

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 4th November 2015 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr N Peat (Chair), Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes, Cllr N Bonsall, SMDC Cllr E Wain and Liz Court (Clerk)

4 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllr D Griffin – received and accepted

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 Public Forum** – A member of the public asked what the outcome was of a meeting held to discuss car boot sales for 2016. The Clerk explained that the hire form had been updated and simplified. The two suggestions that had been made were discussed and the Clerk reported that Mr Allen who has run the sales in the past had been in touch that day to request a copy of the booking form. Cllr Lipp passed on an email confirming that there is no charge made to pedestrians attending the car boot sale and that the only charge for customers is a £1 parking fee.

Malcolm Hawksworth from 'Peace through Folk' (*representing the Manifold Gathering*) attended the meeting to provide feedback from the event. Feedback received from the APC website and from some Parishioners was discussed, as was the gain both to the Parish Council and to the Village Hall. In addition, the benefit to local businesses within the Parish was highlighted.

The financial benefit to the Parish from this event was in the region of £1000, which represents more than 10% of the income to the Parish collected via the Parish Precept. Such additional income to our Parish is significant. It was considered important that the contribution to our community from the Manifold Gathering should be recognised. Hence, the Clerk will submit an item for the next newsletter to make Parishioners aware of the income generated from the event to the Parish. In addition, the charitable giving from the event will be highlighted.

The Council briefly considered the possibility of the Manifold Gathering taking place in Alstonefield in 2016. No objections were raised to repeat the Gathering in 2016. Hence, Mr Hawksworth submitted a booking form for the 2016 event – the dates for this being set for 17th and 18th September with preparation from 14th September and clear down by 20th September.

The Clerk reported that the items for the newsletter in October – including ensuring that the correct Councillor information was part of the header had not been printed this time as she had sent the copy to an old email address. She had queried this and has now been given the current address.

Clerk to action

- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed by Cllr N Peat.
- 3 Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 Planning Matters** –

Planning applications - NP/SM/1015/0958 – Gateham Grange – install 16 solar panels to Holiday let and 16 solar panels on Agricultural building – **no objections**

- 5 Financial Matters**

The date for the precepting meeting as set as 16th November at 7pm and will be hosted by Cllr Bonsall.

- 5.1 Payments**–

- 5.1.1 C.Reavy** expenses **£33.50**

- 5.1.2 I. Redfern** – invoices for mowing **£172.50** plus Lengthsmans work **£218.00**

- 5.1.3 Toplis Associates** – Internal auditing work 2013/14 **£171.42** plus 2014/5 **£151.72**

- 5.1.4 P.Frost** – replacement cheque for cheque no1225 issued for work 2014/15 **£845.78**

All agreed and paid – Clerk to action

- 5.2 Monies Received**

- 5.2.1** - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £44.79 Toilet Car Park- £65.33

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5.2.2 – Income from Peace through Folk in September - £998.00 received and banked

6. Playing Field Matters

- 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – reports regarding work required were noted and Cllr Hayes reported that the Lengthsman is currently working on the area.
- 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**
- 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to November meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £18.01 Toilet Car Park- £30.05

7. General Parish Matters

- 7.1 Confirmation of extra hours offered to Peter Frost to complete work in Milldale – this work has now been completed.
- 7.2 Moorlands Connect Bus – The recent introduction of a timetables service in addition to the current 'dial a bus' service was discussed and it was note that there is a link to the timetable on the village website.
- 7.3 Telephone wires on The Pinch – It was noted that BT Openreach vans had been seen checking the loose hanging wires.
- 7.4 Grit provision for the winter season – a letter regarding Highways winter operations and a map of the gritting routes and the current grit bins in the area was circulated. It was agreed that Cllrs Lipp and Peat would review potential placement sites for additional grit supplies. Cllr Wain gave information regarding gritting above The Pinch towards the A515 and offered to speak with the Highways portfolio holder to see if an agreement can be reached with DCC.
- 7.5 Back Lane Fingerpost – This work is still pending.
- 7.6 Repairs to village roads – An email from the Clerk of Wetton Parish Council which had been circulated to all Councillors was discussed. Cllr Lipp gave information on the relative costs of work in terms of man hours. It was agreed that the Council were concerned at the poor state of road repairs in general but that the situation should be reviewed after the winter season. It was also felt that the Council do not have the specific knowledge to make these sorts of decisions.
Clerk to action
- 7.7 Bottle Banks in Alstonefield – An offer from the owners of the bottle banks to retain these on site was discussed. It was agreed after discussion that the site may attract more fly tipping if there is only some provision rather than if there is no provision and therefore the Clerk was asked to contact the company and ask for these containers to be removed.
Clerk to action
- 7.8 Filming Heidi – Cllr Peat gave an update on this matter – filming has been delayed and may well now not take place until Spring.

8. Correspondence in

All items were noted.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk noted that she would put together the invoice for additional mowing to ACC now that the final mowing invoice had been received.
Cllr Wain gave information regarding the new SCC building.
Cllr Lipp gave his apologies for the next two Parish Council meetings.
Cllr Wain gave his apologies for the December meeting.

10. Closed item

The members of the public present were asked to leave for a closed item of business. This was discussed with the SMDC Councillor present and the Clerk was asked to action the matter.

**Date of Next Meetings – 16th December 2015 and 27th January 2016
Precepting meeting on 16th November 2015**