

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). 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 18th September 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Borough Councillor Edwin Wain, Cllr N Peat (Chair), Cllr R Hignett, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr N Bonsall and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 member of the public was also present.

34 **Apologies** Councillors Griffin, Stockton and Lipp

35 **Public Forum** – The matter of the undercutting of grass verges due to larger agricultural vehicles was raised. This is causing boundary walls to be undercut and there is a danger that some may collapse. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC to ask whether this was a matter for the Highways authority or the Landowners and to copy Councillor Gill Heath into the correspondence so that she is also aware of the matter.
Clerk to action

Councillor Wain reported on a meeting with the Police Commissioner Matthew Ellis regarding changes in the computer technologies making the various systems compatible, the use of tablets for Police Officers whilst away from base, the increase in policing hours and the discontinuation of the agreements with the West Midlands force. He felt that the actions are all very positive.

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

37 **Declarations of Interest** – nothing was declared with the exception of Councillor Bonsall declaring an interest in the planning application. He took no part in the following discussion.

38 **Planning Matters** – NP/SM/0813/0725, Dale Bottom Cottage, Hopedale – Erection of conservatory and erection of greenhouse - no objections

39 **Financial Matters**

39.1 **Payments** – Clerk's wages for 2nd Quarter £516.94 and Lengthsman's wages and expenses for Peter Frost totalling £843.13 were agreed but the payments will not be raised until the October meeting as not enough signatories to the chequebook were present.

39.2 **Monies Received**

39.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £5.00 Toilet Car Park- £32.77

39.2.2 –Car Boot Money

£140.00 banked from 30/6 and 28/7

40 **Playing Field Matters**

40.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 13/9/2013. Councillor Reavy reported that she was following up a potential volunteer who may run the rota for next year.

40.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - Nothing new

40.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to September meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £31.34 Toilet Car Park- £47.92

also to be banked - **£70.00** car boot hire for 18th August 2013

Clerk to bank

41 **General Parish Matters**

41.1 Updates regarding Manifold Folk festival – the Clerk noted that the copies of the insurance and the final programme had been received.

41.2 Policies for review – list allocated for October Meeting as below:

[Formal Complaints Policy Approved April 2009](#) - Cllr Hignett
[Freedom of Information Policy Approved April 2009](#) – Cllr Reavy
[Risk Assessment appendix i Approved October 2008](#) - Cllrs Bonsall and Peat
[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](#) – Cllr Reavy
[Standing Orders – Approved May 2009](#) –Clerk

41.3 Items for next Newsletter – The Clerk was asked to put another item in regarding the change in the Community Skip Service and advertise the next meeting date.

Clerk to action

41.4 Updates on Highways works - some cutting back around signage has taken place and Millway Lane and the path from Lode Mill to Milldale have also been cut back.

41.5 Community Skip Service – feedback on the effect of the service ceasing was given. There have been two incidences of fly –tipping reported since the end of August – both of which have been reported to SMDC and Councillor Heath. It was agreed that this matter should be put into the newsletter again and that monitoring of the site and any issues continue over the next few months.

41.6 Play area surface and equipment – The summer weather seems to have caused further deterioration of the surface. It was agreed that a site meeting should take place before the next meeting with remedial work to be carried out as soon as possible. Councillor Wain gave details of potential match funding available from SMDC up to £5,000 should larger works be required in due course. The improvement of the equipment and items for older children is also to be considered.

42 **Correspondence in** – The Clerk was asked to respond to Flame TV, the other items were noted.

Clerk to action

43 **Any Other Business** – The Clerk updated the Council regarding the Community Bank Account. Councillor Reavy gave details regarding inappropriate postings on the village website. It was noted that both the Lengthsman and the Play area should be on the next Agenda.

Clerk to action

44 **Date of Next Meeting - 30th October 2013**