

## **PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY REMOTE MEANS ON 12 April 2021**

#### **Present**

Councillor J H Wright (Chair)

Councillors, I Allen, D M Gamble, Mrs C W Kirkham, T Kirkham and Mrs C Randall

Also present: One member of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman made a short statement expressing sadness at the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; after which a minute's silence was observed.

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

##### **83/21 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Councillor Mrs P M Bowmer who was unable to join the meeting due to issues with the Zoom meeting technology; from Councillor N Jordan who was unable to attend due to work commitments, and Councillor Mrs J Jones who was ill

##### **84/21 Declaration of Members interests**

Councillor I Allen and Councillor T Kirkham both declared an interest in correspondence items (xv) and (xvii); both members were transferred to the 'waiting room' and took no part in the discussion or decision making on these items.

##### **85/21 Dispensation granted to Members declaring disclosable pecuniary interests in an agenda item**

None

##### **86/21 Public Participation**

(i) None

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

(i) No police representative was present at the meeting. The Clerk reported the crime statistics for February 2021 from the Police website.

Reported in February 2021

Anti-Social Behaviour 6

Other Crime 1

Other Theft 1

Public Order 1  
Vehicle Crime 1  
Violence and sexual offences 2

Total 12

**(iii) Report from Community Speedwatch Initiative (if any)**

It was reported that all Community Speedwatch events were still suspended during the national lockdown; however, volunteers were still able to receive training using remote meeting technology. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

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

It was reported that Derbyshire County Council had appointed a permanent replacement for the executive director for economy, transport and environment at Derbyshire County Council. It was also reported that the County Council is reviewing research into the use of blending different materials to enable more durable pothole repairs. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**(v) Report of the District Councillor**

It was reported that, subject to the easing of Government restrictions, it is planned to start to offer services from the Community Building, on Rotherham Road, New Houghton, after 17 May 2021; he confirmed that a connection with a local food bank had been established. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**87/21 Date of next Meeting**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 17 May 2021 at the Verney Institute and that the meeting for June be provisionally fixed for 7 June 2021.

**88/21 Minutes of Last Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**89/21 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**90/21**     **Allotments**

(i)     No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**91/21**     **Cemetery**

(i)     No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

(ii) A brief discussion was held to discuss the results of a survey which reported the quantity and condition of memorial seats. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the only future application for a memorial seat to be considered will be for the vacant site near the ashes plot; or, if an existing location becomes vacant, as it was considered that the Cemetery has reached its capacity for memorial seats

(iii) A short discussion was held about the condition of the existing Cemetery gates. It was

RESOLVED that the existing gates were considered to be beyond economical repair and the preference is to initiate the process for replacement with wrought iron gates; the first stage of which is to agree a pattern which will be reviewed at a future meeting

**92/21**     **Footpaths**

(i)     No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**93/21**     **Highways**

(i)     No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**94/21**     **New Houghton Community Centre**

(i)     No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

(ii)     Update on Open Door Computer Group

The Clerk reported that remote working, by providing online support for members of the group, in response to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic was still continuing. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**95/21**      **Recreation Grounds**

- (i)      The Clerk reported that the goalposts and levelling ground on the Terrace Lane Recreation Ground had been completed. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**96/21**      **Street Lighting**

- (i)      No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**97/21**      **Verney Institute**

- (i)      No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**98/21**      **Correspondence**

**The following items of general correspondence have been received:**

- (i)      Email from Bolsover District Council informing of a consultation on the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Proposed Regulation of Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas and Sexual Entertainment Venues. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (ii)      Email from Bolsover District Council informing of Scrutiny Reviews about the District Council's Policy in relation to Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons and the Council's Policy in relation to Fireworks. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (iii)      Letter from Mark Fletcher MP inviting the members of the Parish Council to participate in an online meeting. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (iv)      Email from the Census Engagement Manager North Derbyshire with information about Census Day March 21st 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (v)      Email from the Learning Co-ordinator at Vision West Nottinghamshire College in Mansfield seeking permission to display a promotional banner in New Houghton. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted and that permission is given to display the banner on the fencing adjacent to the

