

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).
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2015 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Griffin (Chair), Cllr N Peat, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes and Liz Court (Clerk)

1 Member of the public was also present.

Apologies: Cllrs N Bonsall & F Lipp – received and accepted

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** – A member of the public asked about the procedure regarding the defibrillator housed at the Village Hall, this led to a discussion regarding the maintenance and checking of the equipment. Cllr Reavy then contacted one of the local coordinators who gave full details regarding the checks and maintenance of the equipment. It was agreed that the systems in place seemed very robust.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and to signed by the Chair at the next meeting. **Clerk to action**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 **Planning Matters** –

Planning applications - NP/SM/1015/0958 – Gateham Grange – install 16 solar panels to Holiday let and 16 solar panels on Agricultural building – **permission granted**
- 5 **Financial Matters**
It was noted that further information regarding costs for work to the play area, benches and noticeboards work is required in order to set the final precept figure.
 - 5.1 **Payments**–
 - 5.1.1 **Clerks wages** for the third quarter **£545.90** The clerk was asked to add 6 hours additional wages to her next claim due to extra meetings attended. **Clerk to action**
 - 5.1.2 **I. Redfern** – invoices plus Lengthsmans work **£234.00**
 - 5.1.3 **D Griffin** – Expenses re gifts for Lengthsmen etc. **£76.00**

All agreed and paid – Clerk to action
 - 5.2 **Monies Received**
 - 5.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes
Playing Field Car Park - £18.01 Toilet Car Park- £30.05
 - 5.2.2 – **Income from ACC with regard to additional mowing £210.00**
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – **it was noted that the check form had not been completed recently and Cllr Reavy checked with the organiser.** This has now been updated. The goalposts were discussed and the Lengthsman will be asked if he is able to work on these.
 - 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**
 - 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to November meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £8.26 Toilet Car Park- £13.10
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 Footpath signage and verge posts – 3 oak footpath finger posts are in stock and these will be used to replace the sign at Millway Lane and also the one at Church Bank - the Lengthsman will be asked to do this work. The costs of tantalised posts were also discussed with the Chair having researched prices. It was also discussed that 15 year guaranteed posts may be available and this will be researched too. The final costs will need to be incorporated into the final precept figure.
 - 7.2 Homestead Gardens – the tenancy details were considered and later information confirmed that the present tenant will not be renewing next spring. The Clerk was asked to advertise the opportunity in the next newsletter to see if any local residents are interested.
8. **Correspondence in**
All items were noted.
9. **Any Other Business**

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- 9.1 Removal of the temporary road signs was discussed. This has been requested several times and will now be cleared by the lengthsman.
- 9.2 Glass and cloth recycling bins – it has been noted that these have not yet been removed. The Clerk has communicated with the two organisations involved and these will be cleared shortly.
- 9.3 Road sweeping between Lode Mill and Milldale - the path is now treacherous with fallen leaves. The Clerk was asked to contact the SMDC Rangers. This led to discussion regarding the drain at The Pinch which is once again full of debris & grit. This has been reported to DCC again.
- 9.4 The drain by Wesleyan House which has been cleared in the past also required flushing again – this will be requested from SCC. **Clerk to action**
- 9.5 Cllr Reavy gave information regarding Superfast Broadband service for the area.
- 9.6 The Clerk was asked to contact the accountant to check what actions need to be taken with regard to Pensions Auto Enrol for the Parish Council. She was also asked to check with SPCA and the auditor where needed. **Clerk to action**
- 9.7 Speedwatch updates were discussed. The scheme is due to commence in the New Year.
- 9.8 The clerk was asked to research some costings for a new Multiplay – from both Playdale and Online Playgrounds and to circulate the information to all for their consideration prior to the next meeting. **Clerk to action**
- 9.9 The Clerk was asked to find out what the current situation is regarding a recent application for Back Lane. **Clerk to action**
- 9.10 The date for the next Spring Clean is to be considered at the next meeting – **Clerk to action**

Date of Next Meetings –27th January 2016