

## **PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** **HELD ON 2 October 2017**

#### **Present**

Councillor J H Wright (Chair)

Councillors I Allen, Mrs P M Bowmer, D M Gamble, Mrs J Jones, N Jordan, T Kirkham and Mrs C Randall

Also present:

County Councillor Ms C Dale

District Councillor Brian Murray-Carr

One member of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Bolsover District Councillor Brian Murray-Carr, explained that the purpose of his attendance was to provide an update on the Blackbridge Caravan Site, on Common Lane, and parking issues near the Pleasley Cross junction of Newboundmill Lane. He reported that the Blackbridge Site is under new ownership and development is being carried out in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the planning application and is, and will be, subject to on-going monitoring from planning enforcement officers. He also reported that parking issues near the Pleasley Cross area have been investigated and the District Council have liaised with the County Council to put forward a proposal about road markings and the layout of the junction. He also reported that the Safer Neighbourhood Team have spoken to users of scooters near the Rotherham Road Recreation Ground.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and providing an update on these issues.

#### **PART1 NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**220/17**

##### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs V Douglas who was ill and Councillor D Gelsthorpe who was on holiday.

**221/17**

##### **Declaration of Members interests**

None

**222/17**

##### **Dispensation granted to Members declaring disclosable pecuniary interests in an agenda item**

None

223/17

**Public Participation**

- (i) One member of the public was present. Councillor Bowmer requested that it is noted that the member of the public used abusive language on their departure from the meeting.

(ii) **Report of the Police Representative**

No police representative was present at the meeting. Crime statistics for July 2017, from the Police website, were presented by the Clerk:

Anti-Social Behaviour 3  
Burglary 1  
Criminal damage and arson 1  
Vehicle Crime 1

(iii) **Report of the County Councillor**

Councillor Dale reported that a survey of the junction layout at the Newboundmill Lane junction near Pleasley Cross has been carried out by Derbyshire County Council, in response to the concerns raised about traffic issues, and a proposal for changes will be put out for consultation. It was also reported that problems with lighting columns and underground structural issues had delayed work to the lighting on the roundabout and A617 dual carriageway. She also reported that a request had been made to clear overhanging branches from the footbridge near Anthony Bek School and the footbridge from Booth Avenue to St Michael's Church.

(iv) **Report of the District Councillor Mrs P M Bowmer**

It was reported that a new drain is being installed at Stony Houghton to improve the drainage of road surface water in the area. It was also reported that she had access to a copy of the original Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme for New Houghton and indicated that the all of the funding provided under the scheme had been used on the essential priority to improve accommodation; the plan also contained desirable improvement projects should funding have been available.

224/17

**Date of next Meeting**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 6 November 2017 in the Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley and that the meeting for December be provisionally fixed for Monday 4 December 2017.

225/17

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 September 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

226/17

**Chairman's Announcements**

None

227/17

**Allotments**

The Clerk reported that a water supply invoice with unusually high charges had been received for the Meden Avenue Allotment site. It was reported that an investigation into the high usage was inconclusive at present; it is not thought to be due to a leak but may possibly result from unauthorised connection of a hosepipe from a non-allotment holder. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the possibility of installing a tap to which a hosepipe cannot be connected, or other preventative measures, is investigated.

228/17

**Cemetery**

- (i) The Chairman plans to attend a training event organised by DALC on Cemetery Management in November. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

229/17

**Footpaths**

- (i) The Clerk reported that the cutting line of the grass verge leading towards the Doctor's Surgery had been taken back further back; this has removed a lot of the nettles and other surface vegetation.

It was also reported that the Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way Team have submitted an internal request to clear the Pleasley Footpath 7 approaching St Michael's Church.

It was also reported that there are no objections from the Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way Team or the Derbyshire County Council Highways Team to the installation of a dog waste bag dispenser on Pleasley Footpath 26 (alongside the Pleasley Miners Welfare Field) to be mounted on the post displaying the 'No Cycling' sign at the Phoenix Rise entrance. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Clerk will arrange for the installation of the dog waste bag dispenser.

230/17

**Highways**

- (i) No issues to report
- (ii) The Clerk reported that Stony Houghton residents had now decided to submit a request to Scarcliffe Parish Council for a grit bin to be installed and maintained within the Scarcliffe Parish Boundary. The request made to Derbyshire County Council, by Pleasley Parish Council, to install a grit bin in the Pleasley Parish (Minute Reference (Minutes 203/17 (iii)) has, therefore, been cancelled. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

231/17

**New Houghton Community Centre**

- (i) No issues

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (ii) Update on Open Door Computer Group

No issues

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (iii) Consideration was given to the purchase of new software for the Open Door Computer Group. It was

RESOLVED that one copy of a one-year licence version of Office 365 would be purchased.

232/17

**Recreation Grounds**

- (i) The Clerk reported that there was minor damage to the surface matting near an anchor point of the Spacenet play equipment due to vandalism. It was reported that this had been repaired. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (ii) Consideration was given to the purchase of additional signage to try and deter dog fouling on Terrace Lane Recreation Ground. It was

RESOLVED that existing posters supplied by the Chairman would be laminated and displayed and two additional PVC signs would be purchased.

