

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th January 2025
at New Houghton Community Centre, Rotherham Road,
Present**

Councillor I Allen (Chair)
Councillors; C Dale, W Kirkham, L Radford, H Smith, L Smyth, L Stokeley
Clerk I Weekes

Members of the public: 1 member of the public was present.

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1 To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from Councillors-
E McCormack - Accepted, M Gamble - Accepted, H Wright apology noted.

2 Declaration of Members Interest.

To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Non-Statutory Interest as defined by the Members Code of Conduct in respect of:

- a) Any business on the agenda,
 - b) Any urgent additional items to be considered,
 - c) Any matters arising out of those items and if appropriate, withdraw from the meeting at the relevant time.
- Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at the time. NONE RECEIVED

3. Public Speaking - A period of not more than 15 minutes was made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on business on the agenda. Clerk / Chair to take advice if members of the public can only comment on items on the agenda.

3 Two Members of the public present

Member of the public would like to see the opening of the community centre in New Houghton as a Warm space for this community. Member of the public also raised concerned about the state of his council property. Bills are going all, that's all we hear, we need a community project to bring people together. Possibly a food bank, a warm space, a place for education and employment, bring people's hope back.

Another Member of public spoke from Sutton Christian Fellowship who lived outside the Parish – explained that he open doors to feed people, providing local food banks so far opening 11 food banks in Kirkby in Ashfield, Sutton in Ashfield and St Josephs in Shirebrook. From what I've been led believe there may be a need for a food bank – with very little cost to set up a local food stock for the local community. My food banks feed 85 people a day. Communities that have drugs and drink issues have access to support workers including mental health workers alongside access to Citizen's Advice to help residents with form filling. Offer to provide support trustee for a period of three months.

(1) Crime reports

Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary website shows crimes that were reported in the Parish of Pleasley are as below.

	September 2024	October 2024
Violence and sexual offences	(9)	(9)
Anti-social behaviour	(8)	(9)
Vehicle Crime		
Criminal Damage & Arson	(2)	
Public Order		(2)
All Other Crime		(4)
Total	(19)	(24)

Signed.....
Chair

Police website states that Priorities: Same as previous month

Action To be taken: Same as previous month. <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/area/your-area/derbyshire/north-east/pleasley/about-us/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area> - link showing the above number of incident, <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/area/your-area/derbyshire/north-east/pleasley/about-us/crime-map> -this shows the crime map, however alternatively you can view as a list of A-Z of streets

(2) Report from and Questions to County Councillor Ms C Dale. County has a bad report re SEND Ofsted provision in the county, County need to put improvements in place to manage SEND provision. Government has bought forward forming unitary combining Council authorities. If we have new County elections in the Spring 2025 they will form a new 2 year council before a Unity Authority Elections follows. Two early help officers have been employed by Shirebrook Academy for disadvantaged children. County Hall being split into private offices and hotel facilities. Local Authority jobs still being cut.

(3) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham. Councillors wasn't present at this meeting; however, he emailed the following report.

- Leadership of BDC have "retired"
- Election of new Labour leader tomorrow and council leader and deputy on the 29th
- Council has failed to get an audit certificate due to Dragonfly not being able to publish accounts
- Situation is ongoing with Dragonfly and a independent review is expected.
- National media reporting on Creswell Parish Council and governance issues. Likely to link to borrowing around new Leisure Centre which could link back to BDC and Dragonfly.
- Council tax setting is later this week.

(4) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 3rd February 2025 at The Verney

(5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd December 2024 approved and signed. Proposed by Councillor W Kirkham and seconded C Dale.

(6) Chairman's announcements. Chair reported he has reported to the District that the lights on the backs of Devonshire street are still out.

(7) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative – Regarding proposal in previous meeting. The Clerk has written to residents on 17th December 2024 who live on Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley & Rotherham Road, New Houghton to ask if residents would be able to place 30 MPH speed limits Stickers on their wheelie bins, so that on the bin collection days there are further reminder to drivers about the speed limits.

