

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2024

Present

Councillor I Allen (Chair)

Councillors, M Gamble, T Kirkham, W Kirkham, L McMormack, L Symth, H Smith

Clerk I Weekes

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

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1 To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from C Dale, L Radford, 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. – 4 members of the public were in attendance who raised their concerns upon behalf of residents of Church Lane Pleasley.

First concern raised was with motors bikes driving at speed over the footbridge. Members of the public reported that Bolsover District Council Officer were recently in attendance, and they did recent capture on CCTV motor bikers driving around over the bank and over the footpath. Concern about safety for elderly couple with report of motorcycles travelling at speed daily from 1830 – 1900 every day. Clerk to forward details of this concern to District Councillor T Kirkham to follow to up.

Second concern raised was the amount of parked vehicles at the end of Church and concerns of the vehicles being park included sorn vehicles with no tax or MOT – with 5 vehicles being reported of this nature parked on both sides of the road making it into a single track road causing blind bends and difficult to see out of the end of the junction which also present difficulties for the refuge lorries and potentially emergency vehicles. Vehicles are also struggling to access with the industrial units on Church Lane which have been ripping all the grass verges. Vehicles also reported on the opposite the Nag’s Head.

Chair will make Derbyshire County Counciler Chrstine Dale aware of the issue. Chair I Allen assured members of the public that we are concerned as you are about these two issues, and we will continue to support residents with this action. We encourage members of the public to continue to report to Police and DVLA and Bolsover District Council & Derbyshire Council who are responsible authority for the highways. Vehicles untaxed should not be on a public highway.

District Councillor T Kirkham advised the meeting that in regard to the garage parking cars on grassed area at Nags head there is current application with Bolsover District Council’s. Planning Department.

T Kirkham also reported that electric sooters have also been causing nuisance. Ongoing work with the joint Police forces from Notts & Derbyshire to follow these issues up and he will continue to follow these issues up with the Police and residents to progress. Local MP claims to have secured 15 million levelling up bid.

Signed.....

Chair

(1) Crime reports

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

Previous Month (November 2023)

Violence and sexual offences	8	(10)
Anti-social behaviour	3	(7)
Criminal damage and arson	1	(4)
Vehicle Crime	1	(2)

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 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 20/2/24 – January Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter sent to Councillors -

The January edition showcases the progress being made against the Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan, as well as:

- New budget will protect Strong Local Policing
- Rural Crime Team 'most proactive' in the UK
- Officers praised for commitment to strong local policing
- Swift justice in anti-social behaviour crackdown

(2) Report from and Questions to County Councillor Ms C Dale. Sent her apologies – no report

(3) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham. DC within the villages reports of potholes and tree hanging down near the doctors. No one has responsibility for the alleged opening and closing the sluice gates– T Kirkham is talking to Derbyshire County Council about who is going to be responsible for management of the sluice gates in future to reduce any flooding.

T Kirkham discussed the quality of council house repairs and maintenance required in New Houghton.

During the previous regeneration project on Portland and Devonshire Street Bolsover District Council took responsibility for the lighting on the back, having looked after the lighting in this area for the last 15-20 years. We have recently been notified that Bolsover are not going to maintain the rights to these backs going forward.

Signed.....
Chair

Ian Allen is the declared an interest in this issue with being the Chair of Millennium Green & the previous Chairman of Community Association Meeting.

The Meden Valley Making Places and Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme delivered by Bolsover District Council was not completed. Old Council Estate on Meden Avenue and Devonshire Backs was a mix of County and District funding at the time. In affect we currently have a black road with no street lighting. Chair I Allen contacted Bolsover District Council and Meden Valley Making Places but no one seems to have the original plans for this work.

Chair I Allen to ask the leader of Bolsover District Council for a copy of the original planned works in the area.

W Kirkham proposed we send a letter on behalf of all the parish to all the authorities concerned with this issue and all councillors agreed.

(4) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 8th April 2024 (as 1st April is a Bank Holiday) Councillors W Kirkham, M Gamble, L Symth all send apology for the next meeting.

(5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th February 2024 approved and signed. Councillors M Gamble proposed, and H Smith seconded.

(6) Chairman’s announcements. Community Association will be held at 11am this Sunday 10th March at New Houghton Community Centre.

