

**PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Present**

Councillor I Allen (Chair)

Councillors, C Dale, M Gamble, W Kirkham, L Radford, L Smyth,

Clerk I Weekes

Members of the public: none

**PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

1 To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from, T Kirkham, H Smith and L Stokeley. H Wright

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. – No members of the public were in attendance.

Mansfield Councillors District Councillor Sharon Hartshorn attended as a member of the public. District Councillor S Hartshorn raised that she had been in touch with The Flood Rescue Team to register for training. Sharon explained that owners of The Mill in Meden Square are currently in the process of boarding up doors due to imminent flood risk as this resident has previously had their basement flooded. There is a flood warning in place for the next 24 hours as there is a possibility of flooding taking place, alerts have been sent out to residents at risk including a plea for traffic not to access the Meden if flooding occurred again. Agencies are monitoring the situation. Mansfield Councillors District Councillor Sharon Hartshorn is also interested in helping with Speed watch training and activities.

(1) Crime reports

Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary website for show crimes were reported here in October 2023

Violence and sexual offences	8
Anti-social behaviour	6
Criminal damage and arson	3
All other crime	1

<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 incidents

<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

- Email of 22/11/23 received from Stephen Powell Communications & Engagement Manager regarding Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster, is consulting on proposals for the policing part of the Council Tax precept for 2024-25. Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster has launched a new survey on the police budget and precept that helps to fund local policing. The survey can be accessed using the link - <https://bit.ly/DerbyshirePoliceBudget24-25>

Signed.....  
Chair

(2) Report from and Questions to County Councillor Ms C Dale.

DCC 33 million deficit – District Councillor C Dale asked the financial officer if Statutory duties who could be met this financial year. Children care and Adult Care account for half of the funds. School meals going up 40%. It's the families on low income that suffer in those circumstances – which schools not consulted.

(3) Report from District Councillor T Kirkham (sent via email)

Over the last month working with District Councillors John Ritchie and Catherine Tite I have done case work largely in the New Houghton area. A large proportion of this has been responding to residents' concerns regarding the application for a traveller site on Chesterfield Road.

In addition numerous council properties are suffering from damp. Although new roofs have been installed on Coronation Ave issues with pointing and damp courses remain.

I am meeting with residents with John and Catherine to discuss these issues. In addition, there has been complaints in New Houghton of antisocial behaviour. We have a meeting with the police and ASB team from BDC on Friday to see what action can be taken.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th November 2023 the Councillors discussed setting up a separate committee group regarding grant writing and to get the traffic control signs and funding to help repair the Verney. Councillors to discuss setting a date for this working group with working group with Councillors I Allen, C Dale, L Symth and District Council T Kirkham. Clerk to coordinate a suitable date via email.

(4) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 8th January 2024

(5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th November 2023 to approved and signed - Minutes were agreed by Councillor C Dale with Councillor L Smyth seconding.

(6) Chairman's announcements.

Following the interview held for the Co-opted Councillor Vacancy on the 6th of November 2023 Councillors to approve the appointment of Elizabeth McCormack. Councillor L Symth agreed with Councillor C Dale seconding.

(7) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative. Mix up with Speed Watch Trainer with regard to date of training, rearranged for Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.

(b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports

Clerk has sent a letter on 13/11/23 to Mrs Long regarding Grazing Land to the rear of Dale Engineering Ltd to have a discussion about a possible price increase for the annual grazing license in 2024. Clerk has spoken to Mrs Long who may be considering giving up the land in the new year and will notify us in December. Chair I Allen updated the meeting that Mrs Long will be looking to renew her grazing license in 2024, Councillors to discuss Mrs Long's fees at future meetings.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/reports

Email of 20/11/23 from Ken Gregory's regarding Interment into an ashes plot on 3/12/23 RESOLVED

Email of 20/11/23 memorial application from Mansfield Memorial Ltd for memorial stone for ashes plot RESOLVED

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports - Nothing to report

(e) Highways correspondence/reports - Nothing to report

(f) New Houghton correspondence/reports

Email of 20/11/23 from Joanne Willoughby, Office manager of ASI Security Systems confirming that they have cancelled the account for the old alarm system at New Houghton Community Centre. No further charges from 31/10/2023.