Following an update from The Clerk on responses received Councillors to discuss if they wish for The Council to purchase the Bin Stickers and discuss arrangements for distribution. Clerk reported that 17 Residents have requesting stickers. Councillors proposed the purchase and distribution of 50 stickers for the red & black bins for the residents that requested them.

(b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports - Clerk reports that email have been sent on 9/12/24 of 19/1/25 to Meden Grazing Tenant asking if they wish to continue renting the grazing land due to change in circumstances. No replies have been received. Clerk also informed that Tennant has their lost horses due to illness. Clerk to let tenant know that unless we hear from them within a month a new tenant will be sort in March 2025.

Email of 18/12/24 from Tennant of Dale end Grazing informing Pleasley Parish Council that due to their pony passing away they wish to end their tenancy. Correspondence with existing tenant of Dale End Grazing informing Pleasley Parish Council they would like to take on the previous tenants grazing land as well as their own and make private arrangements to purchase the tenants field shelter. Clerk has sent additional tenancy agreement for remainder of the rest of the term of this financial year from 1st January – 30th March 2025 for signing and arrangements made with the tenant to pay the relevant fees to be paid on 1/1/25.

Signed.....

Chair

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/report –

- i. Email of 10/12/24 from Chris Bradley of MD Funeral Service regarding the burial of ashes of the late M Hardwick into existing plot.
- ii. Email of 10/12/24 from Lorraine of Owens Memorials with memorial approval – Clerk granted Permit on 15/12/24 as the sizes meet our requirements.

(d) Footpaths/ Highways correspondence/reports –

- i. Email of 13/11/24 from Derbyshire Highways logging the receipt of : FS-Case-662220738 - New Ticket Logged [ID:0090623] regarding sink hole in Pavement on Pheonix Rise – repair has now been completed.
- ii. Email of 17/12/24 from Councillor L Stokeley enquiring on the progress of the repairing of the tarmac on the footpath adjacent to the Rotherham Rd Recreation Park. – Clerk replied confirming we are still in the process of gaining quotes with a view to being approved at a future meeting. One quote from Central Pothole Repairs for £750 plus VAT, further quotes to be gained from Bolsover District Council, and Derbyshire County Council.
- iii. Email of 12/12/24 from Robert Eyre, Business Services Assistant at Derbyshire Highways Hub with snow warden participation forms which Clerk returned on 15/12/24 with a request for delivery of 1 Tonne of Grit to the Verney for distribution around the Parish.
- iv. Email of 9/12/24 confirmation from Derbyshire County Council of 9/12/24 – report of block drain outside the Verney FS-Case-669244836. Clerk reports Case still awaits status update on 27/12/24.

(e) New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports

- i. Email of 16/12/24 from Williams Electrical Services regarding the Commercial Electrical Installation Condition Report (ELCR) for New Houghton Community Centre. Certificate issued dated 13/12/24 and Invoice for £200, Councillors approved this invoice.
- ii. Emails of 27/12/24 with Winnie Bennet of St John Ambulance – to ask if the Cadets/Badgers can have free use of the New Houghton Community Centre for a First Aid Course on Sunday 23rd February 2025 from 9am – 5pm. Councillors to discuss. Approved proposed by C Dale and seconded by W Kirkham.
- iii. Email of 3/12/24 – from Fay Harrison of Mansfield Fire & Safety following Community Centre Inspection from The Church of England an up-to-date Fire Risk Assessment has been booked for the 17th January 2025 from 9am – 3pm.
- iv. Email of 27/11/24 from Chris Mitchell of Mitchell Fire confirming that the Fire Extinguisher Services will take place at The New Houghton Community Centre on 13/1/25.
- v. Email of 27/11/24 from Tim Pearson Property Asset Manager at The Diocese of Derby. It was helpful to visit the Community Hall yesterday, and to gain a better understanding of the situation on the ground. At a practical level the hall seems to be operating effectively, and I understand that the Hall is normally used several times per week by various community groups. As long as the Parish Council complies with the terms of the lease which runs until 2040, I see no reason why the Diocese would wish to change the status quo. The building seems to be in an adequate state or repair, although it would be helpful if you could provide evidence that the following arrangements are in place:

