

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262). Frank Lipp (310302). Noel Peat (310000). Cathy Reavy (310125).

Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th May 2016 at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr N Peat, Cllr F Lipp, Cllr C Reavy, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr A Hayes, and Liz Court (Clerk)

2 Members of the public were also present.

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall – received and accepted

AGM Agenda

1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Reavy nominated Councillor Peat as Chair – this was seconded by all Councillors and carried unanimously. Councillor Peat had previously indicated that he would be happy to accept the post in the short term. Councillor Reavy was nominated by Councillor Lipp and seconded by Cllr Hayes, carried unanimously and she subsequently accepted the post of Vice Chair in the short term.

It was noted that the role and responsibilities currently carried would remain as before.

2 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2015 –ratification in July 2015 was noted

3 Clerk's Report

Councillors who have served on the Parish Council this year are as follows: -

Dot Griffin, Noel Peat, Cathy Reavy, Frank Lipp, Rupert Highnett, Nick Bonsall and Alan Hayes

The Parish Council has met 9 times since the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2015.

We are fortunate to have two hard working Lengthsmen who look after much of the local work in the Parish with SMDC and SCC also contributing towards the upkeep.

The Homestead Garden is currently without tenant – local groups have been approached to see if they have any interest in using the space.

The Play Area has received repairs and maintenance over the last year with current works due to take place.

The Playing Field is also well used by groups and individuals and for events such as the Wakes, cricket matches, Leadenboot, car boot sales and the Manifold Folk Gathering.

The Village Website continues to be well used and thanks are due to the administrators.

The Newsletter team also continue to provide an excellent service to the community.

The Village Hall continues to host many events throughout the year including the Leadenboot and Manifold Folk Gathering. Thanks go to all who help at the Village Hall making it a valuable asset to the community.

The Leadenboot team have recently hosted their sixth successful event bringing locals and visitors alike to enjoy our local surroundings and raising money for the local community.

The Alstonefield Educational Trust continues to support local youngsters with grant aid towards education.

Councillors Griffin and Stockton have both stood down in the last year – and our thanks is expressed to both of them for their service to the Parish and the Council. Councillor Alan Hayes has joined the Parish Council in Mr Stockton's place. As a result of the recent

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resignation of Councillor Dot Griffin in March, we now have a vacancy on the Council and are seeking to co-opt a new member.

This year, the Parish Council has been visited by members of the public to raise concerns and observe the meetings, Community Speedwatch representatives, Malcolm Hawksworth from Peace through Folk, and a representative of the parish to discuss a Village Emergency Telephone Scheme.

Councillor E Wain of SMDC and Councillor G Heath have continued to attend meetings when possible and to offer their help and support for much of the Council's work.

A summary of the receipts and payments will be discussed as part of the audit paperwork to be completed in the main meeting. I would finally like to thank all councillors for their help and support during the last year as Clerk to the Council and in particular to Councillors Griffin and Peat, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Liz James, May 2016

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed and was followed by the May Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 Public Forum** – A member of the public queried the outcome of comments made about the missing marker posts on Lode Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would source and install replacement posts. The Clerk was asked to report the potholes again which are on Lode Lane, just below Lode Close, by Gypsy Lane. One member of the public attending who is a new resident of the parish introduced himself to the meeting and was welcomed by all.
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 other than Councillor Lipp who declared that he would withdraw from discussion regarding the planning application as he occasionally worked for the applicant.
- 4 Planning Matters Planning application** – Lower Hurst Farm – NP/SM/0416/0352 - Change of use from domestic storage to ancillary offices (above existing offices) and sleeping accommodation annexed to the house. **No objections**
- 5 Financial Matters**
 - a. Payments–**
 - i. Richard Eades £655.00
 - ii. PDNPA £150.54
 - iii. Aon Insurance £330.69
 - iv. Lester Lowe Ltd - £110.40
 - v. G&R Leigh - £817.80

Agreed and paid – Clerk to action

5.2 Monies Received

- 5.2.1 - Car Park Honesty Boxes
Playing Field Car Park - £nil Toilet Car Park- £34.18
- 5.2.2. SMDC Lengthsmans' grant for £400 received and banked
- 5.2.3. Car Boot sales income & Recycling income banked – **all noted**

5.3 Grant Thornton Audit

- 5.3.1 – The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2015-16
- 5.3.2 - The Council to approved the annual accounts statement and the Annual Return card for 2015/16 subject to internal audit as per new guidelines.
The Clerk will complete the rest of the documentation and submit the paperwork to meet the deadline of 24th June 2016

6. Playing Field Matters

- 6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation – **up to date** The RoSPA report was discussed and it was noted that the play frame has been repaired. The Lengthsman will be asked to look at the bolt and the swing chains as identified in the report.
- 6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance folder - **Nothing new added.**
- 6.3 Car Park – honesty box – report on any monies collected prior to May meeting
Playing Field Car Park - £97.48 Toilet Car Park- £48.25
Clerk to action

8. General Parish Matters

- 8.1 Green Well wall repairs – are to be completed by the Lengthsman
- 8.2 Friends of the Peak District Boundary Walk info was noted
- 8.3 Drainage issues in the Parish as reported by Cllr Lipp have been noted by the County Council. The work is to be done over the next few weeks. It was suggested that Mill Dale and the issue outside Wesleyan House be added and Cllr Peat offered to get a map to the Clerk to send to the Authority
- 8.4 New Councillor - it was noted that there has been two expressions of interest in the post and the Clerk was asked to invite the second interested party to attend the July meeting and then to check whether both were still interested before this is taken further.
- 8.5 Lode Lane Closure – Cllr Peat gave information regarding the site meeting held and the alternative route, speed limit and timings suggested. The Clerk was asked to chase for an update on this matter.
- 8.6 Representative for the Village Hall Committee – Cllr Lipp agreed to continue in this role.

9. Correspondence in

All items were noted.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Cllr Reavey reported on the Voluntary Emergency Telephone Scheme. This will be funded by the Newspaper Club and the Parish Council support the idea.
- 10.2 Concerns about the defibrillator signage and an isolator switch were discussed – a West Midlands Ambulance Services representative is due to contact Cllr Reavy with further information.
- 10.3 The Closure of Hulme End Bridge was noted
- 10.4 Parking at The George was discussed. A Councillor offered to discuss this with the Landlady.
- 10.5 The temporary closure of Millway Lane for work by Severn Trent was also noted.
- 10.6 It was recognised that the setts at the Mill Dale Residents Car Park need resetting. Cllr Hignett was asked to do this if possible and to invoice the Parish Council for the work.
- 10.7 The discussion of the purchase of a chipper was resolved in that use would be too infrequent to justify the expense.
- 10.8 A change of speed limit between Wetton and along the Manifold valley as well as a reduction for the areas of Onecote and Warslow were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Gill Heath to find out if there is any scope for an extension of the 30 mph limit towards Hope and Milldale.
Clerk to action

Date of Next Meeting –Council Meeting – 6th July 2016
Cllrs Reavy and Peat offered their apologies for this meeting.