

# 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).  
Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).  
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Present: Cllr N Peat, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes, and Liz Court (Clerk), Cllr Edwin Wain

8 Members of the public were also present.

### Parish Council Meeting Agenda

- 1 **Public Forum** – Mr Stockton spoke regarding the Manifold Folk Gathering. It was agreed that the Council gave their full support for this event to be held again in Alstonefield in 2017. A prospective applicant for planning permission for local needs housing in the parish spoke to the meeting. The potential plans were discussed and it was agreed that the applicant should put a questionnaire into the next newsletter in order to gauge perceived need for such housing stock locally. The questionnaire will be forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion in the next newsletter.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meetings** – agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 **Co-option of new Councillor. Resignation of Cllr Lipp received and further co-option to be discussed.** The Clerk explained the processes and Mr Gordon Campbell was nominated for co-option by Cllr Peat and seconded by Cllr Reavy. This was carried unanimously and Mr Campbell accepted. Paperwork will be completed on receipt from the borough council. The advertisement process had already commenced for the new vacancy and this time period will expire on 12<sup>th</sup> October. It is planned that unless an election is called, Mr Butler will be co-opted at the next meeting.

### 5 Planning Matters

Planning decision notice with regard to Chapel House Farm, Lode Lane – replacement of existing summer house with garden room within rear garden - **granted**

### 6 Financial Matters

#### 6.1 Payments

- 6.1.1 Clerk's wages for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - £626.20
- 6.1.2 Domain name renewal fee paid £32.40
- 6.1.3 Grant Thornton external audit fee £100 plus £20 VAT - totalling £120.00
- 6.1.4 Ian Redfern – Lengthsmans wages and expenses £254.78

#### 6.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £ (still unable to open – keys to Cllr Hayes)**

**Toilet Car Park- £42.80**

August and September Car Boot Sales field rental **£150.00**

Manifold Folk Gathering - **£870.00**

### 7. Playing Field Matters

- 7.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 1<sup>st</sup> October
- 7.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder – checked. The Lengthsman will replace some further boards on the play equipment.
- 7.3 2017 Cricket fixtures were discussed and the mowing account will be calculated by the Clerk.
- 7.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to meeting

**Playing Field Car Park - £(clerk unable to open)**

**Toilet Car Park- £44.67**

**8. General Parish Matters**

- 8.1** Parish Council meetings for 2016/17 were discussed. The Clerk was asked to book 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> November for the Parish Council meetings. 18<sup>th</sup> March was suggested for the Annual Spring Clean and the Clerk was asked to book the village hall for this event.
- 8.2** The Council Christmas meal was discussed and Cllr Reavy offered to book a venue and to circulate potential dates.
- 8.3** The Precept meeting was set for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November with the venue being Cllr Bonsall's house.
- 8.4** It was agreed that 10 replacement cones would be purchased – Cllr Bonsall offered to arrange this.

**9. Correspondence in**

Nothing requiring response -**noted**

**10. Any Other Business**

- 10.1** It was agreed that the Lengthsman would trim Homestead Gardens and have a general clean up. The Clerk was asked to put an item into the next Newsletter asking if anyone would be interested in maintaining the site.
- 10.2** Cllr Hignett reported that he had replaced the coping stones at Lode Mill as discussed at the last meeting.
- 10.3** Cllr Peat reported that he had sourced a local contractor who would cut back the self-set trees narrowing Millway Lane for £75.00. It was agreed that this should go ahead. Cllr Peat offered to arrange this.
- 10.4** Cllrs Reavy and Hayes have taken over the noticeboards in Alstonefield which Cllr Lipp used to organise.
- 10.5** A member of the public drew the Council's attention to an issue with flooding near Rose Cottage. Cllr Hayes is going to look at the site with the Lengthsman as it seems to be due to a pipe being silted up.

**11. Date of Next Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> November**