

A discussion followed regarding why violence and sexual offences are grouped together as the Councillors would like a breakdown of the offences in this area. Councillors requested the Clerk write a letter to the Police and Crime and Commissioner Angelique Foster to enquire.

Councillors would also like a breakdown of which cases are taken to court – Clerk to ask Councillor Chris Davern where to find this information.

(3) **Report / Questions from Councillor Ms C Dale** – Full council meeting last week – DCC Highways continue with funding crisis and staff shortages. Funding was 42 million in total for the county and Highways have got to manage on 27 million to undertake resurfacing, lights, potholes, looking after bridges & repairs, Highways are dipping into the reserves to fund. Outside contractors are very expensive. Councillor C Dale to continue to raise relevant issues.

Councillor C Dale to continue to continue to raise the issue of the lack of drainage at the bottom of Appleby Lane – which has been ongoing for 7/8 years. Vice Chair Ian Allen confirmed that no properties have been damaged.

(4) **Report from and Questions to District Councillors**
Councillor L Smyth – At DCC waiting for decisions re levelling up funding and other funding as we need these investments for our communities. Devolution continues to me a threat, DCC must continue with council housing building although running late but hopefully ready by the spring all over the district. With the new crematorium in the pipeline for Shirebrook.
Councillor T Kirkham – Reported that some funds are available for local business. Skills centre location may have been resolved – hopefully it’ll be in Shirebrook.

5. **Date of next Meeting**
Monday 9th January 2023

6. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
7th November 2022 minutes approved by the meeting and signed and dated by Acting Chair Councillor I Allen.

7. **Chairman’s announcements**
Parish Councils are the third tier of local councils, County, District then Parish, each one has to abide by rules laid down by the government, therefore this parish council meeting will be according to those rules. They are not my rules. The rules are laid down by Government and standing orders, District Councillors present will be aware of this. There is only one difference, County and District are politically controlled. Parish Councils are void of politics. The next procedure of this meeting will be in accordance with the rules which may appear strange to a few of you. A member wishing to speak on an item on the agenda will raise their hand indicating that they wish to speak. The chairman will give permission. There cannot be any across-the-table conversations.
The time limit for a parish council meeting is 2 hours any business not concluded in that time will be carried forward to the next meeting. There is no provision for dealing with URGENT business. That will be for the next meeting.

Signed.....
Chair

It was agreed at the last meeting for the chair to liaise with the clerk to deal with minor cost decisions without it needing to wait for the next meeting in this vain an email from the Chair informs the meeting that two Christmas trees costing £35 each have been delivered; one for the Verney and the other for the New Houghton Community Centre with the Caretakers being informed and I believe both of these have been put up.

8. Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative. – Councillor Mick Gamble still looking for a response for volunteers – no response to request received as yet.

(b) Allotments correspondence/reports

- Email from a member of the public looking to take over Plot 7 from the previous owner.
- Discussion regarding the agreement for grazing land at Meden Avenue. Clerk reports that the tenancy agreement for 2022 and for 2023 has been signed, dated and returned by the tenant.
- Discussion regarding approval for a quote received for the frail cut to remove overgrowth on grazing Lane at Meden Avenue. A quote received to carry out this maintenance for a one-off flail for the work would be £703.00 +VAT as we need to get the land cut.
- Councillor I Allen – proposed either get work done ourselves or send a bill to the tenant or ask the tenant of Meden Avenue grazing land to clear the land.
- It was decided that the Clerk would send a letter to the tenant of Meden Avenue grazing land to give the tenant the option to get land cleared.
- As overgrowth requires dealing close to the bordering properties – a proposal of a 6ft clearance zone around the edge of the grazing land by the end of January 2023.
- A proposal for the large vegetation to be dealt with as soon as possible under the terms of the tenancy agreement. We appreciate this time of year is not best for undertaking a full flail cut and agreed that by the end March all the vegetation should be removed to ground level.
- Clerk to request a response from the tenant by January 16th to either give us permission to undertake the work or at the tenant's own cost.
- If the tenant fails to respond by the 16th of January 2023 or notify us that they are not willing to undertake the work or pay for the site to be cleared, we will have no choice but to give the tenant notice to terminate this tenancy agreement with immediate effect. However, we hope that this will not be the case and that the tenant will undertake the work to restore the land and resume its appropriate use.
- Future Proposal to be considered on how the land on Meden grazing is marked up if a new tenant is required.
- Future arrangements to advertise the grazing land at Crompton Avenue.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/reports

- email received 10/11/22 from member of the public regarding concerns of an unsafe tree overhanging Pleasley Cemetery from the St Michael's Cemetery – Clerk informed tree has ash die back disease - Bolsover council are dealing with it.
- Arrangements have been made with Brandon of Ground force to carry out maintenance at Pleasley Parish Cemetery. Maintenance commenced the 28th of November 2022 and will continue fortnightly.

