

ALSTONEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to the Council- Liz Court, tel. no: 01538 702077
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Councillors: Nick Bonsall (310262)
Alan Hayes (310057) Rupert Hignett (310389)
Gordon Campbell (07919353800) Richard Butler (310620)
Carrie Osborne (310453)

Minutes of the meetings held on 30th May 2018

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

Apologies were received from Cllr C Osborne and Borough Cllr E. Wain
1 member of the public was also present.

Annual General and Annual Parish Meeting 2018

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

Cllr Cathy Reavy resigned from her role with the Council as Chair and as a Parish Councillor. She thanked the Council for all the help, friendship and support that she had received during her years with the Council and most recently as Chair. She was thanked by all present for her dedication to the community and will be missed.

Cllr Campbell nominated Cllr Butler to stand as chair. This was seconded by Cllr Bonsall and all other councillors were in agreement. Cllr Butler accepted the post.

Cllr Campbell was nominated to stand as the Vice Chair by Cllr Butler. All councillors were in agreement. Cllr Campbell accepted the role.

Cllrs Richard Butler, Gordon Campbell and Nick Bonsall are mandated for the bank accounts as signatories to the account.

2. Ratification of the minutes of the AGM held on 31st May 2017 noted as ratified in July 2017

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: -

Cathy Reavy, Rupert Hignett, Gordon Campbell, Richard Butler, Carrie Osborne, Nick Bonsall and Alan Hayes

The Parish Council has met 8 times since the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 31st May 2017.

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 tenanted and we hope that the tenants enjoy their usage of this plot. The Play Area has received repairs and maintenance over the last year and continues to be checked by residents who alert the Parish Council if any works are required.

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 8th 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 his 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 19.20pm and was followed by the full Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting

1 Public Forum

There were no matters raised

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

3 Declarations of Interest – no interests were declared.

4 Planning Matters- NP/SM/0318/0172 Carver Cottage, Beresford Lane, - to extend the existing house into the adjacent barn and to the rear of the property – the Council agreed in principle with this application but felt that the glazing was not in-keeping with the local vernacular.

Clerk to action

5 Financial Matters –

5.1 Conclusion of Internal Audit and paperwork from Alan Toplis

5.2 All Mazars external audit paperwork was 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 Mazars.

5.5 Payments

5.5.1 Ian Redfern – mower blade repair and lengthsman's duties £220.15

5.5.2 Clerk's wages for 1st Quarter of 2018/19 £693.21

5.5.3 Toplis Associates Ltd – internal audit £204.60 inc VAT

5.5.4 BHIB Limited – Insurance £301.03 (inc. IPT)

Payments agreed and ratified

5.1 Monies Received

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

Donation from Leaden Boot Committee - **£50.00**

Car Park Honesty Boxes **Playing Field Car Park - Toilet Car Park £35.63**

Clerk to bank

6. Playing Field Matters

6.1 Play Area Safety Check Confirmation - **last completed on 10th May**

6.2 Playing Field on-going maintenance – discussion of the fact that the chippings need raking over and that the under-sheeting needs to be sorted out in some areas. The area also needs weeding. The Lengthsman will be asked to have a look at these items and order some caps to go over the bolts and to look at the spring on the gate. Cllr Hayes offered to liaise with the Lengthsman.

7. General Parish Matters

7.1 Parish Roads – it was noted that there are lots of issues ongoing. Some works have been done but others have been reported.

7.2 Training Courses from SPCA were noted – it was felt that a planning course would be very useful.

7.3 Bench ownership – Cllr Hignett will chase this matter again. It was noted that the bench on the green requires attention and the Chair offered to look at this.

7.4 Car Boot Sales – insurance and booking form has now been received for the 2018 season.

7.5 Invitation to Mark Deaville from SCC to attend a PC meeting – no response as at 30th May

8. Correspondence in

Info on Merchant Nay Day, bank statements and Clerks and Councils Direct. No other items to action.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Hayes reported concerns re overnight stayers on the playing field carpark especially at weekends. The signs are to be replaced by the Lengthsman as the posts have rotted. The Clerk was asked to

request advice from the Community Policing team – Cllr Hayes offered to speak with them directly if required.

Fly tipping at the playing field car park was also reported. Cllr Hayes offered to sort this out.

The post on which the gate to the tree'd area off the playing field car park hangs required replacement – this is to be done by the Lengthsman.

The road signs that had been requested have now mostly been done. Outstanding ones are to be checked.

The PayPal account attached to the website needs to be updated. Cllr Butler offered to look at this.

The Clerk will put together a notice of casual vacancy on the Parish Council due to Mrs Reavy's resignation.

10. Next Agenda matters – Standing Orders to be reviewed and ratified

11. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 18th July 2018