

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 15th October 2014 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

3 Members of the public were also present.

31 Public Forum - no matters were raised

32 Minutes of Previous Meeting- agreed and signed

33 Declarations of Interest - Nothing was declared

34 Financial Matters

34.1 Audit outcomes – the report from Grant Thornton was reviewed and discussed

34.2 Payments – Grant Thornton – £125.00 plus £25.00 VAT totalling £150.00

Virtual names.co.uk – £18.00 plus £3.60 VAT totalling £21.60

all ratified and paid

Clerk to action

34.3 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - **£39.73** Toilet Car Park- **£63.77**

75.00 Car Boot Sale Hire for 28/9

831.00 Peace through Folk - **Clerk to bank all**

Feedback was given on the event with regard to possible changes if it were to be hosted n Alstonefield again the next year. Discussions around the water supply, a change to the beer tent to incorporate performance space too and the potential for the camping to operate for a full week with the Folk gathering falling on the weekend in the middle. Councillor Stockton was thanked for all the effort that he had put into the weekend and his liaison with the organisers. The clerk was asked to put a short piece into the next newsletter thanking the community and asking for anyone interested in helping out with next year's event to get in touch with Councillor Stockton.

35. Playing Field Matters

35.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 4th September 2014 - CR to check this

35.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - no additional items reported but the replacement swings and the new gate stopper will be documented.

35.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to October meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £30.99 Toilet Car Park- £51.83

36. General Parish Matters

36.1 Protruding rocks on The Pinch road –The Clerk read a response from DCC which was discussed and noted.

36.2 Policies for review – The hard copies were distributed to Councillors Lipp and Bonsall.

36.3 Alstonefield.org.uk -Councillor Reavy confirmed that she had renewed the domain name for another 2 years.

36.4 Website ongoing maintenance – Councillor Reavy gave some background regarding the requirement for work to be done to the infrastructure of the website. Quotes are being sought and would seem to be in the region of around 250.00 to update and clean up the system. Another quote will be looked at and the matter will be discussed further at the precepting meeting in November. All

Council meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are also entitled to see the reports presented, if these are not subsequently published as part of the minutes and therefore automatically in the public record. Minutes and reports can be viewed by appointment with the Clerk and copies made, upon request, on payment of a charge.

Councillors were happy for the work to go ahead. Councillor Reavy also reported that she had trained another 15 people in the community who are now able to administer certain aspects of the site.

- 36.5 Meetings dates for 2015** – The September 2015 date originally picked was not available at the village hall and therefore the Council agreed to request 16th September instead. The Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall to book this date. **Clerk to action**
- 36.6 Rural engagement with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services** – Seeking local champions – the clerk was asked to advertise this in the newsletter. **Clerk to action**
- 36.7 Change of data required for the Lengthman grant scheme** – Councillor Wain offered to speak to the authority and to feedback back to Councillor Griffin regarding this.
- 36.8 Response regarding The Rakes and potential Speedwatch sites** - noted. The Clerk was asked to contact Angela Nutter requesting a site visit to assess potential solutions to the speeding. **Clerk to action**
- 36.9 Cricket pitch mowing feedback** noted and invoice to be forwarded to ACC for their contribution. **Clerk to action**
- 36.10 Request for items for the November newsletter** – Feedback from the Folk Gathering and a request for local champions as noted above as well as the date of the next meeting will be put into the newsletter. **Clerk to action**
- 36.11 Financial updates** were distributed and noted. The precepting meeting was set for November 11th at 7.00pm at Councillor Griffin's house.
- 36.12 Japanese knotweed** – treated for the second time this year on Green Hill Tip site. Noted and the Chair was thanked for her work on this.
- 36.13 Playing Field** – a suggestion regarding levelling out the ground in and around the cricket square by the Cricket club was passed on. The council were unanimously in favour.
- 36.14 Water on the road at Hopedale** – this issue has now been resolved by BT

- 37 Correspondence in** - all noted. The Clerk was asked to invite Adele Metcalf – villages and communities officer to the January meeting. **Clerk to action**
The only additional item was regarding Icebusters. The Clerk was asked to request some grit bins for the Parish and to copy Gill Heath into the request. **Clerk to action**

38 Any Other Business

Councillor Peat noted the stencils that have been used in Milldale regarding dog fouling – this was going to be followed up by Councillor Wain.
Dog fouling around Alstonefield and in particular round the Green was discussed again. It was agreed that the Clerk would produce flyers to go into the next newsletter just for the houses in the village centre pointing out the effect for locals and visitors and asking for this to be stopped before the Parish Council contact SMDC regarding enforcement. **Clerk to action**

One of the three Parish Council brown bins had been reported missing and has subsequently been found in a resident's garden. This will be returned.

The Plastic/Tin recycling bin has been noted as being full – this will be reported and emptying requested.

The Cobbled gully down to The Pinch requires clearing out – the Clerk was asked to report this to DCC. **Clerk to action**

Councillor Stockton reported that he will ask Peter Frost to clear the self set trees from the corner down to The Watts Russell.

Councillor Stockton also offered to arrange the Christmas meal for the Council. This will be finalised at the precept meeting on 11th November.

- 39 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 11th November (precepting meeting) – next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 25th November 2014