Signed.....
Chair

- An order has been placed for Noticeboard for cemetery rules and will be fitted in due course by Ground force.

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports – adoption of footpath – recent email re footpaths from the districts. Councillor P Bowmen reported 3 Deep holes on the road that goes up to the road that goes up the allotment on Meden Avenue on Shoulder of Mutton in New Houghton- Proposal to get a quote for re-surfacing work and report back to the meeting.

(e) Highways correspondence/reports – none

(f) New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports

Richard Jones – requested new internet cable, as problems have been experienced with accessing the internet. As another group now uses the internet at the New Houghton Community Centre a proposal was made for document to be created or updated on ‘What is expected when using the internet’. Clerk to bring this document up to date and issue to users

As guidelines for our Caretakers when hiring out of the Verney & New Houghton Community Centres, a proposal to create Room Hire Terms and Conditions Agreements. Clerk to look at other parish council websites to create and issue these documents.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports – Boiler for Verney – no action required at present.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports – Clerk to continue to follow up equipment that requires repairs. Councillor I Allen reported that the first gate at the New Houghton recreation ground required attention - Clerk to follow up.

(i) Street Lighting correspondence/reports – Christmas lights – new lamppost hadn’t been identified for a conversion – Clerk has resolved, 1 other fitting developed a fault as it wasn’t working but now both issues have been resolved.

(j) The appearance of Pleasley Parish

Clerk to follow up request for dog waste bin at the bottom of Booth Avenue this side Clerk to contact Bolsover DC. Councillor W Kirkham reported safety concerns about a tree outside the near the bus stop on Chesterfield Road before the Miners Welfare – Clerk to enquire with Derbyshire County Council.

L Smyth enquired if we take part in bulb planting in the parish – it was reported we did so about 8 years ago.

(k) Discussion of the progress with the distribution of the latest Pleasley Parish Council’s Newsletter – ESS delivered 1200 – 10 properties already delivered to by Councillor M Gamble. Councillor W Kirkham congratulated everyone involved. Next newsletters in 2023 will be Spring, Summer, Autumn Winter – next newsletter to be compiled and received copy by February. W Kirkham proposed we invite advertisements in the newsletter. Proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

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Chair

(l) Pleasley Parish Council have supplied and decorated a tree for this year's St Michael's Christmas Tree Festival – this has already been dealt with a small artificial tree.

(9) Parish and Town Councils Casual vacancy rules – following the resignation of Councillor Louise Stokeley - Rebecca Brooks, Electoral Services Manager at Bolsover District Council has informed Pleasley Parish Council that when a councillor's seat becomes vacant the Parish or Town Council will display a 'Notice of Vacancy' to advertise the fact that there is a vacancy. This will be displayed as soon as is practicable at the Parish or Town Council offices and on their website, if applicable. The Notice explains that an election can be called by a request made in writing to the Council's Proper Officer by 10 electors from the relevant electoral area within the Parish or Town Council within 14 working days of the Notice being published. NB If the Parish or Town Council is warded, then the 10 electors must be registered electors within that particular ward. If 10 valid requests are received then the Returning Officer will determine when an election is to be held, which must be within 60 working days of the date of the Notice of Vacancy. If 10 requests are not received, then the Returning Officer will advise the Parish or Town Council that they can advertise to fill the vacancy by co-option. An exception to the above is if a vacancy occurs within 6 months of the date of next scheduled elections - which applies in this case; then the vacancy is advertised for information and carried over to the next elections, i.e. no by-election is held. The seat may be filled by co-option under such circumstances.

(10) Live and Local report Recent December event had 37 tickets sold which made £452 after L&L paid excess of £22.20 Live & Local funding has been cut and we have relied on these events being subsidised by L&L. Any excess from events to held to fund future events. If we are able to subsidise up to £400 a year subsidy to improve the quality of the artists. Councillors agreed to subsidise these events inclusive of the profit from the event. Provisionally agreed and passed.

