

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Alstonefield Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00 pm in Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Vice Chair: G Campbell (GC), A Hayes (AH), M Newman (MN), C McIlroy (CM), S Jeffery (SJ), R Longdon (RL) and the Clerk, M Jinks. There were two members of the public present in addition to the District Councillor, E Wain. GC took the chair in RH's absence.

24.04.1 Apologies: Chair; R Hignett (RH),

24.04.2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the previous meeting had been published and forwarded to members of the Council in advance of the meeting. These were confirmed as a true record of proceedings and signed by GC.

24.04.3 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest of councillors related to published agenda

None declared.

24.04.4 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported back on the action that he had taken following the previous meeting.

24.04.5 Items to/from the District Councillor

Mr Wain gave a brief update on activities at Moorlands House.

24.04.6 Planning matters, decision notices and appeals

Application NP/SM/0424/0387 for retrospective planning permission at Hope Mount Farm, was discussed; there were no objections.

It was noted that applications NP/SM/0124/0041 and 0042 at Ash Tree Farm had been approved.

There were no appeals.

24.04.7 Financial matters - items of expenditure and income

Car park monies had kindly been collected by AH in the sum of £65.89

The following payments were approved:

BACS G Campbell; reimbursed IT expenses	£83.99 incl £14.00 VAT
BACS M Jinks; quarterly net salary	£830.44 - no VAT
BACS NamesCo; domain name renewal	£23.99 incl £4.00 VAT
DD HMRC; PAYE	£36.40 - no VAT
BACS Welbeck Estates; mowing & strimming of playing field	£120.00 incl £20.00 VAT

After taking into account the above transactions, the Council had balances of £792 in the current account and £19,255 in the deposit account (*including interest of £21.40 for March*).

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the draft accounts for the year to 31 March 2024. These would be presented for "internal audit" on Friday 19th April. Once approved, they would be discussed and approved at the May meeting.

24.04.8 Items for Community Magazine

The Clerk inserted a note about the Annual Community Meeting to be held in May.

24.04.9 Highways Issues

GC advised that his long running campaign for repairs on Lode Lane appears to be coming to an end. SCC confirmed that works previously identified and marked out, never actually happened! Final repairs are now expected within a few weeks.

It was noted that the road at Lode Mill bridge would be closed on 29 and 20 April; this presumably is to make the necessary repairs there.

MN advised that he expects the road outside West View Farm, The Raikes to be dug up soon by Severn Trent.

24.04.10 Correspondence

A member of the Historical Society had advised that the top of the water pump near Green Well had lost its cap. GC would speak with the immediate neighbour to see whether it had been simply discarded into his garden. CM would use his internet skills to see if he could source a replacement.

The Clerk advised that he had been made aware of an on-line Police Surgery to be hosted by Chief Inspector Mark Barlow.

24.04.11 Any other business

GC and AH advised that they had asked a local resident with contacts at Welbeck Estates to mow and strim the playing field. This had been done at a cost of £100 plus VAT. It was agreed to continue with this arrangement on a weekly basis until, at least, the next meeting – in the meantime GC and RH would discuss the situation with the lengthsman. The resident concerned would use his own equipment; GC would make enquiries about ensuring insurance cover was in place. Once arrangements are finalised, the cricket club need to be informed (and possibly to make contact directly).

Edwin Wain apologised that he would be unavailable meetings in May and June for medical reasons.

Date of next meeting

Thursday, 30th May 2024 in the Village Hall. This will be immediately after the Annual Community Meeting which starts at 7:00pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:44pm

These Minutes remain draft until approved at the next meeting