

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).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2016 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Griffin (Chair), Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes and Liz Court (Clerk)
2 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllrs N Bonsall, N Peat & F Lipp – received and accepted

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** – A member of the public gave some details regarding an Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone Scheme. The proposed timescales and actions were discussed and the Councillors present felt that they had no objections. Copies of the paperwork were taken to be passed to the Councillors not present. It is hoped that a seminar can be arranged for March for a representative from the Community Healthcare Trust to speak to any villagers who are interested in being part of the scheme.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 **Planning Matters** –
Permission granted – change of use from barn/former blacksmiths workshop to dwelling-house,
The Barn, Back Lane - **noted**
- 5 **Financial Matters**
The paperwork for the precept was completed by Councillors present – the total to be requested will be confirmed by Cllr Peat for the deadline of 3rd February.
The Clerk gave information regarding automatic pensions enrolment as advised by the accountant who deals with the clerk's wages.
 - 5.1 **Payments**–
 - 5.1.1 **Lengthsman's wages** Peter Frost - £880.00 plus expenses **£912.59**
Agreed and paid – Clerk to action
 - 5.2 **Monies Received**
 - 5.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes
Playing Field Car Park - £8.26 Toilet Car Park- £13.10
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – **up to date** This has now been updated. The goalposts will be repaired and painted by the Lengthsman. All were in agreement to also ask him to repair the gate and replace the board on the multiplay. It was felt that the suggested £500 would be suitable within this year's budget for interim repairs with an eye to looking at grants to fund new play equipment in due course. The Council agreed to check on any available grants towards replacement however, the costs for new equipment have been quoted at around £8000 which seemed very high for the perceived value for the community as a whole.
 - 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**
 - 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to January meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £14.64 Toilet Car Park- £5.65
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 Footpath signage and verge posts – Cllr Hayes will look into the potential of tantalised posts. The other work has been started.
 - 7.2 Homestead Gardens – there has been some interest and prospective tenants have looked at the site. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the tenancy agreement for their information.
 - 7.3 Spring Clean 2016 – The date was confirmed as 19th March. An item has been put into the next newsletter to advertise the event and a list of items to be looked at was started. This included the Parish area of Homestead Gardens as well as Green Well.
8. **Correspondence in**
All items were noted. The Clerk was asked to contact The Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service to give approval for minutes to be used in a footpath modification order application.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1** It was agreed that a new noticeboard is required in the middle of Alstonefield. Quotes will be brought up to date for the next meeting and the Clerk was asked to put the matter on the next Agenda. **Clerk to action**
- 9.2** Replacement of the reflector posts in two areas of Lode Lane and the repair of a deep pot hole by Lode Close were discussed. The Clerk was asked to report these to Highways. **Clerk to action**
- 9.3** A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Hayes for his work in clearing all the grit which had accumulated at The Pinch.

Date of Next Meeting –9th March 2016