

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)
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)
Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)
Carrie Osborne (310453) Rebecca McIntyre (310498)

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2019

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

Apologies were received from Cllr R Hignett

1 member of the public was also present.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- 1 **Public Forum** - nothing was raised.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – ratified.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest – Members are invited to declare any interests they may have in any matter identified for discussion at the Meeting** – The Chair declared in interest in the first planning discussion and Cllr Hayes declared an interest in the planning application and withdrew from that deliberation.
- 4 **Planning Matters**

To discuss – investigation of restrictions placed on planning applications and enforcement. This matter was discussed in relation to a concern that had been raised anonymously with the Chair. It was agreed that any concerns should be raised with the Planning Authority directly as the Parish Council has no authority over enforcing any planning restrictions. The Clerk also noted that the Parish Council as a public authority will not act upon anonymous requests or information in line with the code of conduct.

Applications – Archford House, Beresford Lane, Alstonefield – demolition of greenhouse, construction of double garage with carport and rear garden storeroom with alterations to driveway.
No objections

Permission granted received – Ash Tree Farm and Narrowdale Farmhouse - noted
- 5 **Financial Matters**

Request for funding for the community newsletter - **£50** as per previous years.
Invoice from Lengthsman Ian Redfern totalling **£564.76**
Clerk's wages and PAYE - **£554.61** and **£138.60** PAYE DD as per HMRC regulations.
Invoice from Lengthsman Peter Frost totalling **£1041.09**

All authorised for payment and cheques raised as required

Income - **£150.00** 2 x Car Boot Sales
6. **Playing Field Matters**
 - 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation
 - 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder – folders not available
 - 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to September meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £36.17 Toilet Car Park- £31.32
7. **General Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 **APC Meetings dates for 2020** – Clerk to circulate and book with the Village Hall

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7.2 Removal of shrubs/bushes – Self-set bush on lower village green to be removed by the Lengthsman

7.3 Hardstanding on the playing field – An update was provided by Cllr Osborne. There has been quite a lot of support to take this idea forward. Various ideas about a multi-use sports area have been suggested and costings for such were discussed. A questionnaire to go out to all residents of the Parish has been put together and copies were circulated for Councillors to look at. It was felt that this was a good idea, but that there would need to be some way of ensuring that only one copy was completed per household. Funding and ongoing maintenance of the area would still need to be clarified. Any funding would need to be applied for in the name of the Parish Council and a £25 associate membership of Support Staffordshire was agreed to enable the Council to get advice on funding to take this forward.

7.4 Maintenance of the centre of Milldale – some weeding and shrubs need to be attended to in the centre of Milldale. It was asked why the Lengthsman does not weed and clear these areas. After discussion, it was found that the areas requiring attention are privately owned and therefore the owners will be approached especially with regard to growth which restricts highway width and visibility.

8. Correspondence in

Invitations to PPPF AGM and PDRHA AGM were noted.
Bank statements and unsolicited marketing were noted.

9. Any Other Business

VE Day celebrations – the History Group will be asked if they wish to become involved. This is to be put on the next Agenda.
Parish Council Christmas meal - to be put on the next Agenda.

8. Date of Next Meeting 16th October 2019