Children's Play Area at the Rotherham Road Recreation Ground

- (vi) Email from Bolsover District Council informing of the Woodland Trust's award to Bolsover District Council for community woodlands and tree planting, and requesting suggestions of any sites that the Parish Council suggest may be included in the scheme. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (vii) Email from Derbyshire County Council with a Community Safety Update. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (viii) Email from Derbyshire County Council with a copy of Community News dated 12 March 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (ix) Email from DALC with details of the launch of a Green Entrepreneurs Fund by Derbyshire County Council. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (x) Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council informing of the receipt of the Inspector's final report for the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xi) Letter from Mark Fletcher MP informing of the opportunity for community groups to apply for National Lottery funding. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xii) Email from Derbyshire County Council with a copy of Community News dated 12 March 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xiii) Email from Derbyshire County Council with information on the 'Impact – New Parish Carbon Footprint Tool' which has been launched by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xiv) Email from a representative of 20s Plenty for Derbyshire with a follow up letter regarding the '20s Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign'. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xv) Email from the secretary of New Houghton Community Association requesting a grant to cover the costs of Pleasley Vale and Extreme Wheels activities at a summer fare for the public planned for 21st August 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the members of the council would like to give further consideration to supporting this activity but the Clerk is to request further details relating to the costs, potential activities planned and other sources of funding which may have been secured by the association.

- (xvi) Email from Derbyshire County Council with a copy of Community News dated 31 March 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xvii) Email from the Secretary of the New Houghton Community Association requesting that the Parish Council provide litter bins on the entrances to the Millennium Green. It was

RESOLVED that the Clerk will liaise with Bolsover District Council to arrange the installation of litter bins at the perimeter of the Millennium Green and that the initial cost of providing and installing the bins, and the cost of on-going weekly emptying of the bins will be met by Pleasley Parish Council

- (xviii) Letter from Mark Fletcher MP enclosing a copy of a letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport which gives details of the Local Electric Charging Infrastructure. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xiv) Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council informing that the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan was formally adopted by Nottinghamshire County Council on 25 March 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xx) Letter from Bolsover District Council requesting information relating to an application for a Temporary change of use, of the Pleasley Miners welfare Playing Field, for the holding of a market. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted and that Parish Council Comments will be sent to Bolsover District Council which state that: Any approval for temporary change of use should require compliance with all conditions listed in 07/00346/VAR, and Section 9 of the application form 'Interest in the land' does not give details of the owner or state whether they have been informed in writing of this application.

- (xxi) Email from Bolsover District Council informing that the election of a Parish Councillor for Pleasley on Thursday 6 May 2021 was uncontested. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

**99/21 Pleasley Parish Council Newsletter**

The Chairman reported that the next edition of the Newsletter was in progress and that the distribution of the current edition was on-going. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**100/21 Pleasley Parish Council's Website**

No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**101/21 To provide and update (if any) on the proposal for the installation of CCTV in the Pleasley Parish**

The Clerk reported Bolsover District Council had refused permission to install equipment at the Community Building on Rotherham Road, New Houghton. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Clerk will contact the contractor to determine if there is the possibility of an alternative proposal which would not require the use of the Community Building

**102/21 Re-opening of the new Houghton Community Centre and The Verney Institute**

- (i) A short discussion was held about the possibility of re-opening the buildings to members of the public. It was

RESOLVED that current legislation does not allow the buildings to be re-opened

**103/21 Scarecrow Festival 2021**

A short discussion was held about whether to hold a festival in 2021. It was

RESOLVED that the scheduled dates for the festival are 14 and 15 August 2021 and that all other decisions relating to the festival are deferred to a future meeting

**104/21 Live and Local 2021/22**

The Clerk reported that it was anticipated that in accordance with the relaxation of Government restrictions on indoor events Live and Local will publish a menu of events for the 2021/22 season. It was

RESOLVED that authority to choose and recommend concerts for the next season of events is delegated to the existing Live and Local working party

and the Clerk.

