

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) Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)

Carrie Osborne (310453)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2017

Present: Cllr C Reavy, Cllr N Bonsall, Cllr C Osborne, Cllr R Butler, Cllr G Campbell, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes and Liz Court (Clerk)

2 Members of the public were also present and Cllr E Wain

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- 1 **Public Forum** – nothing was raised
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**– agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** –There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 **Planning Matters**

NP/SM/917/0975 Field House Farm, Beresford Lane, Hulme End – to cover an outside feeding area and roof over an existing cattle shed– no objections to the application

NP/SM/1017/1049 Narrow Dale, The Rakes, Alstonefield – certificate of lawfulness to establish that the residential use of the dwellinghouse has not been abandoned – no objections

Permission granted - NP/SM/0817/0860 – 1 Church Street, Alstonefield – proposed second storey extension to rear of cottage - noted

5 Financial Matters

5.1 Payments authorised

5.1.1 **Gilbert Rooke – Milldale noticeboard - totalling £650.00**

5.1.2 **Shelley Signs – Oak finger post £680.00 plus VAT of £136.00 totalling £816.00**

5.1.3 **Ian Redfern – mowing and lengthsman's duties totalling £582.00**

5.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £32.32, Toilet Car Park- £40.39**

Payment for **£75.00** for Car Boot Sale received

The Folk Gathering 2017 - **£841.11**

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last completed on 17th October 2017**

6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance – **nothing reported**

6.3 Cricket Club invoice can now be finalised and will be sent on by the Clerk

6.4 Booking form received for the Folk Gathering 2018 12-17th September inc.

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 Homestead Gardens – Mr Franks was present at the meeting and clarified matters regarding the site including the ground elder and creeping buttercup which need to be cleared. He also asked for permission to reduce the height of the willow behind the tyres - to which the Parish Council agreed. The condition of the bench and the surface of the stones at the entrance were also discussed. Cllr Bonsall offered to cut grooves into the stones which would make them less slippery but not affect the mowing of the site. The tenancy will start from April 2018 in order to allow the new tenants to prepare the ground

in the meantime and the Clerk will complete the documentation and forward to Mr Franks in due course.

- 7.2 Lode Mill Bridge** - Cllr Butler reported that he had received a letter from the structural engineer who felt that the condition was no worse that it had been in the past. The structure will continue to be checked periodically and re-assessed.
- 7.3 Defibrillator Milldale** – A presentation of the unit has taken place and it is now sited at Milldale. The Parish Council will take ownership and responsibility for the batteries. The First Responders will check the pads and the machine.
- 7.4 CPR Training Alstonefield** – Training events will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm, Tuesday 14th November at 10.00am, Thursday 16th November at 2.30pm and on Saturday 18th November at 10.00am and 2.30pm (these are family sessions suitable for children aged 9+ accompanied by an adult). The sessions will be approx. 1.5 hours long and should be booked via Carrie Ross on 01335 310009
- 7.5 Milldale noticeboard and keys** – The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Rooke for the lovely job that he has done. Keys will be held by Cllr Hignett if there are items for the noticeboard.
- 7.6 Sign Cleaning/Renewal** – Cllr Campbell reported that the surface of these signs is damaged rather than being dirt that can be removed. This led to a discussion regarding signs around the village. The Chair will contact Angela Nutter of SCC to pursue the matter and to ask for advice on what can be done.
- 7.7 Preparation for Precept meeting** – the purpose of the Precept meeting was explained. This will take place on 22nd November at 7.00pm at Cllr Bonsall's home.
- 7.8 Christmas Meal** - this is booked for 11th December at The George

- 8. Correspondence in** – Invitation to House of Commons visit from Karen Bradley-**noted**
 - Letter from Hope House Costume Museum – **noted. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Butler by the Council for organising the replacement fingerpost.**

- 9. Any Other Business** – Cllr Osborne gave information regarding the cleaning of the War Memorial. Whilst the Parish Council had previously agreed in principle to assist with funding this work, there had not been any quotes available at that time. Quotes have now been sought and the lowest quote of £360.00 appears to be the best value. The Parish Council agreed to fund up to 50% of this cost and this will be raised at the next Parish Council meeting so that it can appear on the Agenda.

The Clerk reported that she had had contact from PDNPA regarding 2016-17 takings from the Toilet Car Park Honesty Box which is shared 50/50 with the Authority. She has forwarded the figures to the Authority and is awaiting an invoice for £124.23 in due course.

A copy of the notice regarding the closure of Lode Lane for works was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask about access to properties and businesses and to ask if the road would be re-opened between 5.00pm and 9.00am each night.

Cllr Ewin Wain reported on the bus services and SMDC's proposals to SCC. An outcome on this matter is not expected until April 2018.

Cllr Wain also expressed his appreciation regarding the Defibrillator now in Milldale.

Cllr Osborne also mentioned a letter of support from the Parish Council towards a project for which lottery funding and funding from the Arts Council is being sought. She will circulate this letter to all members of the Parish Council to seek their approval – approval was given in principle at the meeting.

The Chair noted that she would arrange Christmas gifts for the Lengthsmen from the Chair's allowance.

- 10. Training for Cllrs Osborne, Campbell and Butler – 14th November 2017**
Date of Next Meeting - 13th December 2017