

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). Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2016 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr N Peat, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr E Wain and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 Member of the public was also present.

Apologies: Cllr A Hayes – received and accepted

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** – A member of the public interested in the casual vacancy was introduced. The Clerk gave details regarding some upcoming work by Western Power which will affect Lode Lane. After discussion including the idea of asking for a visit at the next meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact representatives of the company and request a site visit in the meantime to discuss the impacts.

Clerk to action

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed by the Chair.

- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.

4 Financial Matters

Lengthsmans' grant requests signed and submitted.

Further information regarding automatic pensions enrolment as advised by SPCA was given.

Honesty Box takings for 2015/6 to be calculated and PDNPA invoice for 50% will be raised.

Clerk to action

Audit paperwork from Grant Thornton has been received. The signing off date is 24th June 2016.

Clerk to action

AON Insurance quotation has been received. The Clerk will source a comparable quote for the next meeting.

Clerk to action

4.1 Payments–

4.1.1 Clerk's expenses £101.75

4.1.2 SPCA Subscription £118.00

4.1.3 The Ford Partnership – Payroll function £114.00

4.1.4 Ian Redfern – Lengthsman's invoice - £236.00

4.1.5 Peak Park Parishes Forum subs - £12.00

Agreed and paid – Clerk to action

4.2 Monies Received

4.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £14.23 Toilet Car Park- £19.00

SMDC - Recycling Income £252.76

5. Playing Field Matters

- 5.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – **up to date** Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**

- 5.2 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to April meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £Not opened Toilet Car Park- £34.18

Both Cllr Hignett and the Clerk have been unable to open the playing field honesty box this month. The Clerk was asked to contact Andy Griffin to ask if he is able to have a look at the mechanism.

Clerk to action

6. General Parish Matters

- 6.1 Footpath signage and verge posts – An update on the Lode Lane posts was given. Cllr Hayes and Bonsall were authorised to go ahead with the ordering of tanalised posts for the greens as discussed.

- 6.2 Homestead Gardens – the Clerk was asked to contact the playgroup to see if they would be interested in the site.

Clerk to action

- 6.3 Advertisement of the casual vacancy and procedure - an update was given. The closing date of 10th May has been advertised and after this date, anyone who has expressed an interest will be invited to attend the May meeting to observe.

Clerk to action

- 6.4 Flytipping of garden waste and a tyre at Grinnel Tip has been reported. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of the house nearby to see if they have seen anyone tipping at the site.

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Clerk to action

6.5 Community Paths Initiative – suggestions from the lengthsman were discussed and it was felt that the Parish Council should pay for this equipment. A suggestion regarding a petrol chipper was also made and quotes will be sought.

7. Correspondence in

All items were noted. The changes to the NHT scheme and the Lengthsman's Scheme were discussed.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 The Clerk was asked to chase the report on Brunister Lane

Clerk to action

8.2 Car Boot Sales paperwork had still not been received. Cllr Lipp offered to follow this up. It was agreed that if the paperwork is not forthcoming in 24 hours, the event could not take place on the playing field.

Date of Next Meeting – APM, AGM and Council Meeting - 25th May 2016