

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) Rebecca McIntyre (310498)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021

Present: Cllr A Hayes, Cllr C Osborne, Cllr R Butler, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr R McIntyre, Cllr G Campbell, one member of the public and Liz Court (Clerk)

Apologies were received from SMDC Cllr E Wain and Cllr N Bonsall

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- 1 **Open Forum** - nothing raised
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - ratified
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – Members are invited to declare any interests they may have in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting. Nothing declared.
- 4 **Planning Matters**
Planning Application: NP/SM/0221/0124 Top pf Hope Farm - Barn conversion to make a small home office work space adjacent to the main property **No objections**
- 5 **Financial Matters**
Namesco Limited – Renewal of Alstonefield.com for 3 years - £43.99 plus £8.80 VAT totalling £52.79
Liz James – Clerking for 4th Quarter: Jan-March 2021 - £554.61 – PAYE paid by DD as per previous
Peter Frost – Lengthsmans duties and expenses 2020-21 £1135.13
Ian Redfern - Lengthsmans duties and cleaning and servicing of equipment - £339.20
All payments agreed, ratified and cheques to be raised

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 **Play area inspection** – Village clear up to go ahead on 27th March suitably distanced as previously planned. Members volunteered to do certain areas. The trees in the corner of the playing field will be checked to see if they require pollarding or cutting back. It was noted that the fencing may also need attention. The tyre chippings under the play equipment also need topping up. Clerk to get quotes and aim to have delivery before the 27th March if possible.

6.2 **Car Park** – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £3.00 Toilet Car Park- £nil

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 **Welcome signage** Cllr McIntyre outlined the actions already taken and that she is still awaiting a reply from a Highways Officer. The design of the 5 bar gate idea was discussed as was the option of signage to indicate Milldale (Welcome to Milldale) as this may slow traffic. Community Speedwatch and other methods of speed monitoring were also discussed but as currently national speed limit, probably no benefit in this approach. To await contact from Highways Officers.

7.2 **Milldale Defibrillator** Following an email, it has been noted that the battery life on this defib is down to just one bar. It was agreed that the Council will fund a new battery when this is required.

7.3 **Update on Parking issues and enforcement in Alstonefield** Cllr Campbell discussed the options open to the Council regarding problem parking on the playing field car park. It was agreed that a process needs to be in place and this this will need to be investigated through SCC. Cllr Campbell will follow this through. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Parish Council to one local resident who is currently parking vehicles there overnight on a very regular basis.

7.4 **SMDC Car parking strategy consultation** noted and links send to all Councillors.

7.5 **Parish Council meetings - Coronavirus update** It is hoped that Council meeting will revert to face to face meetings soon but the current national arrangements in place for virtual meetings extend to 7th May so the next PC meeting will also be via Zoom.

7.6 **Issue re misuse of disabled car parking spaces in Milldale as raised by a resident** A resume of action so far was given by the Clerk. She will continue to follow this matter up with a contact at County level passed on to her by a Milldale resident.

8. Correspondence in all noted.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk will ask the Council to review and update the Risk Assessments, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk informed the Council that there may be someone planning to run Car Boot Sales at the Village Hall in 2021 under similar arrangements as before. It was agreed that if there is an approach, the cost for hire should be increased slightly to £100 and a contract including sight of appropriate insurances should also be in place. The Clerk will await direct contact.

10. Date of Next Meeting - 7th April 2021. Cllr Hayes offered his apologies for this date.