

A personal note:

It is with very great regret that I heard this week that Michael Little is retiring from the Parish Council. To me Michael has been such a significant a member of the Council for as long as I have been a member, and his involvement goes well back into the 20th century! The minute books show that Michael resigned as Chairman in 2001 after a five-year service in that role. I haven't been able to work out when he joined but I imagine it must have been in the late 1980s.

During my recent spell as Chairman Michael's contribution to the work of the Council in its responsibilities to protect our collective interests has been significant and I believe every member of our village owes him a great vote of thanks. He has always been constructive, well-informed, thoughtful and caring as we discussed and decided on the various matters for the village.

Of course his service to the village has been much greater than just his membership of the Parish Council. As owner of much of the surrounding land and a number of properties in the village the stewardship of Michael and his family have been critical to the preservation of the wonderful landscape and character of our Cotswold home. Many are grateful for his huge efforts to ensure that Resthaven remains a viable and effective charity and others for his determination to see off the threats to the AONB of a major housing estate in the Painswick Valley.

I am very sorry that Michael is no longer to be a member of the Council, and particularly that he has been so unwell recently. Thank you Michael, we wish you well.

Nigel Shaw,  
Chairman, Pitchcombe Parish Council.  
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