(11) Remembrance 2022: Review of the arrangements for this year's remembrance in the Parish

- a. British Legion poppies for lampposts.
- b. silhouettes – were displayed at both cenotaphs over the remembrance period. M Gamble thanked I Allen for arranging the silhouettes.
- c. 2 x Wreaths were laid at the two cenotaphs across the parish presented by Councillor P Bowmer at the New Houghton and Councillor I Allen presented the wreath in Pleasley.

(11) DALC Newsletters - September Newsletter (see correspondence of 20th September 2022)

(12) Correspondence

23/11/22 – re Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Claims 2022-23 - email from Derbyshire Highways confirming Parish Council have not participated in the scheme over the last 3 year

22/11/22 – Email from Dave Cordon of Shelter Maintenance regarding repair update for the Defib Telephone box on Chesterfield Road.

22/11/22 – Email from Lissa of UK Community renewals re renewal of Insurance Policy: Engineering and Construction Policy from 23/11/22 RESOLVED

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Chair

21/11/22 – Email from Robert Griffiths of Civic Pride UK Limited with outstanding documents regarding Christmas Lights application.

18/11/22 – Email from Wendy Amis of DALC regarding sale of community Speedwatch equipment.

18/11/22 – Email from Matthew Connley of Bolsover District Council with details of a possible supplier for the replacement bearing for the carousel at The Terrace Lane Recreation Ground. RESOLVED

18/11/22 – Darren Morgan of British Gas regarding renewing the energy contracts for our gas and electric utilities at the Verney and the New Houghton Community Centre. RESOLVED

18/11/22 – Email from Joshua Frost Lunn of HAGs UK regarding arrangements for the repair of the carousel at Terrace Lane Recreation ground. RESOLVED

18/11/22 – Email from Rebecca Brooks regarding the supply of a list of addresses for the Parish for the distribution of our latest newsletter. RESOLVED

17/11/22 – Email from Bolsover District Council Planning Control regarding proposal for Single storey rear extension at The Granary Water Lane Stony Houghton Mansfield

15/11/22 – email form UK Community renewal regarding renewals of ELCI and Public Liability Insurance from 23/11/22 RESOLVED

10/11/22 – email received from member of the public regarding concerns of an unsafe tree overhanging Pleasley Cemetery from the St Michael’s Cemetery – informed tree has ash die back disease - Bolsover council are dealing with it. RESOLVED

10/11/22 – email from Mick Gamble to the Clerk asking for a future agenda item regarding computer use policy for the New Houghton Community Centre – Local Housing Support group already using internet for housing support for residents during their room hire.

09/11/22 email from Rebecca Brooks Electoral Services Manager at Bolsover District Council re Casual vacancy rules - Parish and Town Councils

09/11/22 – email re Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Claims 2022-23- Clerk to take advice regarding whether a previous application was made by previous Clerk

8/11/22 – email from David Clarke of Lymns re Late Mary Bramwell Interment into Pleasley Cemetery – RESOLVED

Signed.....
Chair

(14) Planning Matters

Application No: 22/00603/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Single storey rear extension Location: The Granary Water Lane Stony Houghton - Applicant: Mr & Mrs Darley-USmar

(15) Banking

Expenditure	Cheque No	To	For	Amount
06.10.22	990	Bolsover District Council	Trade Refuse Contract Inv 192194	£639.34
06.10.22	991	Woolley Moor Nurseries Ltd	Hanging baskets total cost	£5,760.00
06.10.22	992	Bolsover District Council	Trade Refuse Contract Inv 192587	£130.52
06.10.22	993	Bolsover District Council	Trade Refuse Contract Inv 192180	£425.88
06.10.22	994	Shirebrook Town Council	Inv 001191 Hire of outreach chairs	£40.00
24.10.22	995	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Inv 14283 - April 2022	£70.52
24.10.22	996	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Inv 14459 - July 2022	£70.52
24.10.22	997	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Inv 14498 - August 2022	£70.52
25.10.22	998	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Inv SB20223673 Audit services	£360.00
27.10.22	999	T Clark Contracting Ltd	Inv Servicing works at the Verney	£209.20
27.10.22	1000	T Clark Contracting Ltd	Inv servicing works at NH Community Centre	£209.20
31.10.22	1001-1007	Staff Wages	Oct-22	£2,716.96
31.10.22	1008	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI - Month 7	£260.40
31.10.22	1009	Staff Wages	Oct-22	£1,024.71
31.10.22	1010	L Brundenell	refund for new cutlery for NH Community Centre	£26.57

October 2022 - Income - Paid into the bank

Verney	£159.70
NH Community Centre	£150.00
Oct income sub total	£390.70
Balance 31-10-22	£53,925.19

Signed.....
Chair