- Gas safety testing in the last year without any safety defects
- Fixed wiring test in the last five years without any Code 1 or Code 2 faults (not to be confused with a portable appliance test)
- Fire risk assessment
- Adequate insurance for an up-to-date rebuilding cost
- Food hygiene inspection by local authority environmental health staff, or alternatively confirmation that the kitchen is not being used for the preparation and serving of food needing compliance with food hygiene regulations (eg if people only eat their own food)

Clerk replied with response and relevant documentation.

(f) Verney Institute correspondence/report

- i. Email of 16/12/24 from Williams Electrical Services regarding the Commercial Electrical Installation Condition Report (ELCR) for The Verney. Certificate issued and dated 13/12/24 and Invoice for £200, Councillors approved this invoice.
- ii. Email of 20/12/24 from Claire Richards of Smith of Derby to book The Verney Clock service appointment for the 14/1/25. Necessary arrangements made with caretaker.

Signed.....

Chair

iii. Email of 18/12/24 from Councillor W Kirkham who forwarded an email received from Alana Bowan The Senior Revenues Office at Bolsover District Council regarding contacting the Valuation Office to challenge the current business rates. – Clerk to follow up with Valuation Office and enquire to challenge further business rates at both community centres.

iv. Invoice of 4/12/24 from Guardian Gas UK Limited for the servicing of both gas boilers at New Houghton Community Centre and The Verney on the 21.11.24 in total costing £248 plus VAT. (£297.60) Councillors approved these costs – proposed by Councillor W Kirkham and seconded by H Smith.

v. Email of 3/12/24 – from Fay Harrison of Mansfield Fire & Safety to provide an up-to-date Fire Risk Assessment for The Verney which has been booked for the 16th January 2025 from 9am – 3pm.

vi. Email of 27/11/24 from Chris Mitchell of Mitchell Fire confirming that the Fire Extinguisher Services will take place at The Verney on 13/1/25.

vii. Request from Councillor M Gamble to have access to the WIFI code at The Verney so he can undertake Council related work. Approved

viii. Email of 6/1/25 from Rev K Bradley, I have received an enquiry from someone who would like a baptism by full immersion and who also would like more people to attend than the front area of St Michael's can hold. We would need to be downstairs I suspect as it would be easier to run the draining pipe for the water afterwards straight out the back door. Assuming there is water in the downstairs to fill from? If not, then maybe upstairs and we could run the drainage out and round the building. We have done this once before at St Luke's and borrowed what is actually a pool very like a birthing pool from North Wingfield Team. It is purpose built and very sturdy - no leaks or problems with water mess. Councillors discussed and approved this request.

(g) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports) – Email of 2/12/24 from Sarah Cooke, Leisure Support Officer at Bolsover District Council – with a copy of the Playground Inspection and Maintenance Monthly report – no change in condition of the play equipment since last month's report. Disabled roundabout still not functioning properly – Clerk to chase.

(h) The appearance of Pleasley Parish Street / Lighting correspondence/reports

i) Email of 19/12/24 from Anthony Berridge of National Grid with copy of Festive Illuminations Certificate 2024 - confirming they have received our updated supply information on the time and dates the Christmas lights will operate for this unmetered supply.

ii) Email of 16/12/24 from Councillor Louise Stokeley who informs us that there is plastic missing from the roof of the bus stop in the village, it's at the back of it on the millennium. Think it happened when we had recent high wind, there is also mud all over the seat. – Clerk forwarded email to Shelter Maintenance to pick up the cleaning issue and investigate the missing plastic roof panel. Shelter quote received for £256 plus VAT for repair. Chair to look for missing part. To discuss at next meeting.

iii) Email of 12/12/24 from Robert Griffiths Director of Civic Pride confirming that faulty Christmas Light motif on Chesterfield Rd has been replaced.

