

# 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). Dot Griffin (310249).  
Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).  
Kevin Stockton (310347) Rupert Hignett (310389)

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr D Griffin(Chair), Cllr N Peat, Cllr K Stockton(arrived at 7.50pm), Cllr R Hignett, Cllr C Reavy and Liz Court (Clerk)**

**2 members of the public were also present.**

**12 Apologies** – Councillor Lipp & Councillor Bonsall

**13 Public Forum** - A local resident spoke regarding her plans for an ice-cream trailer which could be sited in Alstonefield at times over weekends and school holidays. This led to a discussion over potential sites within the parish and it was clarified that this would be towed trailer with no requirement for a generator. The Parish Council were in support of the idea in principle.

**14 Minutes of Previous Meeting-** agreed and signed

**15 Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Griffin Declared an interest due to one of the quotes in 19.6 being from a family member. This was noted and she took no part in this discussion. Otherwise, none

**16 Planning Matters**

Planning Service bulletin received from PDNPA and noted

**17 Financial Matters**

17.1 Internal Audit report and outcomes were discussed

17.2 Completion of External Audit paperwork took place

**Clerk to action**

17.3 Governance reviews of Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, and Risk Assessment to be considered – to be added to September Agenda - Clerk will circulate copies of the current policies if required - all are available via the website.

**Clerk to action**

**17.4 Payments**

i. Richard Campey Limited £3500.00 + £700 VAT totalling £4200.00 **ratified and paid**

ii. Peak District National Park Authority – 50% takings from toilet car park honesty box 2012-2013 £101.36 **ratified and paid**

iii. Toplis Associates Ltd – invoices for 2012-2012 and 2012-2-13 £360.01 **ratified and paid**

iv. Clerks wages – first quarter of 2013 £516.94 **ratified and paid**

v. Chairs expenses – postage and printing £37.19 **ratified and paid**

vi. Ian Redfern – mowing invoice - £243.75 **ratified and paid**

**17.5 Monies Received**

17.5.1– Car Boot Sale income from 26<sup>th</sup> May **£70.00**

17.5.2– Donation from Leaden Boot Event - **£50.00**

17.5.3– SMDC Lengthsmans' Claim - **£400.00**

**18. Playing Field Matters**

18.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

18.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - no additional items reported.

18.3 Update regarding new mower and increase in insurance cover – noted. The new mower was reported as working well.

18.4 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to June meeting

**Playing Field Car Park - £nil Toilet Car Park- £42.31**

The Chair gave an update regarding the new lock for the playing field honesty box which has now arrived.

**19. General Parish Matters**

19.1 Updates on potholes reports within the Parish –it was noted that some of the work requested had already taken place. It is hoped that the other work within the village will be completed shortly.

19.2 Beresford Dale Weirs – there was much discussion on this query which was raised regarding the removal of weirs along this stretch. It was noted that there are various conflicting expert views and this matter is going to be looked into further. The Clerk was asked to contact the original complainant and to alert Hartington Parish Council to this matter as it was believed that this fell within their boundaries. Further

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research by Councillor Peat after the meeting found that the weirs do fall within the Parish Boundary. Councillor Hignett will also investigate this matter with Natural England, The Peak Park and the Environment Agency as well as NT representatives.

**Clerk to action**

19.3 Japanese Knotweed – Greenhill Tip Site has been treated.

19.4 Manifold Folk Gathering – Booking Form to be completed. There is a query over whether local crafts people will be having stalls on the site and the Clerk was asked to clarify this before putting together a booking form which needs to incorporate items on the cost per person per night which has been set at £3.50, a requirement to provide adequate toilet facilities and a copy of the appropriate insurances to be forwarded to the Parish Council for their records.

**Clerk to action**

19.5 Contact with other local Parish Councils – after discussion, it was suggested that the contacts of the local parish councils would be useful in case there are items which would be appropriate for other Councils to be consulted or involved. The Clerk was asked to put together a list of local contacts from the benefice and other local areas – to include Hartington, Wettom, Ilam, Butterton, Alsop & Parwich and so on.

**Clerk to action**

19.6 Quotes for the replacement of the Milldale Noticeboard had been sought from local trades people. After discussion, it was agreed that repairs would be suitable at this stage rather than replacement. The Chair will contact one of those who quoted and the Clerk will contact the other. The quotes are to be held on file in case replacement is required in the near future.

**Clerk to action**

**20. Correspondence in** - all noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to the query from The Watts Russell regarding a finger post. It was noted that the Parish Council has no authority to grant permission for signage and that this lies with higher local authorities. However, the Council were of the opinion that this could be seen to set a precedent for advertising which could add to perceived signage proliferation.

**Clerk to action**

**21. Any Other Business**

Councillor Stockton raised several items that had been mentioned to him by a local resident. Clarification was given regarding parking in the centre of Alstonefield and signage on the verges and the greens. The issue of mountain bikers using the bridleway on Gypsy Lane and then carrying on after the bridleway turns into a public footpath was also discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Dawn Plant to clarify whether signage would be appropriate in order to discourage this. Further research by Councillor Peat after the meeting confirmed information from SCC that the bridleway changes into a footpath at Cold Eaton Bridge.

**Clerk to action**

Councillor Stockton also gave an update regarding Speedwatch. Despite appeals, only 3 volunteers have come forward for training. It is not viable to run a Speedwatch campaign with this few people and therefore unless others do come forward, this will not be able to commence.

Councillor Stockton also commented on walkers and groups using the area and basic safety knowledge such as walking on the correct side of the lanes. He reported that he is speaking to groups as he meets them to alert them.

**22. Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013