

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)
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)
Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)
Carrie Osborne (310453)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018

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

5 members of the public were also present

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** – Several members of the public had attended regarding an application to upgrade footpath 10 to a bridleway. There were several objections regarding the suitability of this route for horses and bikes. These include the boggy nature of the path, the fact that it does not connect to any other bridleway so does not provide a through route and the poor visibility of the junction onto the highway at one end. The Parish Council were in agreement with these concerns and objections. The Clerk offered to contact Paul Rochfort at SCC regarding this application and to find out the process for comments before the application is determined.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – ratified
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Hayes declared an interest in the first planning application and withdrew from any discussion on this item.
4. **Planning Matters** - NP/SM/0818/0769 – Demolition of three existing agricultural buildings and the erection of a new agricultural building, off Millway Lane, Alstonefield **no objections**
NP/SM/1018/0968 – Two storey and single storey rear extension, Hope Farm, Alstonefield **no objections**
NP/SM/1018/0986 – restoration and reinstatement of former residential dwelling, Narrowdale Farmhouse, Narrowdale, Alstonefield **no objections**

Decisions:

NP/SM/0618/0479 – S73 application to vary condition 5,9,10 and 11 on NP/SM/0315/0267, Gaia House. Upper Hurst Farm – **granted**
NP/SM/0818/0742 – Two storey extension, Hope Farm, Alstonefield - **refused**

5. Financial Matters

5.1 Payments

Ian Redfern – Lengthsman's duties and mowing - total **£584.25** Clerk to raise cross charge for the season's additional mowing for the cricket club
Liz James – Clerk's wages for 3rd quarter of 2018-19 - **£693.25**

Payments ratified and cheques completed.

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play area - hardstanding – Quote received from Alan Brown. Neighbouring landowner in support of the project if funds are found for it to go ahead. The Clerk was asked to advertise in the Newsletter for anyone willing to come forward to form a working group to look at funding options.

6.2 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last checked 18/10/18**

6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to November meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £13.71 Toilet Car Park- £19.01

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 Proposal for a bench outside the Village Hall – further details from VH Committee. Matter to be left in abeyance. The Clerk was asked to send condolences to Mr Allen on his recent loss.

7.2 Parking in Milldale – concerns from residents discussed. There was also discussion about the cleaning of the public toilets. Cllr Osborne had investigated and registered a complaint after making a visit to the toilets. She had requested feedback before the Parish Council meeting but had not received anything. The Clerk was asked to follow up on the report and was given the report reference. It was also noted that the public refuse bins had been removed and the Clerk was asked to query this too.

7.3 Review of protected landscapes – PDNPA. The Clerk was asked to resend the link to the review to Cllr Osborne.

7.4 Bench on the Green being repaired by a resident – noted.

7.5 Tree planting through Forest of Mercia CIC – contact details were distributed to those present who were interested in the scheme.

7.6 Implementation of streetlighting in Milldale – the Council's attention was brought to notes being put through doors in Milldale seeking support for additional streetlighting in Milldale. It is not known who has distributed these and the Council is not aware of any plans for this.

7.7 The Remembrance exhibition arranged by the History Group was discussed and it was felt that this was an excellent event. The Clerk was asked to write and thank the group for their work on this.

7.8 The Council discussed the difficult year so far for the local farming community – no ideas were proposed for any assistance through the Council.

7.9 Cllr Bonsall reported that he had spoken to the National Trust regarding the cutting back of trees. This work will be done although no timescale has been given. The Clerk was asked to contact National Trust again regarding the provision of benches including the one at Milldale being replaced.

7.10 Wooden posts on the verges were discussed regarding ownership and long term maintenance responsibility.

7.11 The Clerk was asked to report the drain in the hollow on the houses side of the Rakes to SMDC as it requires attention.

8. Correspondence in - Feedback from PDNPA Parishes Day – Duke of Edinburgh questionnaire to be forwarded to all Councillors by the Clerk and unsolicited marketing

**9. Date of Next Meetings – Precepting budget meeting - 18th December 2018,
Next Parish Council meeting - 9th January 2019**