(7) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative – Speed Awareness Training was held Monday February 12th at 6pm at The Verney. This training took place on Monday 12th February with 9 volunteers. Speed watch initiative will start according to members availability agreed 4 sites, 2 in Pleasley and 2 in New Houghton. Councillor M Gamble has a meeting with community speed watch co-ordinators, further training is available online rather than in person, we are expected to purchase the equipment. County Councillor C Dale indicated £400 contribution toward gun, signs and high visibility jackets with community speed watch printed which also needed to be bought, however these can be borrowed in the meantime. Looking to start in the next speed watch within the next 2 weeks. Locations include the bottom of old school lane looking at traffic using Newboundmill Lane, opposite Pleasley Cross for traffic along Chesterfield Road and in New Houghton opposite Ruby’s fish bar and Dale End Engineer along Rotherham Road. To discuss cost of items and approve cost on next agenda.

(b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports

- i) Councillors to discuss the arrangements to create access for potential grazing land Crompton Street and perspective tenant starting in April 2024 – Current Tennent still renting land at the rear of Dale End Engineering. We are awaiting until current lease until given up before making further decisions on this matter.
- ii) Feedback regarding the community planting event to plant gaps in the hedgerow at Meden Grazing land on Sunday 3rd March 2024. 50 hedgerow whips were successfully planted in gaps the hedge row. Could do with another 150 whips to fill in. There is an existing wall that runs the length of boundary ideally needs removing at some stages.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/report

i. Email of 12/2/24 from Yvonne Colverson of DALC

Our Councillors cemetery training has been booked on Monday 11th March 2024 at The Verney at 7pm – 9pm and will include the Council's legal responsibilities in the managing of safe burial grounds, memorial safety and issues identified in the email sent to councillors on the 21/2/24.

Signed.....
Chair

At our February meeting Councillors asked to discuss charging exclusive rights of burial fees at Pleasley Parish Cemetery at a future meeting, alongside discussing a cemetery plan.

Councillors to discuss whether if it would be better for these issues to be discussed in our April meeting after we have had the training. Councillors discussed whether we could contact relatives buried in our cemetery to ensure exclusive rights of burial can be purchased. To compare cost of exclusive burial rights fees for other councils and to discuss at next meeting.

ii. 23/2/24 - Contractor has noted that one of the trees in our Cemetery has a large amount of rot with branches already broken off. The tree is sited in the Cemetery not on the perimeter; however, a Contractor has advised the tree potentially needs removing. Second Contractor has confirmed that the tree is rotten and requires safe removal quoting £980 to remove. Clerk is seeking advice from Derbyshire County Council and Bolsover District Council to ascertain responsibility. Quotes to be discussed and approved if it is proven that Pleasley Parish Council are responsible for the removal of the tree. Councillors authorised to Chair & Clerk to gain further quote and contract and suitable training arborist to carry out the work by the next meeting in April.

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports –

Email of 17/02/24 from a member of the public regarding complaint received about two issues - see photo and location map.

Report of overgrown trees/shrubs/weeds on Chesterfield Road, Pleasley near old church – Clerk to report to Bolsover District Council.

1. The member of the public witnessed two motorcycles travelling at speed on the pedestrian footbridge. This is a regular occurrence and dangerous to the fellow members of the community. This has been reported this to the Police.

2. The member of public would also like to bring to the Parish Councils attention the increased amount of vehicles being parked along Church Lane. When turning right into Church Lane you have to enter without knowing if it is clear as cars coming down the lane have to drive on the wrong side of the road. The member of public also reports that residents who live on Deansgate park their vehicles on Church Lane.

The Clerk has contacted David Hancock at Derbyshire Police to discuss the motorcycle on the footbridge incident and has reported this an anti-social behaviour incident to Bolsover DC and Derbyshire County Council with discussion about the possibility of fitting a further motorcycle prohibited sign on this end of the bridge as well exploring what options we have regarding the amount of vehicles parking on Church Lane.

Councillors discussed earlier in the public speaking section of the minutes.

