

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to the Council- Liz Court, tel. no: 01538 702077
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Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262)
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)
Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)
Carrie Osborne (310453) Rebecca McIntyre (310498)

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019

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

2 members of the public were also present.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- 1 **Public Forum** - nothing was raised.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – ratified.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest – Members are invited to declare any interests they may have in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting** –Cllr Bonsall declared an interest in the planning application and withdrew from that deliberation.
- 4 **Planning Matters**

 NP/SM/1019/1083 Upper Hurst Farm, Hulme End, Relocation of hot-tub, log store, decking and compost wc (retrospective) **No objections**
- 5 **Financial Matters**
 - 5.1 Renewal of alstonefield.org – £13.20
 - 5.2 Lengthsman's invoice £521.25 – **both passed for payment**
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation
 - 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder
 - 6.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to October meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £31.62 Toilet Car Park- £19.10
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 APC Meetings dates for 2020 confirmed
 - 7.2 Gritting for the upcoming season –**map discussed**
 - 7.3 VE Day commemoration events - a meeting with The George is yet to be arranged, PCC meeting in November, The History Group may well become involved. The Village Hall is booked for both the Saturday and the Sunday of that weekend and the Village Hall Committee have undertaken to support any events. **To be put back on the Agenda for the next meeting**
 - 7.4 Parish Statement – deadline for amendments 30th November 2019 **The clerk was asked to put this into the Parish Magazine.**
8. **Correspondence in PDRHA** - correspondence discussed. The leaflet 'Homes for Local People' triggered a discussion around whether bungalows could be provided for older or less able residents to the Parish to access, to avoid them having to move out of the area or to live in unsuitable housing. Whilst this was felt to be of value, there was discussion about whether any Parishioners who may be in that position would be eligible for housing association properties or whether such a provision would end up being occupied by people from outside the Parish. It was noted that the points system for allocating properties would not prioritise current residents. A motion was proposed to put an item in the next newsletter, but a vote on this was defeated by 6 to 1.
9. **Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 A kind offer to arrange a tree on the Green in front of The George has been made by The George and this has been accepted with thanks.
 - 9.2 Parish Council Christmas Meal – this is to be arranged for a date in early December.

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- 9.3 Horses on the Playing Field – a report of a horse being ridden on the playing field has been made by a local resident. It was felt that there were no concerns about this currently.
 - 9.4 Playing Field Hardstanding update – A questionnaire will go out with the next Newsletter and the results and feedback from this are awaited.
 - 9.5 Homestead Gardens - **The Clerk was asked to contact the most recent tenants to find out if they were interested in carrying on the tenancy. The Lengthsman will be asked to repair a gap in the wall.**
 - 9.6 There was some discussion about work being done to cut back dead Alders locally including on National Trust land in Milldale.
 - 9.7 It was reported that the car park in Milldale had reappeared on a website suggesting overnight parking places and that a camper van had stayed overnight in the toilet car park recently. Signs are now in place in the Milldale car parks and the Chair will contact the website again and ask for the information to be corrected and removed.
 - 9.8 Local residents asked whether there were any objections from the Parish Council to a plan to extend some kerb stones along the road towards Church Farm. There were no objections from the councillors but it was recommended that the correct authority for this should be the Highways department of the County Council.
 - 9.9 New Guidebook for St Peter's Church Alstonefield – copies were distributed by Cllr Osborne.
- 10. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting - 4th December 2019.**
A Precept Planning meeting will also be arranged in the interim.