

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 7th March 2018

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

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall, SMDC Cllr E Wain

2 members of the public were also present

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- 1 Public Forum** – A member of the public attended to follow up emails regarding gritting/ploughing provision in the village especially in recent poor weather conditions. It has been noted the current Staffordshire County Council (SCC) gritting route goes down Lode lane to The Pinch where it turns right before the bridge at the County boundary and goes through to Milldale. However, the road up The Pinch and through to the A515 which is the main route out of the village for many residents, falls under Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and is only gritted/ploughed infrequently, leaving this route impassable and hazardous for many. The suggestion was that the SCC gritter/plough continues to the A515 to clear that route. A question was raised about the route of the gritter on the road between Hulme End and Hartington, and various views were aired with regard to Derbyshire's responsibilities and the need for suitably equipped vehicles. However, it was agreed that this matter should be pursued via SCC. The Chair had already spoken with SMDC Cllr E Wain who had offered to speak with Mark Deaville, the portfolio holder for Highways at SCC to see what options could be available. Cllr Wain will come back to the Council once he has spoken directly with Mr Deaville to find out what options are possible.
Clerk to email Cllr Wain to follow up

- 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** –

Planning training offer – Clerk gave dates and details to all Councillors for training
Permission refused – Narrowdale Farm – **noted**

- 5 Financial Matters** –

Precept request completed.

SMDC Lengthsmans' grant paperwork to be completed by Clerk for 28th March deadline

5.1 Payments

- 5.1.1 Ian Redfern – Lengthsmans duties, service and storage of playing field mower, service of other equipment – and parts required - **£508.17**
- 5.1.2 Names.co.uk – domain name renewal for 3 years - **£87.60**
- 5.1.3 Peter Frost – under-payment for expenses on previous invoice - **£6.26**
- 5.1.4 Clerk's wages for final quarter of 2017/18 - **£651.77**

5.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £22.52 Toilet Car Park- £10.37**

6. Playing Field Matters

- 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **folder not present**
- 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance – **nothing noted**

7. General Parish Matters

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- 7.1 Lengthsmens' Contracts – signed contracts are now in place. The Clerk will hold the originals on file.
 - 7.2 Spring Cleaning planning – jobs identified: clearing the greens, gutters and drains, litter picking and maintaining the trees by the playing field. The disposal of tree waste was also discussed. It was felt that there will not be much this year.
 - 7.3 Bliss transport through the parish – Complaints from residents about the speed and noise of empty vehicles travelling through the parish in the early hours of the morning were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Wain to ask if he had been able to discuss this directly with the company as he had mentioned, before a letter is sent from the Parish Council.
 - 7.4 Moorlands Connect - no update as yet. The Clerk was asked to keep this on the Agenda and again to request an update from Cllr Wain when one is available.
 - 7.5 Data Protection Officer role update – The costs for the service being offered by SCC were discussed. A £140 gap analysis will need to be completed and then a level of service selected from the three available. It was felt that the first level at £150 per annum would be ample. The Clerk was asked to go ahead with this and it will be reviewed once the service is up and running.
 - 7.6 Notification of road closure in Ilam – noted.
8. **Correspondence in-** bank statements and copy of Clerks and Councils Direct.
9. **Any Other Business-**
It was reported that the car parking sign from the toilets carpark was currently inside the toilets. Cllr Hayes offered to remove it so that it does not get damaged or lost and that reattaching it could be done as part of the Spring Clean.
Cllr Osborne passed on the thanks from the PCC for the letter of support for their recent Heritage Lottery Grant application which was successful.

Date of Next Meeting - 18th April 2018