(e) Highways correspondence/reports

I. Email of 21/2/24 from County Councillor C Dale who has reported a few weeks ago on Newboundmill Lane are being investigated by Highways Reactive Team. I have received three emails from Highways so far and forwarded them through to you to reassure members the Highways Authority are aware of them. Hopefully they will attend to filling them soon. NOTED

II. Email of 23/02/24 from Derbyshire Highways Hub Place regarding Road Closure of Newboundmill Lane on 9th April 2024 from 0900 – 1530 between Terrace Lane and Batley Lane due to works by BT Open Reach. NOTED

(f) New Houghton correspondence/reports -

Email of 31/1/24 from Chris Mitchell of Mitchell Fire Protection Limited with copy of Service & Maintenance Certificate for the Fire Extinguishers at New Houghton Community Centre dated January 2024 NOTED

Signed.....
Chair

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports

I. Email of 19/2/24 from Peter White of Vault to arrange further training with Verney Caretaker regarding new alarm. Peter also reported that was a fault door catch that was causing an issue which has now been replaced.

II. Email of 19/2/24 from Stannah confirming stair lift service at The Verney has now taken place on 19/2/24 – no issues found.

III. Email of 31/1/24 from Chris Mitchell of Mitchell Fire Protection Limited with copy of Service & Maintenance Certificate for the Fire Extinguishers at The Verney dated January 2024

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports –

a. Email of 7/2/24 from Sarah Cooke, Leisure Support Officer at Bolsover District Council with January 2023 Playground Inspection Report - No change in condition of play equipment at recreation ground.

b. Email from Tom Xu, Associate at Clyde & Co LLP- I write further to the above matter.

Potential liability of Bolsover DC- Claimant v Pleasley Parish Council; Accident Location: Rotherham Road Recreation Ground; Accident Date: 24/06/21

I have now had a telephone conference with Matthew Connley, the Special Projects Officer of Bolsover DC. He says their remit is limited to the play equipment, safety surfaces and other fixtures in the play area. He says they were not instructed to inspect the condition of the grass surface, although if they had noted any issues with the grass surface they would likely have reported these to the insured. He further said that the condition of the grass surface would more likely have been covered by the annual inspection report carried out by The Play Inspection Company Ltd ('TPIC').

If what they say is correct, Bolsover DC will unlikely have any liability in this matter, and we should not seek to bring them into the proceedings. Do you have any comments on Bolsover DC's assertions, and should you disagree with them is there any correspondence, agreement or other documentary evidence which might assist with disputing the same?

Potential liability of TPIC

TPIC have referred to the second page of the annual inspection report, which says that items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection, and that the inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area up to 3.0 metres around, or the fence line if closer.

I note you had returned to measure the distance of the alleged defect from the nearest play equipment and found this to lie around 3.2 metres away from the nearest play equipment. Therefore, there is no scope for bringing TPIC into the proceedings.

(i) The appearance of Pleasley Parish –

Email of 22/02/24 from Dave Cordon of Shelter Maintenance - Due to rising costs we are having to increase our cleaning prices from 1st April 2024. Your new price per shelter will be £7.20 per clean + VAT. The Clerk Reports that the previous price was £6.86 plus VAT for each shelter clean which is increase of £0.34 pence per bus shelter. We have 9 bus shelters in the parish so there will be an increase of £3.02 plus VAT to the total monthly bill from £72.09 to £77.96 inc VAT. NOTED

(j) Street Lighting correspondence/reports –

Email of 23/2/24 from Woolley Nurseries who have provided two quotes

• SQ -202: This quotation is for the original amount of 40 x lampposts which I have kept at the exact same costings as last year at £5,0000 plus VAT. We have had slight price increases, but we have honoured the above price as this wouldn't be a material "change" in the contract.

• SQ - 203: This quotation is for half the original amount of 40 x lampposts. The unit price (per lamppost) has increased by gross £10.00 approx 8%. Second quote is for £3,240 plus VAT.

Clerk advises Councillors to consider that second quote in-line with cost savings and the 2024/25 budget. Councillor to discuss approval of quote. Further quotes to be received and for discussion at the next meeting.

(8) Next edition of the Pleasley Parish Council's Newsletter – Councillors to approve the contents of the next newsletter due in March 2024 to including the advertisements fees agreed at the previous meeting.

(9) Live and Local reports - future booking arrangements for remaining concert by Grace Smith Trio – March. Report regarding Cri du Canard concert which was held on Friday 23rd February 2024.