iv) Email of 15/12/24 from Councillor Lynda Radford with photographs of the Footpath along the Meden asking if Pleasley Parish Council could support an effort to assist with the cleaning of the pathway and tunnel. Chair notes that in the past Pleasley Parish council have assisting in this matter despite this being on the Mansfield border of our Parish. See related email below. – Chair to have a look at the area and report back at a future meeting.

v) Email of 4/12/24 forwarded from Mansfield District Councillor Sharron Hartshorn - Pleasley & Derbyshire side Cllrs. I wanted to share with you the work that has been completed down at the riverside. I was always under the impression this side of the river was MDC however when I reported this area for cleaning it was BDC who completed the work. I would appreciate it if you could add this to the agenda of your next parish meeting to ensure all parish councillors are aware of this. ...I was told quite recently the BDC side came right up to the back door of the first house. Councillors discussed. We can agree the boundary and it is our boundary.

vi) Email of 3/12/24 from Jim Brooks, Unit Assistant of Shelter Maintenance Ltd with latest copy of Bus Shelter Cleaning report – no change in condition of the bus shelters since last month

vii) Email of 6/1/25 from a resident whose property backs onto the Terrace Lane Recreation Ground who has requested help from the Parish Council cutting the adjoining hedge their back garden, which is actually in the park, my partner cannot reach to keep it good it has grown that much, so it is in the park side directly adjoining our back

garden and fence (but you we can't see the fence now because it is overgrown) Councillors discussed quote, however Councillors asked Clerk to contact the householder to look at the issue.

(8) Pleasley Parish Council's Newsletter – Arrangements for next newsletter - March 2025 – to discuss at future meeting.

(9) Live and Local reports – Firkin's Drift on was sold out with good reviews. Discuss arrangements for future bookings and Blair Dunlop in February.

(10) Correspondence (not quoted elsewhere in agenda)

i. Email & Invoice TW2224 of 23/11/24 from Vault Electronics Security Ltd. Councillors agreed ongoing costs.

1/07/2024	CCTV Rental System On Test	0.00
01/08/2024	CCTV Rental System On Test	0.00
01/09/2024	CCTV Rental System September Rental	299.00
01/10/2024	CCTV Rental System October Rental	299.00
01/11/2024	CCTV Rental System November Rental	299.00
	SUBTOTAL	897.00
	VAT TOTAL	179.40
	TOTAL	1,076.40

ii. Email of 3/12/24 from Peter White Director of Vault Electronic Security Ltd (who supply our Parish CCTV). Following a query from a resident, Peter confirmed that we had signage installed below CCTV cameras marked with a QR Code (Parish Council Contact Details) meeting the Video Surveillance Systems Information Commissioners Requirement.

iii. Email of 30/11/25 from Lynda Flether of Seriousmix who support Pleasley Parish Council website. The website hosting and domain for our Parish website is due for renewal. The cost will be the same as always, I expect £75 per year. Councillors approved

(11) Email & letter of 12/12/24 from Jordan Chapman, Senior Accountancy Assistant, financial Services at Bolsover District Council. Please notify Bolsover District Council of your precept requirements by 3rd February 2025 at the latest. Following the recommendation of The Finance Working Group meeting of 20/1/25 at 7pm Councillors discussed agreed their precept requirements for 2025/6. Uplift to Salaries & Liabilities budget with increased costs. Councillors agreed 2025/26 Precept increase of 10% as councillor's handout Budget_2025_26.

(12) Councillors to discuss contents of Fixed Asset Register – copies to be emailed prior to meeting and paper copies available at the meeting. The internal Audit report of 23/24 recommended councillors review the values held for land in the asset register and amend if appropriate. Councillors to discuss. Councillors raised an issue with Bus Shelter ownership and ask the Clerk to review if these items need removing from the Fixed Asset register. Verney Clock to be added to Register.

