

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 30th September 2015 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

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

2 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllr F Lipp and Cllr E Wain– received and accepted

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Public Forum** – The Clerk was advised that the header for the newsletter is incorrect. She is to change this for the November newsletter. Nothing else was raised. **Clerk to action**

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – agreed and signed by Cllr N Peat who was chair of that meeting.

- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr A Hayes declared an interest with regard to the planning application at Hope Fields Farm. There were no other interests declared by those present.

- 4 **Planning Matters** –

Planning applications - NP/SM/0815/0795 – Hope Fields Farm – construction of 4 new roof lights, 2 each side of the roof – **no objections**

NP/SM/0815/0806 – Butterlands Barn – change of use from camping barn to agricultural workers dwelling - **no objections- the Council supported this application and the clerk was asked to request that the application be dealt with at committee if the officer's opinion is for refusal.**

Planning decision – The Clays – Construction of new access drive including associated landscaping - **granted and noted.**

- 5 **Financial Matters**

Outcome from Grant Thornton Audit discussed and noted.

- 5.1 **Payments– Grant Thornton invoice £100.00 plus £20.00 VAT totalling £120.00**

5.1.1 **PDNP – MMA works carried out £340.87 plus £68.17 VAT totalling £409.04**

5.1.2 **Clerk's wages £581.62**

5.1.3 **Ian Redfern Mowing £378.75 plus Lengthsman's work £286.00 plus expenses of £23.58**

All agreed and paid – Clerk to action

- 5.2 **Monies Received**

5.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes

Playing Field Car Park - £42.33 Toilet Car Park- £26.93

6.2.2 - Car Boot Sale fee for September **£75.00 received and banked**

6. **Playing Field Matters**

- 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 23rd September 2015

- 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.** Work noted last meeting as required to the climbing board frame was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor Hayes would arrange for this to be done by the Lengthsman.

- 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to September meeting

Playing Field Car Park - £44.79 Toilet Car Park- £65.33

7. **General Parish Matters**

- 7.1 Community Speedwatch update – Given by member of public. The Clerk was asked to check whether the grant application had gone through.

- 7.2 Superfast broadband update – The current situation and the likely timeline – the anticipated date for the service is June 2016 - was discussed. It was suggested that anyone who is keen for the service to be installed should contact superfast@staffordshire.gov.uk to ask for updates.

- 7.3 Roles and responsibilities – the changes agreed in June were noted confirming that the Clerk now handles all post either directly or by collection from the Village Hall. The car boot money is now sent

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rather than collected. The Lengthsman is placing the PC brown bins out for collection. Councillor Bonsall is overseeing the clearing of the Japanese Knotweed. The precept meeting will take place at the Village Hall. Cllr Reavy is advertising the Parish Spring Clean. Cllr Griffin will continue to stand as the PC rep on the Educational Trust.

The Clerk will prepare the Annual Report for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Hignett deals with Highways matters and Cllr Lipp liaises with the Lengthsman. **All noted**

- 7.4 Car Boot Sales 2016 - A letter from the Village Hall Committee was read to the meeting. It was agreed that a meeting would take place to discuss this and other suggestions before the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will send out an email to all with a copy of the current Playing Field Hire forms in preparation for this meeting. **Clerk to action**
- 7.5 Newsletter – the Clerk will alter the header for the newsletter and requested any items for the November newsletter. She will remind the Council about this again before the copy deadline. The next meeting on 4th November will be advertised as will any outcome regarding the recycling provision. **Clerk to action**
- 7.6 Recycling Facilities in Alstonefield – The recent press coverage regarding the removal of the current recycling facilities in the Parish was discussed, The Clerk gave information regarding consultation and notification of this service ceasing. She had been advised to contact the portfolio holder and he had advised that the Council should express their views in writing. The Clerk was asked to put together comments regarding the lack of kerbside collection in certain areas of the Parish due to the road conditions and the income that the Parish will lose. **Clerk to action**
8. **Correspondence in**
All items were noted.
9. **Any Other Business**
- 9.1 The Manifold Folk Festival was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact the organisers as there had been no hire agreement or sight of the insurance policy prior to the event. The Clerk was also asked to invite a representative from the organisers to the next meeting on 4th November to discuss feedback if possible. **Clerk to action**
- 9.2 A letter from a film company proposing to use Milldale for a film location was circulated. It was agreed that Cllr Peat and any other reps would meet with the organisers to discuss their proposal in more detail. **Clerk to action**
- 9.3 The work due to be done to the Cricket pitch was confirmed as being due to take place shortly. The Council re-approved this work. It was also noted that once the final invoice comes in for the mowing, the Clerk will work out the contribution from the Cricket Club and then invoice the Club as requested. **Clerk to action**
- 9.4 Cllr Bonsall reported that he will check the Japanese Knotweed site but that it seems to have died back well. It was suggested that the purchase of weed-killer be made now ready for next season.
- 9.5 The growth of the holly bushes on the road from Ecton was noted with reference to the fact that the big school buses will be using this route whilst a local road is closed. The Clerk was asked to contact Gill Heath to check that these are due to be cut back as requested some months ago. **Clerk to action**
- 9.6 Cllr Reavy reported that she has been approached by someone who will check the printer and give a donation for it if it still works and is suitable.

Date of Next Meeting – 4th November 2015