New Alarm system has been fitted by Vault Security on 20/11/23.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports

Following the minutes of previous meeting regarding increasing fees of The Open-Door Computer Club where it was agreed that from the 1st January 2024 that non-residents should pay £3 per visit rather than the current £2 fees. Councillors to discuss whether non-residents attending The Chair Exercise Class held at the Verney should also pay a similar increase from the 1st January 2024. The Clerk has spoken to the Class Instructor Julie Bonsall who has confirm that other classes that she runs at other venues charge £3 for non-residents and responded that a £1 increase is reasonable as the fees have been the same for the previous 7 years since starting the group. All in favour of increase from January 2024.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports –

i) Playground Inspection

No change in condition of play equipment at recreation grounds at Terrace Lane Pleasley and Rotherham Rd New Houghton since last month's Annual Inspection by Bolsover District, Council – continue to monitor. Some Graffiti present on post of multi – use frame at New Houghton – Bolsover District Council to remove.

ii) Email of 6/11/23 Matthew Connley, Special Projects Officer, Leisure Services at Bolsover District Council RE Single Swing at Terrace Lane which was marked as medium risk on the recent annual inspection; having looked back through our records, this has been flagged up before so is one to monitor.

The basket is as supplied by Play and Leisure: Cantilever Basket Swing | Play and Leisure <https://www.playandleisure.co.uk/wp/project/cantilever-basket-swing> The swing was inspected on 4 September, but as no changes were recorded it did not appear on the inspection.

(j) The appearance of Pleasley Parish –

- Email of 8/11/23 from Georgia Worthington of Shelter Maintenance with monthly cleaning report for the 9 bus shelters in the Parish. Only two shelters have ongoing issues with missing and previously

replaced Perspex panels for both Bus shelters on Chesterfield Road A617 Bypass to Glapwell. Councillors noted.

(8) Next edition of the Pleasley Parish Council's Newsletter – Councillors need to be more proactive to contribute to the newsletter. Next newsletter due in March 2024 including sponsorship opportunities. Councillors discussed the fees for advertisements in future newsletters. Councillors decided the fees for advertisements in the newsletter will be £25 for Local Business that fall within the Parish, and fees for businesses that fall outside of the Pleasley will be £40. Council L Symth proposed, and this was seconded by Councillor C Dale – all councillors in favour – passed.

The Clerk received a call from Mrs Simpson of New Houghton who called today to remark how she was enjoying the article on THE BIRTH OF NEW HOUGHTON in the current newsletter.

Mrs Simpson asked if any future articles could also include the Maltby family who she believes were also large family in the village at that time. Noted

(9) Live and Local reports - future booking arrangements. Four concerts in this season: Sonrisa in September, Old Spot in November, Cri du Canard – in February 24<sup>th</sup> and Grace Smith Trio – March 16<sup>th</sup>. Councillor M Gamble reported that we haven't attracted the pre-covid audiences. Councillor M Gamble is working with a Bolsover District council regarding promoting "a Cultural corridor" in the Bolsover area to explore increasing attendance to ours and nearby events.

(10) DALC Newsletters – November newsletter – forwarded to councillors via email on 31/10/23 Councillors to discuss any relevant issues relating to articles in recent Newsletter - Noted

(11) Update from Councillor L Radford to discuss the arrangements for Santa to visit the Verney for the children of Pleasley on the 17th December 2023. Offer made to use the Verney car park for Santa to park. Councillor L Radford reported Santa Sleigh may be too large for car park and that the Rotary Club usually park on the road. Adverts to be placed on local social media and local notices.