- (iii) Consideration was given to the installation of additional

fencing around the perimeter of Terrace Lane Recreation Ground. It was

RESOLVED that additional fencing is not installed to prevent access to or from the Bridleway adjacent to Terrace Lane Recreation Ground

**233/17**

**Street Lighting**

- (i) None

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**234/17**

**Verney Institute**

- (i) The Clerk reported there had been a minor problem with the central heating boiler which had now been resolved. It was also reported that two light bulbs needed replacing and the Chairman considered that the amount of external lighting covering the parking area at the side of the building should be reviewed. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Clerk will authorise the replacement of the bulbs and seek advice on the adequacy of the external lighting

- (i) A short discussion was held about the possible installation of an Induction Loop System. The Clerk reported that following the site survey and discussion with all potential suppliers there is some concern that the natural acoustics of the building are not favourable for the loop to assist in the circumstances it is most likely to be used. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and to re-evaluate this proposal at some point in the future if advances in technology may potentially overcome the current concerns.

**235/17**

**Correspondence**

The following items of general correspondence have been received:

- (i) Email from Julian Harrison, East Midlands Regional Support Worker, requesting consideration of holding an event or activity to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) on or around 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was

RESOLVED that Cllr Gamble will place a short message on the Parish Council facebook page to acknowledge this.

- (ii) Email from the Better Broadband team at Nottinghamshire County Council informing that a new superfast cabinet has gone live on Chesterfield Road North. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted.

- (iii) Email from Derbyshire County Council asking for support in publicising the Mobile Library Timetable. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted and that a copy of the timetable will be displayed on the Parish Notice boards and on the Parish Council facebook page

- (iv) Email from Derbyshire County Council asking parish councils to support the promotion of this year's flu vaccination programme. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

- (v) Letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion for the contribution to the poppy appeal resulting from the order for poppies for the lamp posts. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**236/17**

**Bolsover LSP feedback**

There was no report as the meeting has been re-arranged. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**237/17**

**Pleasley Parish Council Newsletter**

The Chairman reported that the next edition of the newsletter has been sent for publication. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**238/17**

**Pleasley Parish Council's Web Site**

The Clerk reported that the website was up-to-date. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**239/17**

**Stony Houghton Phone Kiosk**

The Clerk reported that following a survey it was considered that this project is not suitable for volunteers to complete and a professional decorator needs to be used. It was

RESOLVED the Clerk will obtain quotes for consideration at a future

meeting.

240/17

**Installation of defibrillators**

- (i) The Clerk reported that two quotes had been obtained to install the defibrillators. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Parish Council will accept the best value quote which does not exceed the remaining funds provided by the Derbyshire County Council Community Programme for this project.

241/17

**Live and Local**

It was reported that the first event was scheduled for 7 October 2017 and thirty-three tickets had been sold to date. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

242/17

**DALC Circular 10 and 11**

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

243/17

**Report on External Audit by Grant Thornton for 2016/17**

The Clerk reported that the report had been received from the external auditor.

The external auditor's certificate and opinion (Section 3 of the annual return) raised no issues of concern and no other issues to bring to the attention of the authority. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

244/17

**Report on cheque number sequence of bank current account**

The Clerk reported that the cheque book with cheques numbered 004171 – 004230 had been cancelled, as a security measure, as it appeared to have been lost in the post. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that reference is also made to this in the Accounts expenditure list (Minute reference 247/17) and the internal auditor is made aware at the next internal audit.

245/17

**Appearance of Pleasley Parish Area**

No issues were raised. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

246/17

**Planning Matters**

**Planning Applications**

None

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**Notification of decision**

None

RESOLVED that the report be noted

247/17

**Accounts**

**Agenda item 11 (2/10/2017)**

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
<b><u>Cheque No</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
4169	Volunteer NHCC Open Door Computer Group	Travel expenses	£61.60
4170	RM Installations	Refurbishment of Pleasley phone kiosk	£600.00
4171 to 4230	Cheque Book Cancelled (see minute reference 244/17 2 October 2017)		
4231	Bolsover District Council	Business Rates for New Houghton Community Centre (01.10.2017)	£140.00
4232	Bolsover District Council	Wetpour patch repair - Terrace Lane Recreation Ground	£39.60
4233	RBL Poppy Appeal (Royal British Legion)	Poppies for lamp posts	£120.00
4234	N Pocklington	Printer ink for Open Door Computer Group	£16.99
4235	Instructor for Senior Citizens Exercise Class	Instructor fee for Senior Citizens Exercise Class for sessions in September 2017	£80.00
4236 to 4240	Employees	Wages and Expenses	£2584.19

4241	HMRC	Tax and NI	£327.66
4242	P Crouch	Cleaning materials and maintenance items for Verney Institute	£11.49
4243	Grant Thornton UK LLP	Audit Fee for 2017 Annual Return	£480.00
4244	Bolsover District Council	Trade Refuse Contract	£327.34
4245	Bolsover District Council	Trade Refuse Contract (Cemetery)	£493.48
4246	D J M Perkins	Window Cleaning – Verney Institute	£30.00

<b>Paid into bank</b>	<b>5/9/17</b>	<b>14/9/17</b>	<b>21/9/17</b>	<b>28/9/17</b>
Verney	171.00	68.00	412.00	80.00
NHCC	301.40			
<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>472.40</b>	<b>68.00</b>	<b>412.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>

Balance of bank current account as at 28 September 2017	£54,030.44
Balance of building society account as at 28 September 2017	£40,000.00
<b>Total Balance as at 28 September 2017</b>	<b>£94,030.44</b>

Signed.....  
Chairman