

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 9th January 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

**Sarah Foster of Peak District National Park Authority
Six members of the public were also present.**

72 **Apologies** from Cllr F Lipp and Cllr K Stockton were received and accepted

73 **Visit from Sarah Foster of Peak District National Park Authority** in order to discuss planning applications and appeals, and the role of the Parish Council as consultees. Sarah Foster gave information regarding the wording of consultees' responses and paperwork was distributed to all giving clear information on material planning considerations and phraseology which is appropriate. Ms Foster also answered questions. The Chair thanked Ms Foster for her attendance and very useful information to guide the Parish Council in their responses.

74 **Public Forum**

The flooding outside Wesleyan House was commented upon. The Clerk gave the reference number for the report to the member of the public in order to enable him to follow up this work request. Further information received after the meeting has suggested that a site meeting with neighbours and SCC looking at the previous work at this site would be helpful on this matter. **Clerk to action**

Flooding by The Old Cheese Factory was also discussed in depth. The history of the change in road level at this point was given and information on the current problems. Greystones, Marsh Cottage, The Cottage, Dale Bottom, The Old Cheese Factory and The Watts Russell Public House all suffer as a result of the flooding problems. Various options regarding planning the road, investigating the drainage in place and clearing the pond as a short term measure were raised. A site visit had taken place with member of the Highways department had taken place some years previously but no report on options had ever been forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to request another site visit with members of the Parish Council as well as local residents meeting with Highways engineers. The Clerk has also been asked to contact Gill Heath on the matter to see if she can assist.

Clerk to action

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

76 **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Bonsall declared an interest in 77.1 and withdrew from that discussion, Cllr Hignett declared an interest in 80.2 and withdrew from that section.

77 **Planning Matters**

77.1 Request regarding The Knoll received and circulated to all Parish Councillors was discussed. It was felt that the Council had no objections but that parking may be an issue and noted that there may be an issue regarding the recognition of the existence of the property historically by the Peak Park. **Clerk to action**

77.2 **NP/SM/1212/1225 – Upper Hurst Farm, Hulme End** – Change of use of redundant farm buildings to a residential dwelling house and a holiday cottage. It was felt that the Council were in support of the application. A request was made for consideration of conditions on the planning covering the materials being in-keeping with the surroundings and investigation into highway matters with regard to traffic generation, safety and access. **Clerk to action**

78 **Financial Matters**

78.1 Precepting – final total amount of £8722 for 2013/14 as circulated after the precepting meeting was ratified. The Clerk gave an update on SMDC's position on precepting.

78.2 Month end reconciliations were checked to end October 2012 (NP)

78.3 Community Bank Account update – the Clerk informed the meeting that full access had now been granted and all payments made except for the payment to the Village Hall due to the

unusual bank account number. The Clerk was asked to email the bank concerned to check the correct account number to use.

Clerk to action

78.4 Payments

78.4.1 Invoice 1035 from Francis Electrical Services for £52.57 - **ratified**

78.4.2 £50.00 towards Newsletter administration - **ratified**

78.4.3 Dot Griffin - £ 80.97 goods under Chair's allowance - **ratified**

78.4.4 K&H (Bakewell) Ltd. £254.46 plus 50.89 VAT totalling £305.35 - **ratified**

78.5 Monies Received and banked

78.5.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £nil Toilet Car Park- £22.83

78.5.2– Grant from E Wain - £280.00

79. Playing Field Matters

79.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 31/12/2012

79.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - checked

79.3 Purchase of a new mower and insurance implications. This is to be updated

79.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to January meeting

Toilet Car Park- £16.06

80 General Parish Matters

80.1 Sabrina Way/Bridleway 15 work as discussed with Rose Clarke (Ranger) was updated. It was suggested that when a date is set for the work, this should be publicised so that volunteers can help.

80.2 A memorial plaque has been attached to a riverbank tree in Milldale. Following comments from residents, discussions with the Peak Park and other authorities, the general view is that it is unfortunate that the plaque has been erected and that it sets an unacceptable precedent. Given the various comments, The Parish Council has decided to remove and store the plaque. A notice to this effect will be placed in the Milldale noticeboard.

80.3 Request from Alstonefield Memorial Hall and Community Centre re grant for commercial cooker – response from the Parish Council was noted.

80.4 Landownership re enclosures award – a discussion as to whether this should be investigated resulted in the Chair offering to follow this matter up with a local resident. Depending on the outcome, the Clerk will then investigate this further with SCC Legal department.

80.5 Updates on Highways reports 12151827, 12154858, 12154859 and 12154860 as reported after November meeting were given.

81 Correspondence in– all noted

82 Any Other Business

The Clerk was asked to report fly tipping at the recycling bins again.

Clerk to action

The Clerk was asked to request gully clearing in the Parish, especially around Milldale.

Clerk to action

The date for the annual spring clean was set as 23rd March. The Clerk was asked to advertise this event in the March newsletter.

Clerk to action

The Clerk was asked to follow up the discussion on 9th October with Angela Nutter regarding road signs on Millway Lane.

Clerk to action

A working party is to be set up to repair the Playing Field car park – date to be set by Cllr Bonsall.

The cutting back of the self-set trees in the verges will also be done by a working party – again the date will be set nearer the time as weather dependent.

83 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 20th February