(12) Correspondence (not quoted elsewhere in agenda)  
- Email of 16/11/23 from Robert Griffith of Civil Pride. The Clerk has been in touch with Civic Pride to ask if we can re-negotiate the Christmas Lights contract for year 2 (2024) and year 3 (2025)

The offer is to amend the contact to 12 No Hire, Install & Dismantle Christmas Motifs, based on the remaining 2 Years at a Contract rate of £2700.00 (£225.00 ea.) plus VAT per annum.

The original contractor was for 18 motifs for years 2 & 3 to be £4050 plus VAT (which is a reduction of £1350 per annum.

Councillors decided to refer the discussion on whether to approve the reduced number of lights 2024/5 to help balance the budget for 2024/25 to the next budget meeting with the final decision taken at a future Parish Council meeting in the new year.

- Email of 17/11/23 from Aisha Edwards Restorative Justice Practitioner at Restorative Nottinghamshire.

I am reaching out on behalf of Restorative Nottinghamshire, collaborating closely with Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Our aim at Restorative Nottinghamshire is to deliver voluntary and impartial restorative justice throughout Nottinghamshire. We facilitate positive communication for individuals affected by crime and

conflict, providing a platform for them to engage constructively with those responsible for harm caused. Our service aims to empower victims of crime, offering them the opportunity to seek answers and express the impact of their experiences. Simultaneously, we provide a platform for individuals who have caused harm, allowing them to explain, express remorse or even the opportunity to say sorry. Through our years of experience, we have witnessed the transformative power of this process in aiding individuals' recovery and fostering a path forward.

We firmly believe in the positive outcomes that restorative justice can have, not only for victims seeking resolution, but also for offenders, offering them a chance to comprehend the consequences of their actions. Thereby, reducing the likelihood of reoffending.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Parish council to provide further insights into our work and what we do, exploring our services and how they could be of value for members of your community who may have been affected by crime and conflict. I would sincerely appreciate it if you could let me know of any upcoming opportunities to connect with the team – Councillors referred to this as a Nottinghamshire item – not relevant to Pleasley Parish Council.,

- Email of 1/11/23 from Robert Griffiths of Civic Pride."Our team have erected this year's Christmas lights motifs and have found that lamppost 66502, Opposite Ruby's Shop has been utilized for a camera and thus is now unsuitable for Christmas use. Our suggestion would be to use 66244, 66245, 66248 or 66253 as these are the next ones in line and close to the Ruby shop area. Cost of conversion will be £295 plus VAT. After discussion with Chairman Clerk contacted R Griffiths to notify that is too late to covert a further lamppost for this year.

- Email of 16/11/23 from Robert Griffiths of Civic Pride- "In the first instant, we must point out that we have already installed 17 No of the 18 No motif displays for this year, The one not installed due to the CCTV camera that has been installed by PPC. Obviously, only 17 No displays will be charged"

- Email of 17/11/23 from Robert Griffiths of Civic Pride confirming that the Christmas Lights in Pleasley & New Houghton will be switch on Friday 1st December 2023 at 3pm.

- Email of 18/11/23 from Councillor Howard Wright - Perhaps the Clerk current email address [ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com](mailto:ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com) confuses people mistakenly thinking Pleasley in Nottinghamshire, so I want this to be made clear to others. I propose that the council email should include New Houghton as well as Pleasley this would save some confusion Howard. The Clerk has been informed that the new email address is likely to be [Clerk@pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk). Clerk to continue to chase our IT professional to chase up this request.

- Email of 18/11/23 from County Councillor Christine Dale - I thought some members of Pleasley Parish Council might be interested in attending this session organised by Environment Agency and Flood Team from Derbyshire County Council after the damage incurred by floods from storm Babet. The event is to be held at Crooked Spire Church, Parish Centre on Monday 27th November 2023 between 11.am and 7pm.(Members sent email 20/11/23)

- Email of 15/11/23 from County Councillor Christine Dale - Response from Flood Team at Derbyshire County Council to my enquiry about responsibility for flood barriers for river Meden and pond off Meden Square at Pleasley. Any enquiries to do with flooding problems from river Meden or pond in Meden Square Pleasley should be directed to Environment Agency and not Derbyshire County Council.

