

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)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2017

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

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall

6 Members of the public were also present.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

1 Public Forum:

Several members of the public spoke about the removal of the fingerpost on the green by the Village Hall. The Chair apologised on behalf of the Council again for the lack of consultation with those businesses on the post before removal but re-stated that the post required removal and either repair or replacement. There was discussion regarding the timing of the removal. Cllr Butler has arranged facilities to make a wooden version if sanctioned by the Highways Authority. Cllr Butler distributed a report on the background and history of the pair of fingerposts originally sited and on the statutory requirement for Highways' approval regarding replacement. Other signage was also discussed including the use of private property and 'A' boards. The Council undertook to arrange a suitable replacement as soon as possible given the requirement for authority to do so. The Council also stated their support of businesses in the Parish and would assist with funding where appropriate. The Council undertook to keep interested parties informed about any consultations with Highways about future signage. The Clerk was asked to contact Gill Heath, Edwin Wain and Angela Nutter at Highways to set up a meeting with Cllrs Butler and Campbell to discuss this matter, the addition of a sign for Hope Dale, the cleaning of the road-signs generally if possible and other parish based matters such as parking issues.

Parking issues - especially by the public toilets were also raised. The problem areas were discussed and an updated version of the notice suggested by the police was distributed to those present. This was agreed and a digital version to be distributed by Cllr Butler for use as appropriate.

The Clerk was asked to contact SMDC regarding the foul-smelling liquid draining from the recycling lorry onto the parish roads.

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

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

4 Financial Matters

Additional signatories on bank account – forms distributed to Cllrs Bonsall, Campbell and Butler for completion – to be checked at the next meeting

Internal Auditor letter– An update letter from Alan Toplis was noted

Pensions Regulator - compliance to be sorted by the Clerk

Payments authorised

4.1.1 **Ian Redfern** – invoices totalling £147.78 and £311.25

4.1.2 **Terrasofta** - £704.14 plus £140.82 VAT totalling £844.96

4.1.3 **RoSPA** – play area check £73.50 plus £14.70 VAT totalling £88.20

4.2 Monies Received

Car Park Honesty Boxes Playing Field Car Park - **£25.55** Toilet Car Park- **£nil due to damage.**

Andy Griffin has very kindly replaced the damaged section at the toilet car park free of charge and the Parish Council expressed many thanks to him for this.

Other monies received:

SCC £699.00 Lengthsman's grant

SMDC £400.00 Lengthsman's grant

Graham Watkins & Co £237.60 Sale of mower

Brian Allen £75.00 playing field rental

LeadenBoot Challenge £50 donation

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5. Playing Field Matters

- 5.1** Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last checked 20th June 2017** RoSPA report discussed.
- 5.2** Playing Field on-going maintenance folder –Nothing in the folder, however it was noted that the new chippings for the play area have been put down (co-ordinated by Cllr Hayes) and that the roof to the climbing frame has been replaced.

6. General Parish Matters

- 6.1 Asset ownership – the line marker is to be added to the asset register as research has revealed that it does belong to the Parish Council – Clerk to action.
 - 6.2 Sale of Mower – the old mower as sold at auction raising £237.60 after fees – Clerk to bank.
 - 6.3 Meetings dates for next year were confirmed as:
 - 13th December 2017
 - 24th January 2018
 - 7th March
 - 24th March (Parish Spring Clean)
 - 18th April
 - 30th May (APM, AGM and full Parish Council meeting)
 - 18th July
 - 5th September
 - 3rd October
 - 14th November
 - 6.4 Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed and Himalayan Balsam at Greenhill tip – it has been reported that this needs to be dealt with This site has been cleared on a yearly basis and it will be checked whether should be done again – especially if the balsam needs to be pulled, as this is now flowering.
 - 6.5 Annual Parishes Day – 30th September 2017 – noted.
 - 6.6 Defibrillator – cabinet now unlocked – the Chair offered to email the First Responders so that they are aware.
 - 6.7 Milldale noticeboard – an update will be on the next Agenda - Clerk to action
 - 6.8 Homestead Gardens – the lengthsman will be asked to trim.
 - 6.9 Green Well Wall – a section has fallen down - the lengthsman will be asked to repair this
 - 6.10 SMDC Councillors' details – Cllr Campbell gave information on updating the records and on downloading and completing members' interests documentation.
- 7 Correspondence in** – info on SPACE activities during the summer (leaflets in Village Hall), acknowledgment of insurance renewal, copies of letters regarding fingerpost removal, bank statements and a letter from Leek and Moorlands Historic Buildings Trust - clerk was asked to respond that the Parish Council does not feel in a position to nominate properties.
- 8 Date of Next Meeting – 9th August 2017**