

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). Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Richard Butler (310620) Gordon Campbell (07919353800)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th April 2017

Present: Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Butler, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr G Campbell, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes, and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 Member of the public was also present.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

1 **Public Forum** –nothing was raised.

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed by the Chair.

3 **Declarations of Interest** –There were no interests declared by those present.

4 **Financial Matters**

Additional signatories on bank account – forms distributed to Cllrs Bonsall, Campbell and Butler for completion.

Internal Auditor letter– An update letter from Alan Topliss about the Audit requirements from Grant Thornton was noted.

Payments

4.1.1 **Clerk's wages** – 4th Quarter 2016-17 £626.70

4.1.2 **Ian Redfern** – invoices totalling £344.80

4.1.3 **SPCA Subscription and training invoice** - £116.00 in total

4.1.4 **UK Server** – hosting charge £48.00 **(£1135.50 total)**

4.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes Playing Field Car Park - **£33.25** Toilet Car Park- **£nil due to damage**

5. **Playing Field Matters**

5.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last checked 29th March 2017**

5.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder – **nothing new to report**

6. **General Parish Matters**

6.1 Defibrillator cabinet – Cllr Hignett to complete the work

6.2 Village Green Spring Clean feedback – it was felt that the event had been very useful and was a good community event.

6.3 Homestead Gardens – this has been cleared and it was noted that the willow trees need some more attention. It was suggested that the garden be readvertised for let in the autumn if there is no interest in the meantime.

6.4 Milldale Noticeboard refurbishment – one quote from Gilbert Rooke has been received. Another quote is still awaited. The inscription has been agreed with Wendy Peat and family. The key holders were discussed and agreed. Cllr Hignett will hold keys in due course.

6.5 Website update – Cllr Butler discussed the work done so far and the work that is ongoing.

6.6 Playing Field Bookings for 2017 season – the Clerk confirmed that dates have now been received from the Village Hall for Car Boot sales, the Cricket Club for their fixtures and for the Peace through Folk event. A copy of the insurance for the car boot sales is still awaited.

6.7 Horseshoe Cottage – Cllr Butler has visited the site. A new planning application is due by the end of April and this will be discussed at the following meeting.

6.8 Fingerpost signage – - there was a discussion regarding the fingerpost opposite the Village Hall. The post is to be removed as it is currently out of date and very shabby. Consideration will be given to its replacement or refurbishment.

6.9 APC Archives – The History group have expressed an interest in looking through the APC Archives – Cllr Campbell and a member of the group will have a look over the next few weeks.

7 **Correspondence in** – info on the Peak District Mighty Hike, community paths initiative bids for 2017/18 noted. **No response required.**

8 **Any Other Business**

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- 8.1 Cllr Campbell queried whether the Parish Council could look at the pond near The Old Cheese Factory regarding the need for it to be cleared. This was discussed but the land ownership is not with the Parish Council.
 - 8.2 Green Hill Tip – keys to the gates were given to Cllr Hayes to hold.
 - 8.3 Smithyfields campsite – it has been noted that two bathrooms have been constructed on the site – the Parish Council are not aware of whether these require or have planning permission.
 - 8.4 Benefice Newsletter items – a thank you to all those involved in the Spring Clean, a comment regarding Council Tax, an item on how to report pothole issues and notification of the next meeting will be put into the next newsletter
- 9 Date of Next Meeting – 31st May 2017 – this will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the AGM and a full Council meeting.**