- Email of 14/11/23 from Tom Xu, Associate from Clyde & Co LLP regarding Kay Kerley v Pleasley Parish Council; Accident Location: Rotherham Road Recreation Ground; Accident Date: 24/06/21 Just to provide a brief update on this one, unfortunately I am still waiting to hear back from Bolsover DC as to whether the relevant area formed part of their inspection. I am continuing to chase them for their response and will revert with additional updates in due course.

- Email of 14/11/23 from Chris Fridlington, Director of Economic Development at Bolsover District Council regarding Is your Parish at the table online event at 10am on 16 November online workshop. .

(13) Planning Matters 20/11/23

i) - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application for Full Planning Permission

Application No: 23/00583/FUL

Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Use of land for the stationing of 10 no residential mobile homes and construction of access road, plot bases and drainage.

Location: Station Yard Chesterfield Road Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Mr Anthony Marshall - In accordance with the orders and regulations made under the above Act, I should be pleased to receive your comments within 21 days of this letter dated 20/11/23 – Application was discussed by Councillors, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bolsover Planning to formally raise an objection to this development as we object on the grounds that we already have a suitable travellers site in our Parish for static and transient vans on Common Lane, Pleasley.

ii) Application for Full Planning Permission

Application No: 23/00595/FUL

Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing office building.

Location: T C Fabrications Pleasley Vale Business Park Outgang Lane Pleasley

Applicant: Mr Paul Kenworthy

(14) Councillors discussed arrangements to approve Budget for 2024/25 in the new year after holding separate budget working group – date to be advised.

