

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Alstonefield Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr D Griffin, Cllr N Peat (Chair), Cllr F Lipp, Cllr K Stockton(arrived at 7.40pm), Cllr R Hignett, Cllr C Reavy and Liz Court (Clerk)**

**Three representatives of the Manifold Folk Gathering and six members of the public were also present.**

**Questions to Representative of Manifold Folk Gathering** -following on from printed information as circulated to all Councillors. There were various questions put to the representatives regarding the siting of the various venues, the use of the playing field as additional camping space, the directions to the village on the website and the need to cone the lane to prevent parking on the pavement. It was agreed that cones would be used to avoid parking on the pavement and that the Parish Council would hold a meeting in the near future to decide on the use of the playing field as an additional camping area. It was noted that the price for camping on local field space will be £3.50 pppn.

**Chair's report on the previous year** – The Chair reported on work within the Parish over the previous year. This included reports from St Peter's PCC, the Leadenboot Challenge, Alstonefield Educational Trust, Alstonefield & District Friendship Club, Alstonefield Newspaper Club and St Peter's Bell Ringers.

## **AGM Agenda**

**1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair** Councillor Lipp nominated Councillor Griffin as Chair – this was seconded and carried unanimously. Councillor Griffin accepted the post. Councillor Peat was nominated and seconded unanimously and he accepted the post of Vice Chair.

**2 Election of Officers** - all other officers remained the same

**3 Apologies** - none

**4 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2012** –ratification on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 was noted

## **Parish Council Meeting Agenda**

**1 Apologies** - none

**2 Public Forum** – there were no other items from the public

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

**4 Declarations of Interest** - none

**5 Planning Matters** - Nothing received

**6 Financial Matters**

6.1 2012/2013 Audit update – figures were checked, the clerk requested the asset register and Councillor Peat offered to look at this once the Leadenboot Challenge had taken place. Auditor meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 was noted

6.2 P35 for Clerk received –noted

6.3 Update of Clerk's contract reflecting change in hours – noted and paperwork returned to Councillor Reavy

6.4 Payments due-

Lengthsmans' Invoices from Peter Frost (£800 plus £49.98 expenses) and David Backhouse (£404) – **both raised and ratified**

SPCA subs £118.00 –**raised and ratified**

Memorial Hall Hire fees for 2013 £120.00 –**raised and ratified**

Insurance renewals discussed. The Council agreed to accept the lower quotation from Zurich Municipal at £709.39 –**raised and ratified**

6.5 Monies received – Lengthsmans' Grant from SCC £699.00 -**noted**

## 7 Playing Field Matters

7.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

7.2 Car Boot Sales 2013 – All paperwork received and the first payment of £70 received for banking

7.3 Playing Field Mower – Councillor Lipp gave details regarding the cost of contractors who had quoted for the job but the added complication of additional cuts during the cricket season made this less viable as some contractors were not able to commit to more than one cut per week. It was noted that the cricket club had offered to assist with the costs or maintenance of a new mower and that they needed to have an input on the matter due to the requirements for the cricket surface. It was agreed that the purchase of the Striker 190 machine at a cost of £3575 plus VAT as previously offered looked like the best option. The ongoing costs other than servicing and maintenance would be £15 per hour labour with the tractor. There was a vote as to whether this was the best way forward and all were in favour of buying this mower. The invoice will be forwarded to the clerk for payment in due course. A vote of thanks was extended to Peter Leason for all his help during this process.

7.4 RoSPA inspection of play area – It was noted that the annual inspection is now due

7.5 Letter received regarding Alstonefield Play area inspections – The Clerk was asked to contact Sue Lovatt to clarify whether there is someone who would be willing to take this over or whether this should be put on the newsletter to ask for any volunteers. **Clerk to action**

7.5 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - no additional items

7.6 Car Park – honesty boxes – report on any monies collected prior to May meeting

**Playing Field Car Park - £nil Toilet Car Park- £33.28**

## 8 General Parish Matters

8.1 Highways update on signage –the work is now awaited

8.2 Highways update regarding site meeting re off road parking at Hopedale Pond – Councillor Lipp gave details, the matter has now been taken up by County Councillor Gill Heath with Highways.

8.3 Dedication of a bench on the green by Button Cottage – This request was discussed at length. It was noted that there are 22 benches in the parish – 18 of which are within the village and that the on-going maintenance of these is a commitment of both time and money. It was felt that there is no need or wish for any further benches in the area at this time and the Clerk was asked to contact the person who had requested this. The matter is to be put onto the next agenda to allow for future policy on such requests.

8.4 Transfer of domain name [alstonefield.com](http://alstonefield.com) -Councillor Reavy reported that this is being resolved

8.5 Homestead Garden – rental for the year has been paid. Permission has been granted to fell two trees and to crown lift a couple more in conjunction with advice from PNPA tree officers.

8.6 Update from PDNP regarding works to Sabrina Way and Sunny Bank - noted

8.7 Notice board maintenance – It was reported that work was needed to the noticeboard outside the Old Post Office and the noticeboard by the Village Hall. A replacement noticeboard is needed at Milldale. It was agreed to seek quotations from two local contractors for this work.

8.8 Wakes Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – details regarding the events and road closure were given. Signs will be erected warning of the road closure on 29<sup>th</sup> June and help was requested for erecting the bunting and the events taking place.

8.9 Pot Holes at Hulme End Road and by Hare Cop Farm – reported to SCC. It was suggested that a list of potholes be compiled for the Highways Authority.

## 9 Correspondence in – all noted

10 **Any Other Business** – Recent crashes on the A515 at Alsop Station Turning were noted and the need for additional signage was raised. An update regarding the lack of markings at Oxclose Lane was also given. The Clerk was asked to write to the local MP, Patrick McLoughlin regarding the need for action at both these sites.

It was reported that Rose Clarke, PNPA ranger is looking to put together an update regarding knotweed and Himalayan balsam in the area.

It was noted that an email of congratulation had been sent to County Councillor Gill Heath on her recent re-election.

11 **Date of Next Meeting** – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 - to take place in the smaller meeting room. Councillor Lipp gave his apologies