

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd February 2026
at New Houghton Community Centre, 13 Rotherham Rd, New Houghton**

Present

Cllr I Allen (Chair)

Cllrs; C Dale, M Gamble, W Kirkham, T Kirkham, L McCormack, S Reaney, L
Smyth

Clerk I Weekes

Members of the public: 0 members of the public were present.

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1 To receive apologies for absence - L Radford H Wright - Apologies accepted

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.

3. Public Speaking – A period of not more than 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on business on the agenda. No members of the public were present.

(1) Report from and Questions to Derbyshire County Councillor Sarah Reaney. – Councillors raised the issue of parking on the road outside the Nags head. Report of the footbridge from Pleasley to New Houghton with a light out of the footbridge. Asked for nominations for the road program so far Newboundmill Lane from Lane junction and Terrace Lane. The County Council have now produced a balanced County Council budget – the last five years it’s been a 5% increase, now it’s brought down to 4.9%. Councillors reported request more gritting bins at Terrace Lane as only two currently in place. Councillors reported pots holes on Appleby Road and

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Recreation Road at the old bus turning point near Garden Avenue in New Houghton where pot holes are 3-4 inch deep. Councillors also raised the issue that the hedge along the pathway on Rotherham Rd towards the roundabout on the way out of New Houghton still requires a cut before spring.

(2) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham. Reports of Anti-social behaviour in the evening in New Houghton, District are holding a Youth Club on a Friday evening ran at New Houghton Hub. With regards to the Backs in New Houghton there is talk of some available funds coming from government – T Kirkham has been in touch with MP Natalie Fleet. Chair suggested that it'd be good if we could work with District and Derbyshire County Council for joined up funding. Planning discussed Travelling showman for access on adopted road with 4 caravans with amended planning application for 7 caravans with 2 parking spaces and residents have concerns. Planning application open for comment for small 6 house development on an old brown field site at the Old Pig Farm on Chesterfield Road. 2.99% increase for Community Tax for 26/27 for Bolsover District Council.

(3) Chairman’s announcements – Chair and Clerk met Tracey Davenport and colleagues from Maurice Hill Transport regarding ownership of access path at the side of the old Dale Engineering site, Chair is continuing to go through the archived documents, however there is very little documentation regarding the land. Councillor H Wright is still unwell. Clerk to contact DALC for advice regarding awarding Alderman/honorary position for long service.

To confirm the date of next meeting of Pleasley Parish Council is scheduled to be held at 7pm on Monday 2nd March 2026 at The Verney, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley, NG19 7PL

(5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th January 2026 approved and signed - Cllr W Kirkham proposed accepting and Cllr M Gamble seconded.

(6) Notice of Vacancies in Office of Councillor

i. Resignation received from Hayley Smith on 5.1.26. Resignation was received and accepted at previous meeting of 5/12/26. Clerk notified Monitoring Officer at Bolsover District Council who issued a Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor. Returning Officer issued Notice dated 13th January 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the resignation of Hayley Smith, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. If by 2 February, 2026 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish Ward, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the

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vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 8 April, 2026.

ii. Resignation received on 10.1.26 from Louise Stokeley, Chair informed and Clerk notified Monitoring Officer at Bolsover District Council who issued a Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor. Returning Officer issued Notice dated 14th January 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the resignation of Louise Stokeley, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. If by 3 February, 2026 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 9 April, 2026.

(7) Other Reports.

a) Crime reports

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

	June 25	July 25	Aug 2025	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25
All Other Crime	10	9	9	4	1	5
Anti-social behaviour	4	8	5	1	5	3
Burglary	1	1	2			8
Criminal Damage & Arson	6	6		3	3	3
Other Crime						
Other Theft				2	1	1
Possession Weapons		1				
Public Order			4	2		
Vehicle Theft	1		2			
Violence and sexual offences	12	8	8	7	2	5
Total	34	33	30	19	12	25

<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

Cllr M Gamble reported the latest figures with 9 incidents in Pleasley & 16 in New Houghton, mainly down to anti-social behaviour.

(b) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative. We haven't had a recent speed watch event; we can make a start when it's lighter in the mornings. Chair I Allen will

attend the CSW conference which is Team meeting to share good practice. Speedwatch guidelines have been updated.