Both converts £32.55 profit for Cri Du Canard – Sona Resa played on material, 16th March – 10 % of tickets sold – couldn't find the lights. Councillor reported problem getting into the Verney to set up for concert on 16th March – Clerk was in attendance in absence of Caretaker. Clerk discussed this misunderstanding with caretaker concerned. Clerk confirmed that both caretakers & the Clerk have keys for future reference.

(10) DALC February Newsletter forwarded to councillors via email on 30/1/24

Councillors to discuss any relevant issues relating to articles in recent Newsletter.

(11) Correspondence (not quoted elsewhere in agenda)

i. Letter received dated 5/2/24 from Richard Camps Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing Manager regarding pricing for the summer Grounds Maintenance works at various sites in Pleasley Parish. Increase since 2022/23

Recreation Ground at Terrace Lane Pleasley	£985.50 plus VAT (increase of £79.50)
Recreation Ground at Rotherham Road New Houghton	£1824.50 plus VAT (increase of £147.50)
Cemetery at Church Lane Pleasley	£940.00 plus VAT (increase of £76)
Total	£3750.00 plus VAT (increase of £303)

Councillors to discussed and approved this quote. Councillors M Gamble proposed and L Symth seconded.

ii. Email of 6/2/24 from Angie Jones Senior Accountancy Assistant at Bolsover District Council confirming receipt of notification of Precept and Tax Base 24-25

ii. Notification from Bolsover Electoral Officer regarding Notice of the 2024 East Midlands Mayoral Election and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections which are scheduled to take place on May 2, 2024. Clerk has confirmed availability of The Verney & New Houghton Community Centres as Polling Stations

(12) RESPONSE TO THE BIODIVERSITY DUTY
INTRODUCTION - STATUTORY DUTY

Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must:

- consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.
- act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

Signed.....

Chair

Town and parish councils, unlike other authorities, are not obliged to publish a report on their actions, but the Government guidance requires all public authorities to complete their first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1 January 2024. They must agree their policies and objectives as soon as possible after this and must reconsider the selected actions within five years of completing their previous consideration, or more frequently if they choose.

To comply with the guidance, town and parish councils could as a minimum:

- have biodiversity as an agenda item for a meeting before the end of 2023.
- note what action they are already taking to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- agree what further steps they should take to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Councillors to discuss what actions to take to approve adoption of this policy.

Councillor W Kirkham explained that free daffodils / spring flowers available – Island planting bulb and grass verges on new Houghton in September – discuss and agree at further meeting.

MG range of birds & bats in cemetery – as a long-term project.

LS discussed the leaving edges of recreation next to the hedgerow grounds for wildflowers/grasses – councillors agreed to adopt action on cemetery on species and encourages.

(13) Planning Matters

1. Email of 20/02/24 (forwarded to councillors on 20/2/24) from Emily Todd Graduate Environmental Health Officer at North East Derbyshire and Bolsover District Councils Regarding: Application under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 - Trent Castings, 14 Rotherham Road, New Houghton, NG19 8TF who have recently received an application to Operate a Part B installation using an induction furnace casting ferrous metal with a production capacity of less than 20 tonnes a day. As Councillors for the local area I have, therefore, attached a copy of the application documents for your information. It should also shortly be available to view at: <https://www.bolsover.gov.uk/p/pollution-control>, under the Environmental Permitting section. Any comments on the application should be forwarded to me by the 4th of April 2024. Councillors to Note Application does fall into Mansfield District Council jurisdiction – Forwarded to Councillors for information. – Chair explained that the applicant is looking to move their Mansfield premises into New Houghton. Chair reports that some residents have already written to Bolsover District Council with concern regarding potential fumes and noted that the business concerned is not going to increase their footprint. Pleasley Parish Council does encourage businesses to come into the parish alongside encouraging environmentally friendly businesses. ITEM NOTED Pleasley Parish Council to leave this decision with Bolsover District Council to look at any material planning concerns.

2. Email of 23/02/24

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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

Application No: 24/00075/TCON

Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: To fell 3 poplar trees

Location: Pleasley Park Bungalow Wood Lane Pleasley Vale Mansfield

Applicant: Paul Johnson

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. NOTED

Signed.....

