

# ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to the Council- Liz Court, tel. no: 01538 702077

c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262). Dot Griffin (310249).  
Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).  
Kevin Stockton (310347) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Griffin (Chair), Cllr N Peat, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr N Bonsall and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 Member of the public was also present.

Apologies: Cllr K Stockton – received and accepted

69 Public Forum – Nothing was raised.

70 Minutes of Previous Meeting – agreed and signed

71 Declarations of Interest –. There were no interests declared.

72 Planning Matters –

72.1 There was a general discussion regarding planning consultations at Parish level. The introduction of planning advice from PDNPA was noted and welcomed. There was also discussion over the use of letters of support and objections regarding planning applications. The clerk reminded Councillors that if they discuss planning applications with applicants or local residents prior to the meeting at which they are to be consulted upon, this means that they should declare that they are 'pre-determined' and should withdraw themselves from any discussion and from any vote on the matter within the meeting. It was suggested that a member of the planning team be invited to a future meeting to discuss individual cases and planning procedures.

72.2 The Workshop, Nr. Penny Tree Farm, Alstonefield – extension of existing building to be used for welfare facilities and storage – **no objections**

72.3 Planning decisions – The Clays, Alstonefield, construction of new access drive including associated landscaping - **refused**

Upper Hurst, Hulme End, section 73 application to alter condition 3 – height of hedge – **permitted**.  
It was also noted that a resident has written to the Director of Planning regarding this decision.

**Clerk to action**

73 Financial Matters

73.1 Village Lengthsman scheme – invoices raised and to be submitted by the Clerk.

73.2 Pensions regulations re automatic enrolment – it was noted that the Clerk will be the contact.

73.3 Proceeds from the honesty box in Toilet Car Park - The total for the year 2014-15 was £307.06 and an invoice for half this amount will be raised by PDNPA for payment by APC as usual. There was also a query regarding the installation of a pay & display machine at this site by PDNPA. The feeling of the Council was that this would mean that the other car parks in the village would become more crowded and that this may also lead to more on road parking which would be negative. The Clerk was asked to contact the officer at PDNPA .

73.4 Grant Thornton paperwork –details for the Audit were noted.

73.5 Payments – Clerks wages for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - **£545.90**

SPCA subs - **£118.00**

Peak Park Parishes Forum - **£12.00**

Virtual Names sales hosting renewal - **£48.00**

Keys Signs UK Ltd - **£3.67**

Ian Redfern – Lengthsmans wages - **£316.00 – all ratified and paid**

73.6 Monies Received

73.6.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - **£5.73** Toilet Car Park- **£15.11**

74 Playing Field Matters

74.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – last signed 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

74.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder – to be updated to reflect recent work to the surface and signage on the gate.

- 74.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to April meeting.  
**Playing Field Car Park - £22.27 Toilet Car Park- £30.32**

**Clerk to bank**

## **75 General Parish Matters**

- 75.1 Notices of election for display and nomination packs were distributed and completed.
- 75.2 Grit bins through the Parish – some sites have been agreed. Councillor Peat and Councillor Lipp will put together a map and forward this to the Clerk to be sent off to SCC Highways.
- 75.3 Update on speeding on the Rakes – the Clerk gave a report from Cllr Stockton. The Speedwatch project has moved on with 4 sites identified, 7 or 8 volunteers in place for training and funding of £1200 offered by County Councillor Gill Heath towards the equipment and training required. There is also the possibility of more repeater signs and the site being added to the SID rota.
- 75.4 Overhanging bushes/holly trees on Ecton Road as reported to Cllr Heath– this work will be done by the County Council.
- 75.5 Play area surface – the new chippings have been laid as part of the spring clean. It was felt that the quality of these chippings is very good..
- 75.6 Community Paths Initiative 2015-16 – it was agreed that there are no projects to be put forward at this time.
- 75.7 Footpath work at Sunny Bank and Stile and Bridleway gate on Gypsy Lane requiring renewal – The Chair reported that she is due to meet with the Peak Park Ranger to discuss this work.
- 75.8 Debris at bridge by Lode Mill – this was done as part of the Spring Clean.
- 75.9 Concerns regarding the Recycling area – The Clerk has reported the damaged glass recycling bin and the need for the other bins to be emptied at the site.
- 75.10 Public Path Diversion Order at Footpath 22 – noted.
- 75.11 Alstonefield Wakes – the formation of a committee was discussed.
- 75.12 Parking concerns in the parish – the concerns were noted but the Clerk reported from the research done that parking on the pavement is not illegal outside London at this time.
- 75.13 Annual Spring Clean 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 – all those who took part were thanked – the work completed this year including the clearing of the debris at Lode Bridge, the work at the play area and the trimming of the branches and the dead tree out of the wooded area behind the recycling bins as well as other general clearing.
- 75.14 Highways team – dates for 2015. It was noted that the team is due into the Parish during April. The Clerk was asked to request that the section from Hope Dale Pond to Furlong Lane be cleared of self set trees and that the thorn bushes on Gypsy Lane be trimmed back if possible – **Clerk to action**
- 75.15 Pot Holes in the Parish – There was an update given on the work still awaited.
- 75.16 Clerk's position – the Clerk reported that she would be becoming a student again in September. After discussion, it was agreed that she would stay on in the role of Parish Clerk in the short term and this would be reviewed as appropriate.

## **76 Correspondence in** – All items were noted.

In particular the RoSPA inspection due to take place in May was noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to a query from a planning consultancy firm and a letter written by a Parishioner regarding D of E expeditions was discussed in depth. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Borough Councillor Edwin Wain and the Peak Park to ask them to voice these concerns on a wider level.

## **77 Any Other Business**

No other items raised

**Date of Next Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting.**