(c) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports - none received.

(d) Cemetery Correspondence/report

i. Email of 22/1/26 from Sarah Nothdurft, Funeral Director at Frank Wood Funeralcare in Skegness, I can confirm the funeral for previous resident to take place on Wednesday 4th February 2026 – 13:00 graveside service. Our Shirebrook Branch will be conducting the funeral on our behalf due to logistics.

(e)Street Lighting correspondence/reports

i. Email of 1 1 26 from Cllr Sarah Reaney of Derbyshire County Council regarding the foliage overhang on the footpath that runs alongside Rotherham Road - FS-Case-720962054

(f)New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports

i. Email of 14/1/26 from District Councillor T Kirkham, I am working with Max Farnsworth from New Houghton FC to help support the team in funding activities. From councillor grants I have £200 remaining, and I understand there are issues with the showers at the NH Community centre. Max and his colleague George are qualified to assess the repairs needed at the NH Centre. Could you give the ok for them to do this and for them to come up with a likely cost. I can then look to get the funds to enable the repairs. Councillors to discuss. Clerk to instruct Max to prepare a quote for approval ensure contractors are Gas Safe Registered etc.

(g)Verney Institute correspondence/report –

i. email 13/1/26 from Stannah with confirmation of yearly maintenance carried out on the Verney Institute on 13/1/26 (2 visits per year) – in service, no issues to report. Clerk has received invoice for works of £58 plus VAT £69.70. Councillors authorised.

ii. email of 9 1 26 from Chris Mitchell of Mitchell Fire confirming Fire Extinguisher service and maintenance certificate, clerk has chased up arrangements for New Houghton Inspection and Certificate.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports) –

i. Email of 8/1/26 received from Sarah Cooke Leisure Support Officer at Bolsover District Council – of December 2025 Monthly playground and inspection and maintenance Report - No significant changes in conditions since last meeting.

(i)The appearance of Pleasley Parish

i. Email of 22/1/26 from Georgia Worthington of Shelter Maintenance with November cleaning/condition report for the 9 Bus shelters in the Parish – no changes since last meeting

ii. Email of 12/1/26 from Martin Hunter of Bolsover District Council. Complaint following the hedge cutting to the allotments. I have had a look at the verges, and they are badly in printed with tractor tyre marks which is going to make grass cutting a problem. The hedge to the right-hand side of the allotment entrance has not been cut yet, and to the left hand side the offcuts have been left stacked up on the verge. Councillors discussed.

iii. email of 12/1/26 from Martin Hunter of Bolsover District Council in response to Clerks email of 18/12/26 requesting to let the Clerk know what we've are regularly billed for and how many cuts have actually been undertaken on Rotherham Rd and Terrace lane Recreation Grounds & Pleasley Cemetery since April 2025 and what further cuts are scheduled. Martin replied. We quoted for 12 cuts as per quote dated 28th Feb 2025 and 12 were carried out. You should have already received the invoice for the ground maintenance. The final cut comes by mid-October. Any further invoicing in this financial year should cover dog and litter bin emptying for quarter 4.

iv. Letter of 12 1 25 from Christopher Henley of Bolsover District Council. I am writing with details of our pricing for the summer Grounds Maintenance works at the following sites;

Recreation Ground at Terrace Lane, Pleasley	£1071.50 plus vat
Recreation Ground at Rotherham Road, New Houghton	£1982.00 plus vat
Cemetery at Church Lane Pleasley	£1021.50 plus vat
Total	£4075.00 plus vat

The price above reflects twelve cuts over the summer to the recreation ground and play areas and six cuts to the cemetery, dependant on weather conditions.

