

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at Alstonefield Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr D Griffin(Chair), Cllr N Peat, Cllr K Stockton, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr C Reavy and Liz Court (Clerk)**

## **2 Members of the public were also present.**

**21 Apologies** – Councillor Lipp and Councillor Bonsall

**22 Public Forum** - A member of the parish raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles leaving the village via the Rakes. The lack of repeater signs reminding drivers that this is still within the 30mph limit was felt to be an issue especially as there are open fields on the left of the road giving the impression of having left the village. Some of the repeat offenders are local and it was suggested that names could be passed to the local police so that they can be contacted. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to request repeater signage, to contact the Safer Roads partnership to ask about speed checks in the area and to request whether the Rakes could be added to the mobile SID sites for the county as well as to place an item in the next newsletter alerting local residents to the speed checks.

**Clerk to action**

**23 Minutes of Previous Meeting-** agreed and signed

**24 Declarations of Interest** - Nothing was declared

## **25 Financial Matters**

**25.1 Payments** – Ian Redfern – mowing playing field £270.00

Ian Refern – Lengthsmans duties £282.00

Peak Park Parishes Forum – 2014/15 subscription - £16.00

Clerks wages for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter £545.90

Expenses incurred by Chair – £60.00

Roundup Biactive - £49.60– **all ratified and paid**

**Clerk to action**

### **25.2 Monies Received**

Car Park Honesty Boxes

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

**150.00** Car Boot Sale Hire for 27/7 & 31/8. - **Clerk to bank all**

## **26. Playing Field Matters**

26.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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

26.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to September meeting

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

## **27. General Parish Matters**

**27.1 Protruding rocks on The Pinch road** –The Chair reported that the bedrock which sticks out into the road area appears to be more exposed and that vehicles are catching their tyres on it causing damage – especially if vehicles are coming the other way and they need to move further towards the verge. It is felt that these are more exposed due to the larger vehicles using the road such as large agricultural vehicles which hike the verges. This has also made some of the setts on the road side loose and the Clerk was asked to report both to DCC Highways to ask if the bedrock could be cut down and repairs to the setts could be undertaken.

**Clerk to action**

**27.2 Policies for review** – The hard copies were distributed and it was noted that all could now be uploaded to the website. The risk weighting process is still awaiting completion but all the rest of the policies have now been updated where required.

**Clerk to action**

**27.3 Alstonefield Remembrance Book** -Councillor Reavy gave some details regarding this project and passed the folder around the meeting for Councillors to look at the information. It was agreed that this represents a huge amount of research. The folder is kept in the church and the information is also available on

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line for all to access. It was agreed that Susan Wilding had donated a fantastic resource representing many hours of work to the community.

**27.4 Play area - update on replacement swings** - It was noted that the order and apex height had gone in to the company some time ago and the order had not been received as yet. The Clerk had spoken to the company several times and the person dealing with the order was currently on leave. It is expected that delivery will take place w/c 8<sup>th</sup> September.  
**Clerk to action**

**27.5 Meetings dates for 2015** – The dates were suggested as 15<sup>th</sup> October, followed by the precept setting meeting in early November, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall to book those dates.  
**Clerk to action**

**27.6 A suggestion from a member of the public regarding the Toilets Honesty Box** –An email sent to the website suggesting more publicity to the box was read to the meeting. It was agreed that this should be passed on to PPA for their consideration.  
**Clerk to action**

**27.7 Lengthsman** –It was agreed to ask Peter Frost if he was able to undertake some additional work for the parish by cutting back the self-set trees from the Watts Russell on the road side towards Milldale. In the first instance it was felt that 10 hours would make quite an impact. Councillor Stockton offered to contact Mr Frost regarding this.

**27.8 Monitoring of Japanese Knotweed by Peak Park Ranger** –The Chair reported that the ranger had inspected the parish for Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam and had noted that the Parish Council was still treating the patches of Japanese Knotweed twice a year on the Greenhill Tip Site.

**27.9 Manifold Folk Gathering** - Information on the upcoming event was discussed and an offer regarding the finances made by the organisers discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer to stick to the same arrangements regarding the payment of camping fees as in 2013 and the Clerk was asked to contact the organisers to confirm this.  
**Clerk to action**

**17 Correspondence in** - all noted. The Clerk was asked to complete the Local Development Plan Polices Map from PDNPA noting the change of designation regarding Homestead Gardens as well as responding to The Post Office welcoming the extended hours. The Best Kept Village certificate was also noted - Alstonefield had gained 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 2014 competition and the Clerk was asked to congratulate Anne Morgan and Ernie Allen in the next newsletter for their hard work in organising this.  
**Clerk to action**

**18 Any Other Business**

Councillor Peat noted that the temporary road signs placed after the roads were patched need removing. It was also noted that some of the coping stones on the wall along the Milldale road have disappeared and that the wall itself is beginning to deteriorate from Lode Mill towards Milldale. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that this work be added to the next job list for the parish.  
**Clerk to action**

Councillor Reavy reported that she had transferred the monies to the community account payment through PayPal to the relevant organisations – this is income from various items sold through the village website.

**19 Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014