

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to the Council- Liz Court, tel. no: 01538 702077

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Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262). Dot Griffin (310249).
Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).
Kevin Stockton (310347) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Griffin (Chair), Cllr N Peat, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr K Stockton and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 Member of the public was also present.

54 **Public Forum** – no matters were raised.

55 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed

56 **Declarations of Interest** –. There were no interests declared.

57 **Planning Matters** – Erection of conservatory and erection of green house, Dale Bottom Cottage, Hopedale – **permission noted**

58 Financial Matters

58.1 **Precept** – the final figure is not available as yet pending discussions between the Clerk and Vice Chair regarding the closing figures for the last financial year. The date for submission to SMDC has not been announced as yet and the Clerk will keep the council informed as to the deadlines for this.

58.2 **Payments** – Clerk 's wages for 3rd Quarter £516.94, Chairman's Allowance of £63.40 and Lengthsman's wages and expenses £484.15 - **all ratified and raised**

58.3 Monies Received

58.3.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £17.18 Toilet Car Park- £46.12

58.3.2 Income from Manifold Folk Festival use of playing field for camping **£140.40**

58.3.3 Income from SMDC for recycling **£175.20**

58.3.4 ACC contribution towards mowing **£86.25**

58.3.5 Car Boot rental of field for 29th September 2013 **£70.00**

The Clerk was asked to put a piece into the next newsletter regarding recycling income to encourage villagers to use this facility which raises money directly for the village.
Clerk to action

59 Playing Field Matters

59.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – The folder was noted to reflect that the play area is currently closed pending work on the surface.

59.2 Play area – The various options were discussed and it was proposed that the rubber chippings option to the depth of 75mm be followed after various discussions with RoSPA and suppliers. Grass, whilst possibly the cheapest option was discounted on the grounds of maintenance especially in wet weather. Of the 4 companies approached, the preferred suppliers on price and quality seem to be newgen, however a final price is awaited from M&B. It was proposed by Cllr Lipp that the final negotiations be delegated to Cllr Reavy with Cllr Stockton seconding this. All were in agreement. The Clerk was asked to contact SMDC Councillor Wain again regarding his offer of a grant towards his work.
Clerk to action

59.3 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - an entry was made reflecting the short term closure.

59.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to October meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £6.60 Toilet Car Park- £16.88

Clerk to bank

60 General Parish Matters

60.1 Peak District Landscape Trees Project – **support from the Parish Council was noted**

60.2 Policies for review :

[Formal Complaints Policy Approved April 2009](#) - No amends required

[Freedom of Information Policy Approved April 2009](#) – amended

[Risk Assessment appendix i Approved October 2008](#) - Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

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[Risk Assessment – appendix-ii Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat
[Risk Assessment-appendix-iii Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat
[Risk Assessment – appendix-iv Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat
[Risk assessment – Overview Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat
[Financial Regulations Approved May 2009](#) – amended
[Standing Orders – Approved May 2009](#) –amended

Once all ratified, these will be updated on the website and additional copies circulated as appropriate.

60.3 Community Paths Initiative. The Chair reported on the fact that this year's application has been successful and that the money (£360.00) will be credited to the Parish Council account shortly. She also noted that she had spoken with Rose Clarke regarding the scheme and that future plans will be discussed with her to ensure that works are not duplicated. This led to a discussion regarding the surface on at Sunnybank – especially in the region of the cattle trough. Cllr Peat offered to speak to Rose Clarke to see if any action can be taken to mitigate this issue.

61 Correspondence in – All items were noted.

62 Any Other Business – The Clerk was asked to add to the newsletter the decision regarding the play area and that the new surface should be in place in the spring. **Clerk to action**

The Clerk was asked to contact SMDC, Peak Park and SCC contacts to thank them for all their assistance throughout the year with particular mention to the Borough and county Councillors as well as the rangers and highways departments. **Clerk to action**

Work on the white lines at Oxclose Lane and on the potholes as well as cutting back of self-setters on the verges throughout the village is still needed – the Clerk was asked to chase this with DCC and SCC as appropriate. **Clerk to action**

Brunister Lane is becoming a problem with green laners and recently use by delivery vehicles. The wall has been knocked down to allow better access and vehicles are now getting stuck frequently. The Clerk was asked to contact Rose Clarke to ask about clearing this lane - it is believed that this falls under the rangers rather than Highways. **Clerk to action**

Cllr Stockton reported on an upcoming meeting regarding the folk gathering. He will report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Reavy alerted the meeting to upcoming village events – the Carol Service, Carol singing and the New Year's Market.

Cllr Lipp gave details about the changes to the gritting of the local roads this winter –it was felt that this was a good use of the vehicles and would cut costs.

63 Date of Next Meeting - 22nd January 2014