

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 22nd January 2014 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Griffin (Chair), Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr K Stockton, SMDC Councillor E Wain and Liz Court (Clerk)

4 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllr N Peat – received and accepted

64 **Public Forum** – representatives from the Manifold Folk Gathering were welcomed to the meeting and they spoke regarding the plans for 2014. The dates will be 19-21st September this year and some small changes with regard to the use of the playing field have been made including a rise in the camping fee, an increase in toilet provision and the possibility of the field being used for additional day parking on the Sunday if day tickets are sold. There were no concerns from the Parish Council on these matters and the representatives were thanked for their attendance.

65 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed

66 **Declarations of Interest** –. There were no interests declared.

67 **Planning Matters** –Upper Hurst, Hulme End – proposed installation of 30kwh (96 panels) of ground solar PV panels – The Clerk was asked to respond with no material objections but a request that the development be kept to this size and number as per the application. **Clerk to action**

68 **Financial Matters**

68.1 **Precept** – The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Peat to receive the final precept figure. This is due to SMDC by 31st January 2014. **Clerk to action**

68.2 **Monies Received**

68.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £6.60 Toilet Car Park- £16.88

69 **Playing Field Matters**

69.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – The play area is still closed.

69.2 Play area – The chippings have been ordered as agreed and will be delivered on 14th March. Payment of the total cost being £2539.17 plus VAT will be due by 7th April. Grants have been pledged by Borough Cllr Wain, County Cllr Heath and from Cllr Deauville of SMDC Leisure department towards the cost of this surfacing. There will be additional costs involved in prepping the site as the ground will need weed spraying and retaining wood will need to be fixed. This work will need to take place prior to delivery. Cllr Reavy offered to organise a site visit to look at the work required. The Clerk was asked to write to those who had offered grants in order to thank them and to keep them informed as the progress and the timescales involved. **Clerk to action**

69.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to January meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £13.19 Toilet Car Park- £21.39

Clerk to bank

70 **General Parish Matters**

70.1 Potholes in the Parish – **it was noted that these have been attended to this week.**

70.2 Policies for review :

[Formal Complaints Policy Approved April 2009](#) - No amends required

[Freedom of Information Policy Approved April 2009](#) – amended

[Risk Assessment appendix i Approved October 2008](#) - Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Risk Assessment – appendix-ii Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Risk Assessment-appendix-iii Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Risk Assessment – appendix-iv Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Risk assessment – Overview Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Financial Regulations Approved May 2009](#) – amended

[Standing Orders – Approved May 2009](#) –amended

Once all ratified, these will be updated on the website and additional copies circulated as appropriate.

- 70.3 Alstonefield Cricket Club – **an update regarding arrangements for 2014 was received. The Clerk was asked to contact the Club to notify them of the Manifold Folk Festival dates.**
- 70.4 Car Boot Hire – The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Allen to find out if he is planning to run the events again in 2014. The last Sunday of the month appears to be fine except 29th June and with the avoidance of the Manifold Folk Gathering to be confirmed. The cost of hire will increase to £75.00 per sale and the Clerk was asked to check the insurance too and to ask for the confirmed dates and a contact mobile phone number as soon as possible for the website. **Clerk to action**
- 70.5 Parish Spring Clean Weekend 2014 – It was agreed that this will take place on 22nd March. Jobs will be collated but include notice board maintenance. The Chair offered to send an item for the next newsletter to the Clerk on the matter. **Clerk to action**

71 Correspondence in – All items were noted. There was discussion regarding grit bins and the new chief planning officer at PDNPA. The Clerk was asked to advertise the opportunity to take part in the Best Kept Village completion in 2014 and to put the date of the Wakes into the Village Festivals and Events 2014 as being the 29th June 2014. **Clerk to action**

72 Any Other Business

Councillor Lipp reported a 'Thank you' for the Parish Council's support in the matter of Mr Spybey's parking issues. In the short term, another property has allowed the resident to use their parking area.

Councillor Lipp noted that since the clearing of drainage in that area, there had been no flooding during the recent severe weather.

Councillor Reavy discussed the availability of the code for the defibrillator. It was noted that the number should be given out by the emergency services if required but is not generally displayed currently.

Councillor Stockton noted that the drain below The Hollow has been blocking up. This requires attention especially as this is the only drain along the Rakes. It was discussed that it is thought that this drain is a soakaway so it cannot be jetted through. The drain outside the entrance to The Green Well also needs digging out in the same manner as the one on Lode Lane was done recently. It was also note that most of the grids are blocked and require the sucking machine from SMDC to clear them. The Clerk was asked to write to Angela Nutter and to copy in County Councillor Heath. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Stockton also reported that a local couple had expressed an interest in taking on the allotment from the beginning of April. It was agreed that when they contact the Clerk, she will let the Parish Council know so that a new contract can be drawn up. It was suggested that a yearly rental of £50.00 be asked. **Clerk to action**

The Chair asked Cllr Wain about the cutting back of self-set trees down towards Milldale.

Date of Next Meeting - 5th March 2014