(13) DALC December Newsletter – forwarded to councillors on 28/12/24 - Councillors to discuss any issues referred in this issue

(14) Planning Matters

i. Email of 9/12/24 from Karen Bradley, Secretary at CPRE Derbyshire, The Countryside Charity. CPRE Derbyshire, the countryside charity, is again offering subsidised planning training for clerks and councillors who are involved in considering and/or responding to planning applications. Karen – explained that their next online Planning Training session which will take place by Zoom 6-8pm on Thursday 23 January 2025. The cost remains at just £5 per person for our member councils and £15 per person for non-member councils. You can book up to two places per council, on a first come first served basis, using this link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/4295569> - Clerk notes that the link was inactive – due to course being fully booking – Clerk contacted the CPRE for future dates.

You will also learn how to make effective representations in planning, exploring what are material considerations and how to engage in the planning process, including a range of planning case studies.

Signed.....
Chair

The last training session in September was a sell-out and we received some great feedback from participants. If you are not sure whether you are a member, please respond to this email and we will check for you. CPRE Derbyshire, is a small independent registered charity, dependent on membership to continue to operate. If your council is not already a member, please do consider joining us. The cost is just £5 per month or £60 per year, the same as an individual person membership.

As well as shaping policy and legislation nationally, as a parish or town council member of CPRE Derbyshire, we can:

- Collaborate with you in objecting to inappropriate development in the countryside, as part of Local Plan consultations or in response to individual planning applications;
- Share our knowledge & experience of large energy applications, such as pylons and solar/battery farms;
- Support Local Green Space designations in your Neighbourhood Plan;
- Work with you on projects that improve your local countryside;
- Guide you to accessing extensive research, training and support from the wider CPRE organisation.

Our committed local volunteers are dedicated to making the countryside a better place to live and work and for everyone to enjoy. They proactively review planning applications in each district of Derbyshire and there will always be someone in your area to contact if you need us. Join online for £5 per month or £60 for a year:

iii. Email of 28/12/24 from Karen Bradley Secretary of CPDE Derbyshire – who confirms that the Derbyshire Tickets are sold out for this event and will we be notified of the next training dates in 2025.

Councillors discussed if they wish for The Council to become members for the annual fee of £60 or wish to attend future planning training events. No decision was made, to continue to book individual courses are required.

(14) In accordance with the orders and regulations made under the above Act - Sarah Kay MRTPI Assistant Director of Planning and Planning Policy should be pleased to receive your comments within 21 days of the date on the following notifications. Copies of the relevant details and plans submitted in connection with the above application can be found on the Councils website:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR REVISED PLANS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

i. 19/12/24

Application for Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

Application No: 24/00588/TCON Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Works to Ash trees on boundary of no 4

Location: The Clusters Wood Lane Pleasley Vale Applicant: Mrs Anna Winfield

ii. 11/12/24

Application No: 24/00566/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension. Render existing facade.

Location: 25 Booth Avenue Pleasley Mansfield NG19 7TE Applicant: Mr Duncan Froberg

6/12/24

Application No: 24/00561/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Installation of a Ceramics Sculpture

Location: Pleasley Pit Trust Pit Lane Pleasley NG19 7PH Applicant: The Land Trust

5/12/24

Application No: 24/00516/TPO

Proposal: 6m Crown lift to Beech Tree (TPO BOL/20)

Location: 25 Booth Avenue Pleasley Mansfield NG19 7TE Applicant: Mr Andy Binks

Further to my consultation regarding the above application for Consent under a Tree Preservation Order I write to inform you that permission for the proposal has been granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The arboricultural work to which this consent relates shall be completed within two years from the date of this decision.
2. The level of the crown lift must be no greater than 6m as set out in the application form.

Signed.....

Chair

3. Immediately after the pruning, all branch wood must be removed & the site left in a clean & tidy condition.

4. The pruning must be carried out in accordance with the appropriate recommendations contained in British Standard 3998: 2010 (Tree Work) & in general shall in no way prejudice the health, balance and natural appearance of the tree.

