

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).

Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2016 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr N Peat (Chair), Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr A Hayes and Liz Court (Clerk)

2 Members of the public were also present.

Parish Council Meeting

The Chair of the meeting opened by announcing the resignation of the Chair to the Council – Cllr Dot Griffin from the council due to family circumstances. She was thanked for all her work as a Councillor and in her role of Chair over the last six years - she will be missed by the Council. In the short term, the Vice Chair, Cllr N Peat will stand in as Chair.

- 1 **Public Forum** – A representative from the Alstonefield Local History Group spoke about this new group. Part of their role will be to try to preserve some of the memories of residents of the area and to collate documents and photographs of the area. A suggestion of a display of some of the artefacts has been made for the Wakes weekend. The group are keen to scan and copy any local documents or photographs if any residents are happy to let them do so.
A resident asked if there had been any response to the Clerk's communication to SCC regarding the verges and marker posts on Lode Lane. The Clerk was asked to chase this matter as there had not.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – One typing error was noted and corrected, otherwise, the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 **Role of Chair to the Parish Council** – The clerk reported back regarding advice from SPCA on the possibility of sharing the role in the short term. The Clerk was asked to advertise for a new Councillor in the next newsletter and on the noticeboards and on the website. Cllr N Bonsall agreed to become the Parish Council representative for the Alstonefield Educational Trust.
- 5 **Financial Matters**
The precept total requested of £7900 including the grant to cover council tax benefit was noted.
The clerk was asked to check the details regarding the Council's obligations with regard to pensions and to let Cllr Reavy know.
 - 5.1 **Payments**–
 - 5.1.1 Clerk's wages for fourth quarter plus 6 hours additional as agreed **£615.89**
 - 5.1.2 Newsletter contribution as discussed - **£50.00**
 - 5.1.3 Renewal of Hosting and Domain name - **£58.80 in total**
 - 5.1.4 Ian Redfern Invoices – lengthsman and other work **totalling £479.73**
 - 5.1.5 Alstonefield Memorial Hall Hire for 2015-2016 **£140.00**

Agreed and paid – Clerk to action
 - 5.2 **Monies Received**
 - 5.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes
Playing Field Car Park - £14.64 Toilet Car Park- £5.65
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – **4/3**
 - 6.2 The goalposts and the gate to the playarea have been repaired and painted by the Lengthsman. Some repairs are needed to the multiplay – in particular a missing bolt and some holes in the roof as well as some rotten wood sections. It was agreed that Cllr Hayes would liaise with the lengthsman over repairs of these.
 - 6.3 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**
 - 6.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to March meeting
Playing Field Car Park – Clerk unable to open – Cllr Hignett offered to try **Toilet Car Park- £19.00**
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 Noticeboard quotes were discussed. The quote from Richard Eades is to be taken forward. Further to this, the noticeboard at Milldale needs attention as do some of the benches. Cllr Hignett will look at the work required.

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- 7.2 Homestead Garden tenancy and insurance details were checked with regard to liability – the clerk was asked to forward a copy of the appropriate section of the policy to the new tenant and to let them know that the foliage will be cut back as part of the village clean up over the next few weeks.
- 7.3 Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations – a Thanksgiving service is taking place at the Church on 12th June
- 7.4 Potholes in the Parish – Potholes at Lode Close and at the bottom of Lode Lane by the bridge were reported. The road surface at Hope Way turn was also reported due to differing levels. The cover in the road at Milldale by the noticeboard was also reported as breaking up. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC and to copy Cllr Heath in to the report.
- 7.5 Village Spring Clean on 19th March – all available to meet outside the Village Hall at 9.30am. Cllrs Lipp and Reavy gave their apologies as they are not available on that date. The work to be done was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Hayes and Hignett would allocate the jobs on the day.
- 7.6 Community Paths Initiative – paperwork was given to Cllr Peat
- 7.7 Community Bank Account reconciled by Cllr Reavy – figures were noted.

8. Correspondence in

Items from Glasdon, Clerk and Councils Direct, a 'thank you' from the Lengthsman, an item regarding the pads for the defibrillator and bank statements have been received. All items were noted.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 The dates for the Cricket matches were noted.
- 9.2 Cllr Hayes gave details about quotes for posts for the village greens. This is to be put onto the next Agenda to discuss the numbers needed.
- 9.3 The Clerk was asked to check that the appropriate paperwork is in place for the Car Boot Sales
- 9.4 It was agreed to set a date for a Thank you event for Mrs Griffin
- 9.5 It was reported that Brunister Lane had been blocked. As this is a bridleway, the clerk was asked to report this to Peak Park and SCC to request that it be cleared.

Date of Next Meeting –20th April 2016