If this price is acceptable, we will need written confirmation before any works can be carried out. Please note that you will be invoiced at the end of the cutting season. Councillors to discuss approving quote for works. Councillors approved. Clerk to confirm with Bolsover District Council.

v. Letter of 12 1 25 from Christopher Henley, Street Scene Coordinator at Bolsover District Council regarding Servicing of Dog/Litter Bins – Recharges for 2026/2027

I am writing regarding the servicing of dog and litter bins currently carried out by Bolsover District Council on behalf of Pleasley Parish Council. According to our records there are currently 17 bins on land under the responsibility of Pleasley Parish Council which are being serviced by Bolsover District Council on a rechargeable basis. Our charge for the year 2026/2027 will be £4.76 plus VAT per

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empty per bin, which according to our records will be £4207.84 plus VAT for the year (based on one weekly empty per bin). This will be invoiced quarterly. Councillors discussed and approved.

vi. email of 8 1 26 from Gemma Stevenson of New Houghton Hub. We are hoping to hold another summer Fair this year on the football field on Rotherham road on Saturday 29th August 2026. Would this be possible? Councillors discussed. Copy of Public Liability Insurance to be requested and councillors in agreed.

vii. Email of 4 1 26 from resident of Stoney Houghton. I'm reaching out in regards to the grit bin, on the corner of Keeper's Corner Road and Water Lane in Stony Houghton. The bin has been in need of a refill for quite some time and wasn't refilled in 2025. DCC have confirmed that they aren't responsible for this bin, and from our community records we know that it was agreed for Pleasley Parish to handle refills. Clerk confirmed that this bin is on our records to refill. Clerk refilled grit bin on 5 1 26 from spare grit stored at the Verney. Clerk to carry out Parish audit of grit bins after recent wintery weather to assess grit bin levels.

(9) Live and Local reports –Discuss arrangements for future bookings - Recent concert by Mountain Songs produced a surplus £86.40 Next concert is on 21/3/26 Askew Sisters.

(10)Events Review & future Planning - Further details of the Scarecrow festival of 18th/19th July 26 to be discussed at next meeting including deciding a Sponsor and theme.

(11) Newsletter – no copy received yet, possible newsletter ideas distributed to councillors. Hopefully Newsletter can be distributed mid March – copy requested from Councillors in the next few weeks. Clerk to write a panto review and to approach football club and weight watchers for possible articles. Next newsletter can feature details of the Scarecrow festival and the new GOV.UK website and email addresses.

(12) Correspondence (not discussed elsewhere on agenda) ..

i. Email of 21/1/26 from Stuart Lake of Gerry Graham’s Touring Pantos. Now is the time to secure your pantomime for 2026! For 2026 we are pleased to be presenting 2 pantomimes - Santa The Panto & Jack & The Beanstalk. Santa The Panto is a 1 hour show & is a fully self contained with stunning scenery with 3 fully professional cast members who appear in theatre quality costumes, this pantomime is designed for smaller schools, social clubs etc. Snack & The Beanstalk This is a 2 hour show (inc interval), with 4 full scene changes and comes with 6 actors on stage. Sleeping Beauty is an action packed pantomime designed for larger schools, social clubs,

community centres, theatres etc. Clerk has requested an update on the costs. Councillors to discuss on the next meeting.

ii. Emails of 6/1/26 and 21/1/26 from Cllr Donna Hales, Bolsover North and Shuttlewood, Deputy Leader Bolsover District Council. We are aware that attendance at liaison meetings appears to have tailed off and we are wondering what we can do to improve this. Parish liaison is important particularly as the process of local government reorganisation is gathering pace and sharing information is paramount. I would really like to attend Parish and Town meetings with Arron Johnson as this would give yourselves and councillors the opportunity to discuss issues with us. I would be grateful if you could provide me with your meeting dates over the next few months. Clerk replied with a list the forthcoming Parish Council meetings dates. Donna replied to say she would like to attend one of your Parish meetings to encourage councillors to attend Parish Liaison as well. Donna confirmed that she would like to attend our next meeting on 2nd March at The Verney.

iii. Confirmation from The Pension Regulator that on 9 January 2026, a completed re-declaration of compliance for PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL was received by The Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 (or, for Northern Ireland, the Pensions Order 2008).

iv. Email from Ian Allen of 8/1/26 who has made contact with Colin Hampton of Derbyshire Unemployed Workers. I have agreed to meet with him to let him look at both the Verney and New Houghton community centre to look at their suitability. From what he has told me the cost of their advisor is circa 1500k -2K per annum. Neither of our venues are suitable so they are staying at the New Houghton Hub for now. Normally 2-4 people attend per week, Clerk to contact to DUW what services are available and how many residents in the Parish use this service for discussion at the next meeting, Clerk to also asked for further information to be included in the March newsletter.

(12) DALC - January 2026 Newsletter – forwarded to councillors on 24/1/26- Councillors to discuss.