- 105/21 Report on employee wages and the National Minimum/Living Wage**  
The Clerk reported that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 the National Living Wage rate increased to £8.91 per hour, and that the salary of the Clerk will, subject to any future relevant national pay award, increase in accordance with the National Pay Scale; all employee pay and pension contributions have been administered in accordance with the current legal requirements. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

- 106/21 Extreme Wheels and Pleasley Vale Outdoor Activity Centre**  
There was a short discussion about the provision of Extreme Wheels activity sessions. It was

RESOLVED that the Clerk will submit a booking form for a total of eight sessions to take place during school holidays between May and October 2021; some of these will be held at the Rotherham Road Recreation Ground and some at the Terrace Lane Recreation Ground

- 107/21 DALC Newsletters March and April 2021**

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- 108/21 Appearance of Pleasley Parish Area**  
No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

- 109/21 Planning Matters**

Planning applications

- (i) Application for Full Planning Permission  
None
- (ii) Planning applications received after the publication of the agenda  
  
None
- (iii) Ratification of decisions made by email consultation since the last meeting

None

- 110/21 Accounts**



<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0681	Total Integrated Solutions	Replacement of batteries and tubes for emergency lighting at New Houghton Community Centre	£233.18
0682	N Pocklington	Reimbursement for printer ink and A4 paper for Verney Institute	£63.48
0683	J Butler	Repair to Cemetery tap and box work	£148.00
0684	Bolsover District Council	Play Area Inspections December 2020 – March 2021	£240.00
0685	Bolsover District Council	Dog/Litter bin emptying 1 January to 31 March 2021	£764.40
0686	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Cleaning of bus shelters (February 2021)	£67.18
0687	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Cleaning of bus shelters (March 2021)	£67.18
0688	Johnson Surfacing Limited	Tarmac resurfacing on Shoulder of Mutton Lane, and Rotherham Road Recreation Ground, New Houghton	£8596.80
0690 to 0694	Employees	Wages and expenses	£2566.12
0695	HMRC	Tax and NIC	£78.35
0696	Bolsover District Council	Trade refuse contract for New Houghton Community Centre (1/4/21 to 30/9/21)	£405.60
0697	Bolsover District Council	Trade refuse contract for Cemetery (1/4/21 to 30/9/21)	£608.57
0698	Bolsover District Council	Trade refuse contract for Verney Institute (1/4/21 to 30/9/21)	£124.28

#### **Paid into bank**

	<b>9/3/21</b>	<b>26/3/21</b>
Cemetery	800.00	
Scarecrow Festival Sponsorship		100.00
<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Balance of bank current account as at 31 March 2021	£25,540.84
Balance of building society account as at 31 March 2021	£40,675.82
<b>Total Balance as at 31 March 2021</b>	<b>£66,216.66</b>

<b>Part 2-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>111/21</b>	Resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of confidential information in breach of the obligation of confidence as defined in Section 100a(2) of the Local Government Act 1972
<b>112/21</b>	<p><b><u>Meden Avenue Allotment Site</u></b>  A short discussion was held about the recent fires on the allotment site and the amount of rubbish and remains of the recent fires on the site. The Clerk reported that Bolsover District Council had contacted some individuals as a result of evidence submitted in relation to the fires. It was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the Clerk will investigate the possibility of removing the rubbish and remains from the fires from the site</p>
<b>113/21</b>	<p><b><u>Caretaker- The Verney Institute</u></b>  A short discussion was held about the vacancy for a part-time caretaker at the Verney Institute. It was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the interview date and interview panel members will be decided at a future meeting.</p>

**Signed.....**  
**Chairman**