

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD  
ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 19.30 HRS  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Atkins, Green, Barlow, Bietkowski, Hollis, Podmore, Sutton and Woodward

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Kim Seaton, Joy and Ken Sutton, Jamie Browning and Cllr. Smith (ESBC), Jim Wade (JCB Academy)

**APOLOGIES:**

**003/16 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and the Precept Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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.

**004/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim Wade of the JCB Academy attended the meeting to discuss the amended plans for the apprentice block at JCB Academy. Cllr. Hollis asked Jim Wade what impact the noise would have on neighbouring residential properties. Jim Wade said there would be not much noise coming out of the building. Jim Wade said that the apprentices will increase from 140 to 180.

Cllr. Barlow raised concerns about the additional traffic attending JCB Academy and presented a number of photographs as evidence of the traffic situation at the moment. Cllr. Hollis asked Jim Wade if there was a need for the additional apprentices in the current economic climate.

Cllr. Atkins asked Jim Wade if they have ever looked at another site separate from the current site. Jim said that there are facilities at the current site that the apprentices would need to use and they currently own that piece of land.

Joy Sutton asked if the original planning conditions would still apply to the new building. Cllr. Atkins said they would.

Jamie Browning asked if the JCB Academy could do something about the weeds near to the end of West View as they are spreading onto the gardens behind West View.

Cllr. Atkins proposed that there is improved relations between the Parish Council and JCB Academy.

Kim Seaton asked Cllr. Smith why the bridge at JCB had not been built according to the plans. Cllr. Smith said that he would find out and let the clerk know.

Cllr. Barlow asked about the sludge that had been removed when the bridge had been built and had they got permission to dump it by Harry Edges. Cllr. Atkins is to find out about this has it is a County Council matter.

## **005/16 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

## **006/16 PLANNING**

- a) **Applications to be considered by the Parish Council**
  - I. ES.14/10 D5 Land off Ashbourne Road, Rocester – the same comments as before
  
- b) **Applications Granted by East Staffordshire Borough Council**
  - I. P/2015/01482 – 56 Riversfield Drive, Rocester- Erection of a two storey side extension and front canopy roof
  - II. P/2015/01512 – 3 West View, Rocester – Erection of single storey rear extension
  - III. P/2015/01598 – Doveflats Farm, Barrowhill, Rocester – Conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling
  
- c) **Applications Withdrawn**
  - I. P/2015/01361 – Land North East of Woodseat Grove, Rocester-Change of use to form residential garden, formation of access and parking area and erection of garage and stable

## **007/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Atkins said that Council Tax will increase by 3.95%.

## **008/16 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

ESBC have revived a tourist website that takes in this area. Speak to Kimberley Evans at ESBC.

Cllr. Smith is to forward the clerk a template for an Emergency Plan.

Cllr. Smith said that he had reported the flood on the corner of Church Lane and Ashbourne Road. The clerk said that this had already been reported along with the flooding on Church Lane near to the cemetery and a reference number had been obtained.

Cllr. Smith said that he was going to be a meeting within the next three weeks to discuss the issues with the new school relating to getting to the school and dropping off of the children at the school. He said he would inform the clerk when the meeting would be.

ESBC have pledged that the council tax will remain frozen until the end of the elected term.

### **009/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- Community Council of Staffordshire – BKV Competition – The members of the council agreed that Rocester Parish Council would enter the competition again.

### **010/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- ESBC – Community Infrastructure Levy – Read out and noted
- ESBC – Housing Choice Draft Planning Document Consultation- Read out and noted

### **011/16 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Green presented the budgets for the next year and a copy was given to the clerk for the file.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 14<sup>TH</sup> March 2016 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 21.45 hrs.

CHAIRMAN