

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262) Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)

Carrie Osborne (310453)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2017

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

2 Members of the public were also present, 2 visitors to the meeting and Cllr E Wain

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- 1 Public Forum** - PCSO Lauren Drew spoke to the meeting about a local branch of Farm Watch and how to join the alert system. This will be advertised on the village website and in the newsletter. She also gave a crime report.
Luke Barley from the National Trust spoke regarding clearing plans throughout their woods in the White Peak to mitigate for Ash die back and to encourage other species. He also outlined plans for boundary restoration, deer control, nest boxes and river restoration projects on the Dove. The cutting back of the tress which encroach on the road by the Pinch was also discussed and Mr Barley will look at the work needed.

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

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

4 Planning Matters

NP/SM/0817/0860 – 1 Church Street, Alstonefield – proposed second storey extension to rear of cottage – no objections – clerk to confirm to planning officer.

5 Financial Matters

5.1 Pension compliance acknowledgment letter received August 2017 - noted

5.2 Payments authorised

5.2.1 Ian Redfern – repairs to play area, mowing and wall rebuilding - totalling £687.75

5.2.2 Clerk's wages for 2nd Quarter of 2016/17 £651.77

5.2.3 Grant Thornton - External audit- £100 plus £20 VAT totalling £120.00

5.3 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £56.12, Toilet Car Park- £53.92**

Two payments for £75.00 each for July and August Car Boot Sales received.

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last completed on 9th September 2017**

6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance – **Cllr Hayes reported that the excess chain links on the swings had been shortened as previously discussed**

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 Fingerpost Update – to be erected over the next few days. Signage policy as agreed at a previous meeting has now been published.

7.2 Moorlands Connect update - the Chair reported that she had completed the consultation on behalf of APC as previously planned.

7.3 Homestead Gardens – expression of interest received. Clerk to forward a copy of the tenancy agreement and invite the residents to the next meeting.

7.4 Village Hall Committee Representative – Cllr Reavy updated the meeting about her discussion with the VH Secretary about the matter.

7.5 Bench to the left outside The George – reported to be in a poor and dangerous state. Landlord has offered to purchase a replacement - to be discussed with Council members.

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- 7.6 Sign Cleaning – to be discussed with SCC Highways when they attend to erect the fingerpost. Cllr Campbell volunteered to attempt to clean the sign by The Watts Russell and to report back to the Council.
- 7.7 Feedback from Folk Gathering – no negative feedback received from residents.
- 7.8 Milldale Noticeboard – work to be completed w/c 2nd October. Cost £530 plus inscription costs.
- 7.9 Defib at Milldale – to be presented to Jo Griffin on 6th October. Cllr Wain has arranged electricity supply and APC to consider funding the maintenance on the same basis as the one in Alstonefield.
- 7.10 Safety and traffic on Millway Lane – Cllr Osborne gave details of issues and proposals. She will contact Mark Deaville and David Greatbach to discuss these. Cllr Butler will also speak to the Highways representatives who erect the fingerpost.
- 7.11 Precept meeting date for November – 22nd November 7pm at Cllr Bonsall's house.
- 7.12 Christmas Meal - 11th December at The George
8. **Correspondence in** – Invitation to PDNPA Annual Parishes Day, 30th September 2017 - **noted**
- Email from a parishioner regarding snow clearing -**discussed. Clerk to contact DCC and Cllr Bonsall to speak to Thorpe Parish Council**
 - Audit actions as per Alan Toplis' email – **Clerk to action**
 - Peak Pilgrimage signage and details – **supported by the Parish Council - Alstonefield stretch of the route to be walked by Cllr Campbell Council. Information to be forwarded to the Chair of the Leadenboot Committee for their comments.**
 - PDRHA – AGM invitation –**noted**
 - Karen Bradley – invitation to surgeries -**noted**
 - Oil Club information – **noted**
9. **Any Other Business** - Cllr Hignett gave information about work to be done by Western Power – they will contact the Parish Council about this in due course.
- It was reported that chains will be attached to the posts on the verge by the telephone box shortly.
10. **Date of Next Meeting - 1st November 2017**