

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)

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019

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

Apologies from Cllr N Bonsall

3 members of the public were also present

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** - Two members of the public discussed the recent applications for upgrading of footpaths to bridleways in particular in the area of Cold Eaton. They did not feel that the historical reasons for such a change are valid and that the grassy surfaces suitable for walkers would soon be eroded if used by horses and bikes. They also noted that the notice originally erected to alert local people to the application had been removed very quickly. The map submitted for the Cold Eaton section shows that the footpath crosses the main Dovedale path, whereas in reality, the bridleway would be shared for some 40m with this main tourist walking route unless there is a diversion planned. This is felt to be hazardous if this is to be the case. Furthermore, it was noted that errors had been made in matters such as grid references within the applications. Consultation on this application is open until 21st January 2019 and comments may be submitted to mark.hosker@derbyshire.gov.uk. Whilst several individual members of the council intend to submit their objections, as well as members of the parish, this particular application falls under Derbyshire Council Council as it is outside the parish boundaries. The Parish Council as such is not a formal consultee in such applications although the members present are all against this and other applications currently in process in the area as minuted at the November 2018 meeting.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting - ratified**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest – nothing declared**
- 4 **Planning Matters**
NP/SM/1018/0968 – two storey and single storey rear extension, Hope Farm – permission granted
noted
- 5 **Financial Matters**
Precept figure has been agreed to bring a 0% rise to local residents. This will result in income of £7537.68 through SMDC. The Clerk and Chair will liaise to complete the formal paperwork before the deadline of 12th February 2019.
Community Bank Account The Clerk explained the current running of the Community Bank Account attached to Paypal and the Village Website for the purchasing of local walks books and the list of memorials in the churchyard. This falls under the Parish Council as the website itself is owned by the Council. Councillors present are happy with the way this is being managed currently but this may need to be reviewed in due course to update the signatories and account holders.
- 5.1 **Payments**
 - 5.1.1.1 Ian Redfern – playing field mower maintenance and storage & lengthsman's duties
£308.75
 - 5.1.1.2 Richard Butler - Chairman's allowance **£50.00**
- 5.2 **Monies Received**
Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £37.58 Toilet Car Park- £30.82**
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation
 - 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance – nothing reported
 - 6.3 Hardstanding – 1 member of parish has contacted the PC to offer to form part of the working group. Cllr Osborne offered to meet with them in order to look at whether this project can be progressed. Clerk to forward contact details to Cllr Osborne.
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 Bridleway applications around the area – covered under Public Forum
 - 7.2 Dog Waste/Litter bins and toilet provision at Milldale – the Clerk reported on her contact with DCC and SMDC – awaiting further updates from both bodies.

Post meeting note – the litter provision at Milldale has been clarified with two new 1100l lockable bins now provided. These have stickers applied to make it clear that these are for public use. DCC have now been in touch regarding the toilet cleaning in Milldale.

DCC are in the process of clarifying the toilet cleaning provision and will contact the Clerk as soon as they have information on this.

- 7.3 Benches – outstanding offer from a member of the public to fund a bench. NT contacted by Clerk - awaiting reply from regional contact
- 7.4 2019 Local Elections- implications for Parish Councillors and change of date required for May Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall Bookings and find out if 22nd May is available for the Annual meeting in line with guidelines and time-limits after an election.
- 7.5 Policies to be reviewed and ratified by May 2019 – Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment & Standing Orders – to be added to the next meeting agenda
- 7.6 Spring Clean Day 23rd March 2019 – date confirmed and Mrs Reavy and the Clerk have volunteered to provide refreshments as in previous years. Jobs to be collated and discussed as part of the next Parish Council Meeting and to be advertised in the March newsletter and on Website.

8. Correspondence in - Bank statements

9. Any Other Business

It was reported that the drains outside Wesleyan Chapel and by Green Well are full of silt. The gully at the end of Gypsy Lane also require attention. The Clerk was asked to report all three to SCC.

Cllr Hayes reported that he had discussed the felling of the roadside towards the Pinch with Luke Barley of the National Trust and it was agreed that this work would be preferred over crowning work to the trees.

A member of the parish has asked the Parish Council whether they would be able to use the old goal posts which were removed, replaced by the newer 5-a-side goalposts and left amongst the trees at the edge of the playing field. The Councillors present are happy for these to be brought back into use and were not aware of any reason to prevent this.

The Chair discussed a link that he had been sent to a YouTube video of a local farm site which is currently unoccupied. The concern was that this may encourage squatters. The Clerk was asked to alert the land agent for the property.

Further to an email from NALC, it was suggested that a survey of all the trees on PC land should be undertaken as part of the Parish Spring Clean.

Cllr Campbell offered to arrange a gift for one of the lengthsman - the other lengthsman will be given a gift at the end of the financial year to show the Council's appreciation for all their work.

10. Date of Next Meeting -27th February 2019