(13) Action required regarding newly adopted Pleasley Parish Council’s Financial Regulations - updated to NALC model version 5/3/25 – Councillors reviewed and adopted this version at the previous meeting. Part of the adopted financial regulations under 2.0.Risk management and internal control states in section 2.6. At least [once in each quarter], and at each financial year end, a member other than the Chair {or a cheque signatory} shall be appointed to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member shall sign and date the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or similar document) as evidence.

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Councillors to discuss and appoint a member to undertake this work. Referred to next meeting.

(14) Planning Matters In accordance with the orders and regulations made under the above Act, The Planning Officer should be pleased to receive your comments within 21 days of the following letters: (previously forwarded to councillors via email) Email letter of 9 1 26 from Karen Wake of Planning Dept at Bolsover District Council – forwarded to Councillors on 10 1 26. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Application for Outline Planning Permission Application No: 25/00454/OUT Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 dwellings with access from Chesterfield Road, with all matters reserved apart from access. Location: Land At Hill Top Farm Chesterfield Road New Houghton Applicant: Mr Stuart Hill - I write to advise you that the above application is to be considered at a meeting of the Council’s Planning Committee at 10:00am in the Council Chamber at Bolsover District Council, The Arc, High Street, Clowne, Chesterfield, S43 4JY on 21st January 2026. It is recommended that the application be Refused.

(15) Councillors to approve the following payment schedule.

Invoice Date	Payee	Invoice No	Details	Net£	VAT£	Gross£
14/11/2025	Bolsover District Council	228934	Commission of 10 extreme wheel roadshows held during school holidays in 2025 - Easter, May Half term, Summer Holidays and Oct half term	£3,200.00		£3,200.00
22/12/2025	Bolsover District Council	229828	Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service - monthly carried out between August - November 2025	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
06/01/2026	Bolsover District Council	230641	Dog litter bin emptying (10 Dog, 7 Litter) Oct - Dec 25	£1,016.60	£203.32	£1,219.92
21/01/2026	Live & Local	10406	17.01.26 Performance fee for Mountain song as part of Live & Local programme	£454.38	£90.87	£545.25
02/01/2026	Mitchell Fire Protection Ltd	10570	Verney Fire Extinguisher maintenance and inspection - 1 new Fire Blanket. 3 new Water extinguisher service. 3 new C02 extinguisher service. 1 Service Charge	£58.00	£11.60	£69.50
01/12/2025	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	16946	Cleaning of 9 bus shelters in Pleasley & New Houghton	£71.28	£14.26	£85.54
31/12/2025	Shirebrook Town Council	1601	Hire of outreach Chair Aerobics Instructor 3,10, 17th Dec 25	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00

(16) BANKING - Councillors receive copies of the above bank reconciliations as part of this agenda and these transactions to be reviewed by councillors and to be approved during this meeting.

