

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)

Richard Butler (310620) Gordon Campbell (07919353800)

Carrie Osborne (310453)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th August 2017

Present: Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Butler, Cllr G Campbell, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes, Cllr C Osborne and Liz Court (Clerk) District Councillor E Wain from 19.35pm

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall

3 Members of the public were also present.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

1 Public Forum:

It was noted that apologies from members of the public representing The Watts Russell and The Costume Museum had been received.

A member of the public raised the matter of consultation over the Moorlands Connect bus service - the chair agreed to bring this item forward from further down the agenda. The Clerk discussed the telephone conversation that she had received from the local office regarding the consultation which is open until mid-September. A member of the public gave more information on how closure of this service and others which are also being consulted upon may affect members of the parish. It was agreed that more information was needed and both Mark Deville and Edwin Wain were to be contacted (the matter was raised with Cllr Wain on his arrival at the meeting). It was agreed that a link to the consultation should be placed on the village website, that the information should also be put into the September newsletter and that it should be publicised on the Village Noticeboards. The Council felt that the service is useful and that they wish it to be retained. However, if the service is to go, it is important to know what will replace it.

Clerk to action

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – agreed and signed by the Chair.

3 Declarations of Interest – There were no interests declared by those present.

4 Co-option of Carrie Osborne to Alstonefield Parish Council - all paperwork was discussed. Cllr Campbell proposed the co-option, Cllr Butler seconded it and there were no objections to the co-option. Cllr Osborne accepted and the paperwork will be completed and forwarded to SMDC as appropriate.

Clerk to action

5 Planning Matters –

Erection of small store at Horseshoe Cottage, Back Lane, Alstonefield – permission granted at appeal – with conditions (application for costs refused). **Noted.**

Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – residential occupation of the property without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition from application NP/SM/590/75 – Hope Farm, Hope, Alstonefield. **No objections.**

6 Financial Matters - Confirmation of banking changes to signatories

6.1 Payments - Ian Redfern – Lengthsman's invoices **£412.39** ratified for payment.

6.2 Monies Received – it was noted that no payment had been received for the car boot sale. Issues regarding the blocking of part of the public car park were also discussed and the clerk was asked to contact the representatives of the village hall to follow up these two matters. **Clerk to action**

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £ 32.19** **Toilet Car Park- £ 29.09**

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - last completed 3rd August 2017

6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance - spare links on chains of swings to be trimmed.

7. General Parish Matters

- 7.1 Fingerpost and signage policy - the new fingerpost is due for delivery in around 10 days' time. Erection will be arranged by Cllr Butler with SCC Highways as agreed. The Clerk was asked to update the Watts Russell and the Costume Museum. The signage policy as drafted by Cllr Reavy was discussed and ratified. This is to be displayed on the village website. **Clerk to action**
- 7.2 Milldale noticeboard - this work is ongoing and the item is to be on the next agenda.
- 7.3 Knotweed, hogweed and Himalayan Balsam – these have been cleared once this year – Cllr Hayes will check with Cllr Bonsall whether further treatment is needed.
- 7.4 Parking in the parish – Cllr Butler noted that parking opposite the toilet carpark is still happening even when there is space on the public carparks. Various options such as residents parking only restrictions and the use of coloured lines on the road were discussed. Signage asking people to use the public carparks was more favoured. The Clerk was asked to look for a meeting with SCC Highways representatives. **Clerk to action**
- 7.5 Moorlands Community Transport (covered under Public Forum)
- 7.6 Bliss Transport – through Hopedale – Cllr Wain agreed to speak to the business owner about this issue – in the past there has been an informal agreement that the bigger vehicles use a different route.
- 7.7 Contact from National Trust ranger re tree work to be done around Dovedale – it was agreed to ask Luke Barley to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this and the overgrown trees by the Pinch. **Clerk to action**
8. **Correspondence in** - items not included on the Agenda were bank statements and confirmation of the completion of audit from Grant Thornton noted. Audit Paperwork is to be displayed as required. **Clerk to action**
9. **Any Other Business**
- Cllr Osborne discussed the cleaning of the War Memorial if needed and an idea to surround the Memorial with red flowers next year to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. She will put these plans into the newsletter. She also noted that in commemoration of the oldest legible gravestone in the country, it is proposed that a Tudor Fayre will be held as part of the Wakes weekend.
10. **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 20th September 2017**