

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 5th March 2014 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

2 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall – received and accepted

73 **Public Forum** – The members of the public present queried the lack of consultation to the neighbours for application NP/SM/1213/1152 at Town End Farm. The Clerk explained that this application had in fact been invalidated and therefore the application would be awaited at another point in the future when the issue was resolved. The Clerk was asked to contact PDNPA to find out if neighbours had not yet been notified when the application was invalidated or if there was another reason why they had not been contacted.
Clerk to action

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

75 **Declarations of Interest** –. There were no interests declared.

76 **Planning Matters** –Town End Farm, Lode Lane, Alstonefield – replacement of existing residential caravan with permanent agricultural workers dwelling - **invalidated**
Grange Farm, Stanshope, Agricultural shed to house and feed cattle – **no objections**
Clerk to action

77 Financial Matters

77.1 **Grant Application for work to Play Area** - no updates received as yet

77.2 **Interim Audit** –The Clerk reported an upcoming meeting with Alan Toplis due on 20th March

77.3 **Payments** – Clerks wages for 4th Quarter - **£516.94**

David Backhouse – lengthsmans wages and expenses - **£344.00**

Newgen Recycling Ltd – Rubber Chippings for play area - **£2539.17 plus £507.83 VAT**

totalling £3047.00

Ian Redfern – Lengthsmans wages - **£144.00**

Ian Redfern – Servicing of equipment - **£98.95**

Lester Lowe Ltd – Wood for play area works - **£178.90 plus £35.78 VAT totalling £214.68**

77.4 **Monies Received**

77.4.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £13.19 Toilet Car Park- £21.39

78 Playing Field Matters

78.1 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Lipp who has sprayed the grass ready to lay the timber. This work is due to be done on Sunday 9th March at 10.00am. The chippings are due to be delivered on March 14th and the spreading of these will take place on Saturday 15th March at 10.00am.

78.2 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to March meeting. The Clerk was asked to query with Alan Toplis why this income is traditionally reported twice.

Playing Field Car Park - £12.14 Toilet Car Park- £26.70

Clerk to bank

79 General Parish Matters

79.1 Beresford Dale Weir removal – correspondence was read to the meeting and the concerns raised by it were discussed.

79.2 Policies for review :

[Formal Complaints Policy Approved April 2009](#) - No amends required

[Freedom of Information Policy Approved April 2009](#) – amended

[Risk Assessment appendix i Approved October 2008](#) - Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

[Risk Assessment – appendix-ii Approved October 2008](#)- Cllrs Bonsall and Peat

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[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](#) – amended
[Standing Orders – Approved May 2009](#) –amended

It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Peat will meet before the next meeting in order to look at the weighting of the risks in Appendix 1. The results will then be reported to the next meeting, Once all are ratified, these will be updated on the website and additional copies circulated as appropriate.

79.3 Village Hall Noticeboard – Cllr Lipp offered to arrange for the broken bolt to be repaired

79.4 White lines at Oxclose Lane – the work here has been completed

79.5 Green-laners use of Brunister Lane –It was reported that following representations from local residents, the lane was not to be cleared. If the problem of green laners persists with trespass on private land, residents have been advised that this is a police matter.

79.6 Archive items to be stored at The Village Hall – It was agreed that documentation from the Alstonefield Parish Action Review from April 2000 – March 2003 would be filed in the village hall and that documentation from the Charity Commission with reference to Alstonefield Memorial Hall and Community Centre would be retained by the Chair.

79.7 Support Staffordshire Project – Details were given by Clerk, Chair and Councillor Lipp. It was agreed to ask a representative to attend the next meeting – Clerk to action

79.8 Over-hanging trees/branches in National Trust Wood encroaching on Lode Lane – Complaints regarding damage to vehicles have been received again and the Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways on this matter. It has been recommended that complainants contact the land owners directly.

79.9 Homestead Gardens –Cllr Stockton declared an interest in this item and withdrew from any decision making. The Clerk was asked to go ahead with the new lease agreement from April 1st 2014. Cllr Stockton expressed his thanks for his lease and there was some discussion regarding tree work that may be required in due course.

80 Correspondence in – All items were noted.

81 Any Other Business

Councillor Griffin reported on the work required at the bottom section of the footpath from Milldale heading up Sunny Bank. The bottom stile by the phone box is difficult to improve due to its site and the slippery nature of the rocks. It was agreed that the Chair would contact Rose Clarke to find out what the Peak Park's recommendation would be for the work required.

The change of the Annual Parish Meeting date was discussed and agreed due to a clash with The Friendship Group.

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole to SCC just past the entrance to Paddock House.

Clerk to action

Councillor Lipp gave a report regarding the need for a replacement bush cutter for the lengthsman. He also declared an interest in the supplier and therefore took no part in the decision. It was agreed that the supplier's opinion would be sought between the two preferred machines and that the Chair would also speak to the lengthsman. The Council authorised the ordering of whichever preferred option results .

Councillor Peat reported that there are two grey wheely bins and a dog waste bin by the toilets in Milldale which need removing. The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Lees at SMDC to organise their removal.

Clerk to action

Councillor Reavy offered to arrange the Poster for the Spring Clean

Councillor Peat discussed the use of the forthcoming events page of the newsletter for noticeboards.

Date of Next Meeting - 16th April 2014

The Annual Parish Meeting will now take place on 21st May 2014 and the Clerk was asked to contact both the Borough and County Councillors to inform them of this new date.