(15) Banking –

Trans Date	Type	Name of Payee/Payer	Expenditure	Income	Balance
25-Nov-24		Opening Balance			45031.61
25-Nov-24	D/D	SAGEGLOBSERVICES - Accounting Software	-54		44977.61
25-Nov-24	DPC	Clerk Amazon Stationery refund	-9.98		44967.63
25-Nov-24	C/R	Pay Slip '000189 November Income		750.8	45718.43
25-Nov-24	C/R	Pay slip 000188 November Income		10	45728.43
26-Nov-24	DPC	Clerk Amazon Stationery refund	-9.98		45718.45
30-Nov-24	DPC	Clerk Amazon Postage refund	-13.2		45705.25
30-Nov-24	DPC	Month 8 Staff Salary Payments	-2753.77		42951.48
30-Nov-24	DPC	Clerk Oct/Nov Stationary/millageage refund	-23.49		42927.99
30-Nov-24	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD Month 8 Liabilities	-502.96		42425.03
02-Dec-24	D/D	BOLSOVER DC Houghton Community Centre Rates	-117		42308.03
02-Dec-24	D/D	BOLSOVER DC Verney Community Centre Rates	-120		42188.03
02-Dec-24	D/D	NEST , IT000003863474 Pension Fees	-48.32		42139.71
02-Dec-24	BAC	PLEASLEY YNG FBR , SI-100 , Verney Hire Room Fees		200	42339.71
02-Dec-24	BAC	Tenant 1 GRAZING LAND Monthly Rent Fees		75	42414.71
02-Dec-24	BAC	Tenant 2 Grazing Land , S1-88 FIELD RENT Monthly Rent Fees		75	42489.71
03-Dec-24	D/D	AQUISS New Houghton Internet Fees	-36		42453.71
03-Dec-24	DPC	Clerk Amazon Stationery refund	-9.45		42444.26
09-Dec-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 600221089 New Houghton Community Centre - Gas Bill	-137.69		42306.57
09-Dec-24	DPC	Clerk Postage refund	-13.2		42293.37
10-Dec-24	DPC	GUARDIAN GAS , INV 940 , Verney & New Houghton Boiler Service Fees	-297.6		41995.77
10-Dec-24	DPC	SHELTERMAINTAINLTD, INV15995 Bus Shelter Maintenance	-77.76		41918.01
13-Dec-24	CHQ	Cheque '001204 Month 7 Salary payment	-719.36		41198.65
16-Dec-24	DPC	SHIREBROOKTOWNC, Inv 001453 , Monthly Exercise Group Instructor Fees	-80		41118.65
16-Dec-24	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT , PLEASLEYPC 217188 Summer Ground Maintenance Fees	-4500		36618.65
17-Dec-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078068 New Houghton Community Electricity	-85.15		36533.5
18-Dec-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 600983076 Verney Gas Bill	-158.62		36374.88
18-Dec-24	BAC	BLAIR Live & Local Income		25	36399.88
20-Dec-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 Crompton Street Allotment Water Bill	-141		36258.88
20-Dec-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney Water Bill	-83.66		36175.22
20-Dec-24	D/D	BT GROUP PLC , GP00456935-000076 Verney Internet Fees	-40.74		36134.48
20-Dec-24	DPC	Clerk Amazon Printer Cartridge refund	-17.56		36116.92
23-Dec-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078138 Verney Electricity	-121.14		35995.78
23-Dec-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Meden Ave Allotment Water Bill	-38.22		35957.56
23-Dec-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre Water Bill	-53.49		35904.07
23-Dec-24	DPC	WILLIAMS ELECTRIC INV 3855 Verney Commercial EICR Testing	-200		35704.07
23-Dec-24	DPC	WILLIAMS ELECTRIC INV 3856, NH Community Centre Commercial EICR Testing	-200		35504.07
23-Dec-24	BAC	FILKIN, Live & Local income		25	35529.07
27-Dec-24	BAC	Verney Room Hire Booking Fees		72	35601.07
27-Dec-24	D/D	SAGEGLOBSERVICES - Accounting Software	-54		35547.07
		Totals	-10717.34	1232.8	
		Opening Balance	45031.61		
		Closing Balance	35547.07		

Signed.....
Chair