

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

1 member of the public was also present.

10 Apologies – Councillors Peat, Reavy & Stockton

11 Public Forum -

12 Minutes of Previous Meeting- agreed and signed

13 Declarations of Interest - Nothing was declared

14 Planning Matters

Proposed agricultural building to store fodder – Wesleyan House –**granted**

Creation of gateway in agricultural field to allow for occasional access of livestock, Milldale Road, Hopedale – **granted**

Construction of a covered area over existing compost midden, Lower Hurst farm – **granted – all noted**

15 Financial Matters

15.1 Payments – PDNPA - Income share of 2013-14 honesty box takings - **£154.13**

Contract Signs Systems (re-imburse Chair) **£170.16**

Ian Redfern – Lengthsman's wages and expenses **£186.00 + £32.98**

Ian Redfern – Mowing playing field **£285.00**

RoSPA Annual Inspection -**£85.20 – all ratified and paid**

Clerk to action

15.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - **£38.41** Toilet Car Park- **£48.53**

**75.00** Car Boot Sale Hire for 27/4 **banked.**

Car boot x 2 (25/5 & 29/6) **£150.00**

SMDC Recycling income for 2013-14 -**£150.83**

**£50** donation from Leadenboot - **Clerk to bank all and to send a thank you to the Leaden Boot Committee**

16. Playing Field Matters

16.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014

16.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - no additional items reported.

16.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to July meeting

**Playing Field Car Park - £33.14 Toilet Car Park- £56.06**

This led to a report from Councillor Lipp regarding plans from the Village Hall Committee for a suggested donation sign for the Village Hall car park.

17. General Parish Matters

17.1 Theft of toddler bucket swings from play area. The insurance claim and implications were discussed and it was agreed that these should be replaced without a claim. Councillor Lipp also passed on some complaints regarding the length of the chains for the other swings at the site and the ways in which this could be achieved safely. It was decided that due to the setup of the swings, there would be a danger of trapped fingers or sharp edges if the current swings were modified and therefore that these swings should also be replaced as complete units including the chains and fittings.

Clerk to action

There was also a discussion regarding the goal nets and securing these. It was agreed that a structure could be assembled and a quote for this will be sought for discussion at the next meeting.

Chair to action

17.2 Faded crossroads sign by Hare Cop Farm – **reported**

17.3 RoSPA report was received - this was reviewed in full by the Council. It was noted that in addition to the replacement of all 4 swings, one of the requirements from the report was a rubber bumper on the gate to

prevent a trap hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Playdale who supplied the original equipment to get a quote for all items required and to circulate this to all Councillors once received. **Clerk to action**

**17.4** Width restriction sign now in place at top of Millway Lane -**noted**

**17.5** Policies for review – Councillors reviewed the remaining policies and these will now be written up for approval and ratification at the September meeting. These will all be sent out electronically by the clerk over the summer for final edits and review. **Clerk to action**

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

**18 Correspondence in** - all noted. The Western Power Distribution pack will be given to a resident who lives in a very isolated spot. **Chair to action**

**19 Any Other Business**

Councillor Hignett reported more issues with Duke of Edinburgh expedition groups in the area. The fact that some of the groups seem to be poorly prepared with regards to equipment including maps and that they seem not to be aware of countryside codes as well as concepts such as private property as well as public footpaths are causing concerns and damage within the Parish. It was re-iterated that if the schools' details can be traced, the best way to tackle this is to contact the schools that the groups are from.

**20 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014