

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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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 20th February 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

One member of the public was also present.

84 Apologies - none

85 Public Forum - no matters raised

86 Minutes of Previous Meeting- agreed and signed

87 Declarations of Interest - none

88 Planning Matters – a letter received from the Peak Park Planning Authority regarding a change to the pre-planning application service was read and circulated to those present. The previous system of having a drop-in officer available has been replaced. The Clerk was asked to give details of this change on the Village Website via the Forum.
Clerk to action

89 Financial Matters

89.1 Monthly accounts reconciliations checked by Councillor Peat for November, December & January – copies to all

89.2 Final precept/grant allocation figures were explained for information to all

89.3 Payments – Invoice from Ian Redfern from November 2012 - £194.00 **raised and ratified**
- Cost of domain renewal and admin fee levied by previous provider - £38.40 **raised and ratified**

89.4 Monies Received and banked

6.4.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes
Playing Field Car Park – £Nil Toilet Car Park - £16.06

90 Playing Field Matters

90.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 20th February 2013

90.2 Car Boot Sales 2013 – an update of the proposed dates was given. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Allen to ask if the June date could be altered if possible as this will clash with the Wakes weekend and then to notify Councillor Reavy of the outcome.

Clerk to action

90.3 Playing Field Mower – An update was given by Councillor Lipp. After visiting several suppliers, the most appropriate option seems to be similar to the one previously used. The cost of a new mower (the previous second hand option being inappropriate) is £3575.00 plus VAT. A finance option over three years appears to be the best option. The Clerk noted that using public money to pay interest could cause an issue and she was asked to seek advice on this matter as soon as possible so that the decision could be made in time for the mower to be bought for the start of the season.

Clerk to action

90.4 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - This had been updated after a check of the walls, the display of dog fouling signs and the lengthsmen having been asked to see if he can deal with the moles.

90.5 Car Park – honesty boxes – report on any monies collected prior to February meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £ Toilet Car Park- £11.91

The Chair gave an update regarding the replacement of the playing field car park honesty box, it is hoped to have this back in place shortly.

91 General Parish Matters

91.1 Village Spring Clean – 23rd March 9.30am at the Village Hall. Councillor Reavy offered to advertise this via the website. A list of jobs will be started and circulated for any additions prior to the date.

- 91.2 Query regarding Village Phone box was noted. It was agreed that any offers to clean the village phone box would be gratefully taken up.
- 91.3 Community Paths Initiative – bids for 2013-14. The deadline for application is 1st April 2013. The Chair kept the paperwork to complete with current options including the footpath from the phone box in Milldale and the stile further up this path, as well as options on Sunnybank and Gypsy Lane.
- 91.4 Updates on flooding issues were given. The Clerk was asked to chase these again and to contact residents as soon as possible. The led to discussion on the pond and the issues of flooding at Lode Lane.
Clerk to action
- 91.5 Cutting back of verges on Lode Lane was discussed. It was felt that a reduction of both the width and the height of the verge would be very helpful from Wesleyan House down. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to report this. The lengthsman has been doing work on this but it was felt that more substantial work would be helpful. A suggestion of a site visit to incorporate this and the flooding issues at the same location was made and the Clerk offered to request this.
Clerk to action
- 91.6 Branches partially covering 30mph signs on Lode Lane – these have been cut back by the lengthsman.
- 91.7 www.alstonefield.com – domain renewal due in March – the supplier has been changed and the payment of the expenses involved ratified above.
- 91.8 Gritting of the area during bad weather – A request regarding access to the Church was discussed. The Clerk was asked to request either a grit bin, or preferably a pile of girt to be left by the Church. This led to a discussion regarding East Cheshire where dump bags are used which can be removed in the spring. The Clerk was asked to suggest this option to SCC Highways.
Clerk to action

92 Correspondence in

All noted.

There was some discussion regarding the bus service consultation and the local use of Moorlands Connect.

93 Any Other Business

Councillor Reavy discussed a request from the PCC asking for assistance with bunting and tables for the street party on Wakes weekend 29th and 30th June 2013.

It was noted that the review of Ian Redfern's contract is due to take place at the beginning of April and it was agreed that this should be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.
Clerk to action

Councillor Hignett informed the Council of work due to be done to the plantation between the Pinch and Milldale.

Councillor Stockton asked the Clerk to check the details of the time conditions attached to the planning consent for the caravan site at Upper Hurst and to circulate findings to the Council.
Clerk to action

The Clerk gave details of a request regarding the snowplough and access to local properties, a potential contact regarding the cutting back of trees from Stanshope to Ilam and an update regarding the potential width restriction on Millway Lane.

The Chair noted that dates were needed for the work groups to cut back the trees and to fill the potholes on the playing field car park were to be arranged. These will be circulated shortly.

94 Date of Next Meeting -3rd April 2013