillors and members of the public. A response is required at ESBC by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**015/15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup>, February 2015 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. Green

**016/15 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 asked permission to do the March wages before the 25<sup>th</sup> March due to holidays so that the HMRC return for 2015 could be completed. All councillors agreed that this could be done.

**017/15 PLANNING**

**Applications**

- a) **P/2014/01354- Former Queens Arms, Rocester** – Installation of four replacement windows to the front elevation- No objections as long as they are in keeping with the area.
- b) **P/2015/00181 – Land adjacent to the River Churnet, Woodseat Level, Rocester** – Installation of concrete extraction chamber for the purpose of pumping water from the river to a nearby lake to irrigate the proposed golf course – No objections

**Granted**

a) **P/2015/00056- JCB (Excavators) Ltd, Lakeside Works, Station Road, Rocester** -Display of two internally laminated fascia signs

**018/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- a) Support Staffordshire – The Future of The Churnet Valley Living Landscape - Partnership – Request for a representative to join the group – Cllr. Podmore to attend
- b) SCC – Highways – Location for Rocester sign at village gateway. – Option 2

- c) BPUD Ltd – Invitation to comment on Newborough Neighbourhood Plan- No comments
- d) Wicksteed Ltd – Annual Inspection Report – Obtain two quotes
- e) SCC – Paul Rochfort – Community Paths Initiative 2015 – The clerk to look at the footpath at the top of the allotments and the path between the Bull Ring and Swinson Close.
- f) East Staffordshire – Civic Pride Awards 2015 – This letter was discussed and it was agreed to nominate Jenny Woodward, Geoff Aris and Lee Hudson

#### **019/15 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) The Pensions Regulator – Enrolment Duties – This was read out and noted.

#### **020/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Council Tax is to go up by 1.95%. It is the second lowest in the country. The library consultation has come to an end. The Youth Clubs have now finished. Other groups have help available and are now growing. £20m into Adult and Social Care Budget. The Children’s Centre is making enough money to cover the cost of the County Council at the moment. The childcare agreement needs to be signed by the end of this month.

The school is programmed to open in September 2016. It will open as a Church of England Middle School.

#### **021/15 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

#### **022/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Bookings are picking up and there are a couple of weddings booked in. Cllr. Green has completed the rest centre training course. He asked for it to be put on the next agenda because volunteers would be needed. He also said that Jeanette Simpson will not be doing the bookings after the end of March. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would do the bookings on a month’s trial and see how it goes.

#### **023/15 FOOTPATHS AND ROADS**

Cllr. Paxton reported the fact that the footpaths in the village are in a terrible state of repair. Cllr. Atkins said that he would speak to Chris Mitchell about this matter.

#### **024/15 PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Barlow discussed the issue of parking in the village especially outside The Premier and The Red Lion. He also said that the bollards still hadn’t been repaired. Cllr. Atkins asked the clerk to report the bollards again to Chris Mitchell (c.c. Cllr. Atkins in the emails) and also ask him about getting the Double Yellow Lines repainted. The clerk was asked to put the Village Car Parking Strategy on the April agenda.

#### **025/15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The members were notified that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm.

#### **026/15NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 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 hrs.

CHAIRMAN