

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 22nd February 2017

Present: Cllr C Reavy (Chair for the meeting), Cllr R Butler, Cllr R Hignett, Cllr G Campbell, Cllr A Hayes, two Members of the Public and Liz Court (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr N Bonsall

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tributes were paid to Noel Peat by The Parish Council (Cathy Reavy), The Village Hall Committee (Margaret Cohen) and Alan Toplis (Auditor) as detailed below:

I would like to pay tribute to our friend and neighbour, Noel Peat whose sudden and very untimely death on 29th January saddened and shocked us all. As well as being Chairman of the Leaden Boot Committee for the last 6 years, Noel had served on the Parish Council for nearly 10 years, taking on the position of Chair during the last 12 months. Noel had a strong sense of duty and approached every task with a real determination to get things right. He set high standards for himself and was certainly not afraid to speak his mind. In fact, on many occasions, he stopped and made us, the Council think again. Noel's contribution to our community has been immense and we feel an enormous sense of loss and disbelief. He will be very much missed both in the village and on the Council, and on behalf of the Council, I would like to say that we will do our best to uphold the standards that Noel would have expected of us. We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family, in particular Wendy, Abby and Tim.
(Cathy Reavy)

It was with great shock and sadness that members of the Village Hall Committee learnt of the sudden and unexpected death of your Chairman, Noel Peat. He was a great contributor to the whole community of Alstonefield, both as Chairman of the Parish Council and as leader and founder of the Leaden Boot Challenge, and in this regard, he was a valued supporter of our village hall development. We enjoyed an excellent working relationship with him in these activities, and he will be sorely missed by us all.

He will be a hard act to follow, but we are sure that members of the Parish Council will wish to continue his legacy as you plan for the future prosperity of the local community.

The Chairman and members of the Village Hall Committee wish to express to you all our sincere condolences for the loss of your highly-valued Chairman and extend our very best wishes for the continued success of the Parish Council in future years.
(Margaret Cohen)

I am greatly saddened to hear of the news of Noel's death as he was a Parish Councillor that I had a great deal of respect for. During some very difficult times he was always available to give help and advice and he was never afraid to roll up his sleeves and assist clerks with administration. As you will know he was renowned for his sense of duty towards the Parish Council and his attention to the last decimal point of detail was a mark of his devotion.
(Alan Toplis – Internal Auditor)

- 1 Public Forum** – A member of the public reported that a street light attached to a property on Lode Lane had been damaged and was broken on the building it is attached to. The Clerk was asked to report this matter.
Clerk to action

A member of the public asked for an update regarding the drainage in the area of Rose Cottage, An update was given and contact details for the officer at Staffordshire County Council were passed to the member of the public.

- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** – ratified and signed
- 3 Declarations of Interest** – There were no interests declared by those present.
- 4 Planning Matters** - none
- 5 Financial Matters**

5.1.1 Payments

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- Ian Redfern invoices – totalling £490.00 - paid
 Alstonefield Benefice Newsletter £50 donation agreed and paid
 UK Servers Ltd, Renewal of Alstonefield.com £13.20 – paid
 Toplis Associates, Internal Audit 2015-16 £130.96 – paid
 Owen ATVs, Mountfield Mower £629.00 - paid **Clerk to action**
- 5.1.2 **Monies received**
 Playing Field Car Park £21.30 collected by Cllr Hayes **Clerk to action**

6. Playing Field Matters

The Clerk was asked to contact the organiser of the play area safety check as this does not appear to have been documented since 26th November 2016

Clerk to action

7. General Parish Matters

- 7.1 Defibrillator** – it was agreed that this should be unlocked and the keypad removed as per recommendations from the Resuscitation Council and representatives of First Responders in order to save time in an emergency. The keypad is to be removed by Cllr Hignett as soon as possible and replaced with a suitable catch.
- 7.2 Village Spring Clean Planning** – the event has been publicised and the work to be done was discussed. It was agreed that everyone will meet on the day at the village Hall and jobs will be allocated to those who are not already committed to particular tasks. The lengthsman has dealt with several of the moles on the playing field.
- 7.3 Mower replacement** - the new mower has been paid for and should be delivered shortly.
- 7.4 Milldale Noticeboard refurbishment** – Cllr Bonsall is in the process of getting quotations for the work. Cllr Reavy will liaise with the Peat family about an inscription and will contact the owners of the property on which the noticeboard is sited to let them know of the refurbishment work.
- 7.5 Car Boot Sales** – paperwork has been received by the Parish Council booking the dates and the insurance documentation will be sent on to the Parish Council a month before the first event as agreed.
- 7.6 Wall repair**- Playing Field/Yew Tree Farm. Ownership of this boundary is not clear however, the lengthsman will repair the wall and Cllr Hayes will liaise with the property owner.
- 7.7 Horseshoe Cottage** – Cllr Butler will take up this matter regarding both the siting of a containers and the noise from the generator inside the container. The Clerk was asked to forward all correspondence on the subject to him so that he could take it further with the owners and the authorities.
- 7.8 Position of Chair to Alstonefield Parish Council** – Cllr Reavy offered to take on this role until 31st May 2017 (the AGM date) and indicated that she would be happy to continue for the following year until May 2018. She suggested that the Council look to place a vice chair who would be willing to think of taking on the post in May 2018. The vacancy on the Council will be advertised in due course.
- 7.9 Paypal Account** – Cllr Reavy reported that she had allocated the income from the Village Website on 6th February as below:
£165.12 - £144.07 to the Church, £2.46 to Frank Lipp for postage costs, £9.29 for the 1st Responders and £9.30 to the Village Hall.
- 7.10 Potholes** – potholes on The Rakes, beyond the Pinch, all the way to Milldale and by Lode Close were discussed. It was suggested that these be reported through Staffordshire County Council's 'report it' portal by individuals with photographs if possible.
- 7.11** The AGM Meeting date has been changed to Wednesday 31st May 2017
- 7.12** The bank account will be updated to change the signatories and online banking will be started once this has been completed.

8. Any Other Business

Items were put forward for the next agenda on 5th April:
 Homestead Gardens
 Horseshoe Cottage
 Feedback from the Village Spring Clean event
 Milldale Noticeboard
 Alstonefield Website update

9. Date of Next Meeting – 5th April 2017

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