(15) Banking – see overleaf

## MINUTES REF 10 04 12 23

Date	Type	Description	Income	Expenditure
31-Oct-23	DPC	Staff October Salaries		-2549.11
31-Oct-23	C/R	Pleasley Parish Council - October income 000175	684.95	
01-Nov-23	D/D	BOLSOVER D C - Council Tax - The Verney		-106
01-Nov-23	D/D	BOLSOVER D C - Council Tax - New Houghton		-60
01-Nov-23	DPC	Clerk refund - Amazon - Spray Paint for Memorial		-9.99
01-Nov-23	DPC	Clerk refund amazon black and tri colour printer		-36.16
01-Nov-23	DPC	Clerk Expenses - Mileage Oct 23		-22.05
02-Nov-23	D/D	WATER PLUS - Meden Avenue Allotment - Water Bill		-59.34
02-Nov-23	D/D	AQUISS - Internet Services - New Houghton		-39.6
03-Nov-23	DPC	Shelter Maintenance Inv 15182 dated 27 9 23 cleaning of 9 shelters in Pleasley & New Houghton in Sept 23		-74.09
03-Nov-23	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT I204270 Playground Maintenance Annual independent inspections July 2023		-148.8
03-Nov-23	DPC	Bolsover District Council Inv 203336 - Trade refuse contract No 830 - 240 & 500 L Bin weekly - 01-10-23 - BOLSOVER DISTRICT INV 204964 - Uncontested fees for parish election held 4/5/23		-700.96
03-Nov-23	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT - I203336 - Cleaning services		-43.99
03-Nov-23	DPC	Bolsover District Council Inv 203336 - Trade refuse contract No 830 - 240 & 500 L Bin weekly - 01-10-23 - BOLSOVER DISTRICT INV 204964 - Uncontested fees for parish election held 4/5/23		-466.96
03-Nov-23	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT - I203322 - Trade refuse contracts 600 litre trade bin empty - weekly Cleaning services Shelter Maintenance Inv 15231 dated 24 10 23 - Cleaning of 9 shelters in Pleasley & New Houghton in Live Local , PleasleyPC inv9312 - 30.09.23		-74.09
03-Nov-23	DPC	PERFORMANCE FEES SONRISA Shirebrook Town Council - Hire of Outreach Chair		-391
03-Nov-23	DPC	Aerobics Sept 23		-80
03-Nov-23	DPC	Bolsover District Council - Cleaning services - Trade refuse contract No 2618 - 240 L Bin fortnightly - 01-10-23		-143.13
03-Nov-23	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT INV I203179 - General maintainance Rotherham Road repair to basket		-96
03-Nov-23	BAC	SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS SI-65 Income Invoice - Verney Hire Fees	200	
06-Nov-23	D/D	WATER PLUS - Water Bill - New Houghton Community		-45.39
08-Nov-23	D/D	WATER PLUS - Water Bill Crompton Street Allotments		-12.03
08-Nov-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS - Gas - The Verney		-27.05
08-Nov-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS - Gas - New Houghton		-103.03
08-Nov-23	D/D	NEST Staff Pension - Oct 23		-40.53
08-Nov-23	DPC	RED DESIGN PRINT INV 11169 Printing of Autumn/winter newsletter		-322.8
08-Nov-23	DPC	Arthur J Gallagher - Public/ELCI/Buildings Insurance 23/11/23 - 24/11/24		-3732.69
08-Nov-23	DPC	Shirebrook Town Council -Instructor 3, 10,17,24,31 Oct CommunityHeartbeat, INV 18901 , Annual Support Cost for DEFIBULATORS IN PLEASLEY & NEW HOUGHTON- Year 2 24/11/23 - 24/1/24		-100
08-Nov-23	DPC	STEVENHESSEY , INV 050 OF 3/11/23 - Delivery Fees for Autumn/Winter Newsletter		-648
08-Nov-23	DPC	Groundwork Maintenance Pleasley Cemetery Inv 57 works 12/10 & 26/10/23		-160
08-Nov-23	DPC	ARTHUR J GALLAGHER Engineering Insurance cover - Boilers / associated appliances		-540.15
09-Nov-23	D/D	WATER PLUS - Water Bill -The Verney		-83.69
10-Nov-23	DPC	DALC , Bols 199 SI-3942 Councillor Essential Training 14/09/23 - L Radford		-50
13-Nov-23	BAC	BADEN POWELL SCOUT, BALANCE ON SI-67 - Income	70	
16-Nov-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS - Electricity New Houghton Community Centre		-146.74
17-Nov-23	DPC	LIVE LOCAL INV9361- 4.11.23 PERFORMANCE FEES OLD		-399.75
20-Nov-23	CHQ	Staff Salary cheque - October 2023		-1140.28
20-Nov-23	DPC	Clerk refund Amazon black X 2 printer cartridges		-35.78
21-Nov-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078138 - Electricity - The BOLSOVER D C , 202175 - DD2 April - June Cleaning Services -		-286.89
21-Nov-23	D/D	BT GROUP PLC , Verney Internet/Telephone		-267.19
21-Nov-23	D/D	Clerk refund - replacement modem/router Open Door - New Houghton community centre		-95.72
21-Nov-23	DPC			-33.29
21-Nov-23	BAC	MANSFIELD MEMORIAL, FREDERICK THOMPSON	50	
23-Nov-23	D/D	SAGEGLOBSERVICES Accounting Standard & Payroll on sage monthly fees 20/10/23 - 19/11/23		-49.2
23-Nov-23	DPC	MITCHELL SERVIDIO , Plumbing works The Verney -		-160
			<b>£1,004.95</b>	<b>-£13,741.47</b>
Signed.....		<b>Balance on 25/11/23</b>	<b>£36,461.29</b>	
Chair		<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>£16,883.47</b>	

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Councillors discussed the number of regular bookings at The Verney & New Houghton Community Centre – handout provided to Councillors to discuss further at in Finance meeting in January 2023.

Clerk to provide breakdown of income and expenditure for the two community centres for discussion. at next budget meeting.