

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 meetings held on 31st May 2017

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

Borough Councillor Edwin Wain and 2 members of the public were also present.

Annual General and Annual Parish Meeting 2017

1. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and other roles & responsibilities

Cllr Cathy Reavy was nominated by Cllr Rupert Hignett to continue her role as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Hayes and all other councillors were in agreement. Cllr Reavy accepted the post. Cllr Richard Butler was nominated to stand as the Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon Campbell and all councillors were in agreement. Cllr Butler accepted the role. Cllrs Richard Butler, Gordon Campbell and Nick Bonsall are to be added to the bank accounts as signatories to the account. Cllr Cathy Reavy will remain on the mandate and Cllrs Dot Griffin, Frank Lipp and Noel Peat will be removed from the mandate.

2. Ratification of the minutes of the AGM held on 25th May 2016 noted as ratified in July 2016

3. Clerk's report on the Council's work over the previous year

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

Noel Peat, Cathy Reavy, Frank Lipp, Rupert Hignett, Gordon Campbell, Richard Butler, Nick Bonsall and Alan Hayes

The Parish Council has met 10 times since the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th May 2016.

The Council was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our Chair, Noel Peat earlier this year. This is a huge loss for his family and the wider community. A suitable memorial will be put in place over the next few months. Councillor Lipp stood down during the last year – and our thanks is expressed to him for his long service to the Council. Councillors Gordon Campbell and Richard Butler have both joined the Parish Council. We have a vacancy on the Council and are seeking to co-opt a new member.

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 seventh 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.

Councillor E Wain of SMDC has 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.

The AGM and Annual Parish Meeting of Alstonefield Parish Council was formally closed at 19.08pm and was followed by the full Parish Council Meeting.

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Parish Council Meeting

1 Public Forum

Cllr Edwin Wain expressed his shock and condolences to the meeting for the loss of Cllr Noel Peat. A member of the public queried the ownership of the line marker as it is not currently listed as a Parish Council asset - the Clerk will check this with Alstonefield Cricket Club - **Clerk to action**

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – ratified and signed with no amendments.

3 **Declarations of Interest** – no interests were declared.

4 Planning Matters-

NP/SM/0517/0476 – F A Yates & Co, Gateham Farm, Buxton Road, Alstonefield – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling – No objections

NP/SM/0417/0376 - Carries Wood, The Rakes Alstonefield – Erection of a wooden shed – No objections but suggestion of screening made.

Appeal notification PI Appeal Reference: NP/SM/0716/0731

Erection of small store at Horseshoe Cottage, Back Lane, Alstonefield – objections on the grounds of overdevelopment as per the original application are to be restated. The Council are unanimously of the opinion that the housing of the essential equipment could be much lower (and therefore less obtrusive) at within 300mm of the top of the current wall as in the original application. It was also stated that this application would be out of keeping with the local vernacular and in contravention to the National Planning Policy Framework, Core Strategy Policies and Local Plan Policies.

Clerk to action

5 Financial Matters –

5.1 NatWest mandates and additional signatories' paperwork to be completed - Cllr Reavy took the forms to co-ordinate this.

5.2 All internal audit work was checked and signed off. All Grant Thornton external audit paperwork to be checked and signed.

5.3 The Annual Governance Section was read, checked and approved.

5.4 The Accounting Statement Section was read, checked and approved.

Clerk to publish and send to Grant Thornton.

5.5 Payments

5.5.1 Peak Park Parishes' Forum Subscription £12

5.5.2 Alstonefield Memorial Hall hire £189

5.5.3 Clerk's wages for 1st Quarter of 2016/17 £651.77

5.5.4 Toplis Associates Ltd – internal audit £163.13 plus VAT £32.63 totalling £195.76

5.5.5 Aon UK Limited – Insurance £338.24 (inc. IPT)

Payments agreed and ratified

5.6 Monies Received

Car Boot Sales income **£150.00 for April & May events**

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - £73.60**

Clerk to bank

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last completed on 25th April**

6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance - discussion re rotten roof on climbing frame and need for additional rubber chippings. Ian Redfern will use panels already held to repair the roof and the estimated additional labour will be between £60-£80. The Chair reported on the amount of additional rubber chippings required. It was agreed that 2 1000kg bags would be required. The Chair is currently awaiting a quotation from the company.

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 Defibrillator cabinet – the work will be done next week

7.2 Representative on Village Hall Committee - the Council felt that this does not need to be a formal arrangement and the Clerk was asked to contact the committee to see if the close community links would suffice rather than a formal representative from the Parish Council. **Clerk to action**

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7.3 Finger post signage – has now been removed. Refurbishment/replacement will be discussed in due course.

7.4 Email regarding modification to definitive map of public rights of way – noted. No further action.

7.5 Website Listings outside Parish – agreed that these should not be on the website.

7.6 Parking around the village – The notes to be put onto cars who park dangerously or inconsiderately are to be updated by the Chair. The Vice Chair will look at options for A boards.

7.7 Milldale Noticeboard – two quotations now received. Gilbert Rooke's quotation will be taken forward by Cllr Bonsall.

7.8 Sale of old mower – Cllr Hayes will put this into an upcoming auction.

7.9 Speeding on the Rakes update – it was reported that of 53 vehicles passing during the last session, 11 were reported over 33 mph. More sessions are to be arranged and the system is being refined and improved with practice.

7.10 Neighbourhood Watch Smart Alert – attention was drawn to this service.
The Clerk was asked to advertise this in the next Benefice Newsletter

Clerk to action

7.11 PC meeting and spring cleaning dates for next year were suggested as:

13th December 2017

24th January 2018

7th March

24th March (Spring Clean Date) **Village Hall already booked**

18th April

30th May (AGM, APM and PC meeting)

11th July

5th September

3rd October

14th November

Clerk to book the Village Hall

8. Correspondence in

Copy of Insurance Policy for Car Boot Sales received and noted. No other items to action.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Campbell report on the ongoing work to clear the archives cupboard.

Cllr Wain reported regarding the closure of the Cycle Hire facilities in Waterhouses.

Defibrillator in Milldale – it was suggested that the organiser may wish to contact First Responders or VETS for guidance – **Clerk to email Mr Cropper**

10. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 5th July 2017