Chair

(14) Banking

Date	Type	Description	Expenditure	Income	Balance
29-Jan-24	BAC	J MORGAN - Live & Local Income CRI DU CANARD		25	25123
29-Jan-24	DPC	Staff Salaries - Month 10 - January 2024	2672.32		22450.68
30-Jan-24	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD - Month 10 Tax & NI Contributions -	-463.12		21987.56
31-Jan-24	C/R	January Income 2024 - Payslip 178		339.7	22327.26
01-Feb-24	D/D	AQUISS - Internet New Houghton Community Centre	-18		22309.26
07-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, Gas Account - 600221089 New Houghton Community Centre	-331.91		21977.35
12-Feb-24	CHQ	Staff Salary Cheque No 001190	-665.48		6898.05
12-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 600221089 New Houghton Community Centre	-115.11		6782.94
12-Feb-24	DPC	Seriousmix L Fletcher-internet management services for Parish website	-300		7563.53
12-Feb-24	DPC	Refund Clerk - Amazon - replacement Laminator	-21.99		7863.53
12-Feb-24	DPC	GARDEN FORCE BDAWS, INV NO71 Cemetery Maintenance	-160		7885.52
12-Feb-24	DPC	Refund Clerk - Amazon - Amazon - Stationary Printer Ink pack	-36.39		8045.52
12-Feb-24	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT Invoice I206941, Dog/Litter bin emptying 10 Dog 7 Litter - July to September 2023 / October - December 2023	-2137.52		8081.91
12-Feb-24	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT Invoice I206248 Sessions during school holidays - Easter, May Half Term, Summer Holiday/Oct Half Term 2023	-2950		10219.43
12-Feb-24	DPC	L J BRUDENELL refund for New Houghton Community Centre Maintenance supplies	-81.52		13169.43
12-Feb-24	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT Invoice I206958 Grounds work Maintenance Grasscuts 2023	-4136.4		13250.95
12-Feb-24	DPC	CIVIC PRIDE UK LTD, SI-6584 Christmas Lights 2023	-4590		17387.35
14-Feb-24	ITL	Chaps Transfer from Nationwide PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL reserve account		14000	20782.94
15-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078068 Electricity New Houghton Community Centre	-119.72		20663.22
16-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS - 600983076 Verney Gas Bill	-356.62		20306.6
19-Feb-24	DPC	SHELTERMANTAINLTD, INV15394 Bus Shelter Maintenance	-74.09		18650.95
19-Feb-24	DPC	MITCHELLFIREPRO , PLEASLEY PC 9662 Fire Extinguisher Service/Maintenance New Houghton Community Centre	-39.84		18725.04
19-Feb-24	DPC	Vault , TW 1736 ,Alarm Supply & Install at The Verney Institute	-717.92		18764.88
19-Feb-24	DPC	MitchellFirePro , Pleasley PC 9661 , Fire Extinguisher Service/Maintenance	-104.4		19482.8
19-Feb-24	DPC	SHIREBROOKTOWNC 001368 Exercise Class Instructor Hire JAN 2024	-80		19587.2
19-Feb-24	DPC	SHIREBROOKTOWNC 001361 Exercise Class Instructor Hire DEC 2024	-40		19667.2
19-Feb-24	DPC	VAULT TW 1737 Alarm Supply & Install at New Houghton Community Centre	-599.4		19707.2
20-Feb-24	BAC	SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS - VERNEY HIRE - JAN-MARCH 24		200	18850.95
20-Feb-24	D/D	BT GROUP PLC Phone/Internet - Verney	-95.1		18755.85
21-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078138 - Electricity Verney	-175.48		18491.83
21-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney Water bill	-88.54		18667.31
22-Feb-24	BAC	FENTON ALEXANDER , Live & Local income CRI DU CANARD		25	18576.83
22-Feb-24	BAC	LAUREN WALKER , SI-73 DRAMA CATS , Verney Hire Income		60	18551.83
22-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 Crompton Street Water Bill	-86.48		18440.16
22-Feb-24	D/D	NEST , IT000003863474 Pension Contributions Month 10 - Jan 24	-50.19		18526.64
23-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Meden Allotment Water Bill	-65.14		18272.96
23-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre Water Bill	-52.86		18338.1
23-Feb-24	D/D	SAGE GLOBAL SERVICES - Accounting software fees	-49.2		18390.96
		Current Account Balance 23-Feb-24	£18,390.96		
		Reserve Account Balance	£2,883.47		

Signed.....
Chair