MINUTES REF 11 – 02 02 26

Date	Type	Description	VAT Rate	VAT	EXP	INCOME	BALANCE
		Opening Balance					43,538.75
22-Dec-25	D/D	BT GROUP PLC Verney Telephone/Internet	20.00%	-7.47	-44.84		43,493.91
22-Dec-25	DPC	Clerk Post office - Postage Stamps refund			-13.6		43,480.31
22-Dec-25	DPC	Clerk Amazon HP Printer Cartridge Refund	20.00%	-3.50	-20.99		43,459.32
22-Dec-25	DPC	Clerk Post Office stamp refund			-6.96		43,452.36
23-Dec-25	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078138 Verney Electricity	5.00%	-4.96	-104.08		43,348.28
29-Dec-25	D/D	SAGE UK LTD , DPASCWK Accounting Software	20.00%	-11.20	-67.2		43,281.08
29-Dec-25	BAC	Verney Room Hire Income - K.W 31/12/25				125	43,406.08
30-Dec-25	DPC	Cartridge World - set of Laser Cartridges	20.00%	-36.65	-219.9		43,186.18
30-Dec-25	DPC	Staff Salary Payments DECEMBER 25 - Month 9			-2854.121		40,332.06
30-Dec-25	DPC	Clerk Travel expenses - Dec 25			-16.2		40,315.86
31-Dec-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney Water Rates			-68.39		40,247.47
31-Dec-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Crompton Street Allotments Water Rates			-382.75		39,864.72
31-Dec-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre Water Rates			-90.41		39,774.31
31-Dec-25	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD Liabilities, Month 9			-892.59		38,881.72
31-Dec-25	C/R	Payslip 000222 Verney Income December 2025				75	38,956.72
02-Jan-26	D/D	BOLSOVER D C The Verney Community Tax			-146		38,810.72
02-Jan-26	D/D	BOLSOVER D C New Houghton Community Tax			-180		38,630.72
02-Jan-26	D/D	AQUISS - Internet - New Houghton Community	20.00%	-6.00	-36		38,594.72
02-Jan-26	BAC	SH & BC Dale Engineering Grazing Land Monthly				75	38,669.72
02-Jan-26	BAC	JM Dale Engineering Grazing Land Monthly Rental				125	38,794.72
05-Jan-26	D/D	NEST , IT000003863474 Pension M9			-57.31		38,737.41
05-Jan-26	DPC	Clerk Amazon refund HP Printer Ink Cartridges x 2	20.00%	-14.27	-85.6		38,651.81
05-Jan-26	C/R	New Houghton Community Centre Dec 25 Room Hire Income				275	38,926.81
05-Jan-26	BAC	JM Grazing Land Water Bill payment				64	38,990.81
07-Jan-26	BAC	CP - Live & Local Ticket Sales- Threaded				27	39,017.81
12-Jan-26	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS 600221089 New Houghton Community Centre Gas	5.00%	-1.41	-29.7		38,988.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	Bolsover DC Ground Maintenance Summer 25 Invoice 229803	20.00%	-900.00	-4725		34,263.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	GENERAL SRVS MANSF, INV 3172 , Powerwash Verney Steps Clean	20.00%	-16.67	-100		34,163.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	Civic Pride UK Ltd, PLEASLEYPC SI-6654, Christmas Lights 25	20.00%	-600.00	-3600		30,563.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	S BOTHAM AG SERV Invoice - 0136 Hedge Cutting - Meden Allotment/Occupation Rd	20.00%	-52.00	-312		30,251.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	Shirebrook Town Council - Hire of outreach chair aerobics instructor 5,12,19,26 Nov 25 Inv 001590	20.00%	-14.67	-88		30,163.11
12-Jan-26	DPC	Vault Electronic Security - CCTV Rental for sept, oct, nov 2025 at £299 INV TW 2728	20.00%	-179.40	-1076.4		29,086.71
12-Jan-26	BAC	A K&EE Live & Local Tickets Sales				27	29,113.71
12-Jan-26	BAC	PLEASLEY YNG FBR , SI-165 Verney Room Hire fees				200	29,313.71
12-Jan-26	BAC	SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS SI-166 SEAFORTH Verney Room Hire Fees				200	29,513.71
16-Jan-26	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078068 New Houghton Community Electricity	5.00%	-4.94	-103.8		29,409.91
16-Jan-26	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 600983076 Verney Gas	5.00%	-9.00	-189.03		29,220.88
19-Jan-26	DPC	Clerk Amazon Stationary refund	20.00%	-0.90	-5.41		29,215.47
20-Jan-26	D/D	BT GROUP PLC Verney Telephone & Internet	20.00%	-7.49	-44.94		29,170.53
21-Jan-26	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078138 Verney Electricity	5.00%	-5.54	-116.26		29,054.27
22-Jan-26	BAC	Live & Local Payment - GAA Tickets Sales				27	29,081.27
23-Jan-26	D/D	SAGE UK LTD , DPASCWK Accounting Software	20.00%	-11.20	-67.2		29,014.07
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				-1,887.26	-15,744.68	1,220.00	
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Chair		CLOSING BALANCE					29,014.07

Clerk notes that the Balance of the Current account on the 23 1 25 was £30,333.57

Clerk notes that the Current Balance of the Reserve Account is £4,160.68

17) The following item/s for Councillors to determine if members of the public or press to be excluded from the meeting due to the following: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states; " A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies."

i.)Letter of 14/1/26 received via Recorded Delivery on 16/1/26 from resident who stumbled in pot hole on occupation road. Redacted copy to be provided to Councillors for discussion. Clerk to acknowledge receipt.