

**PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Present**

Councillor

Councillors, I Allen, P Bowmer, C Dale W Kirkham, H Smith, L Smyth, J H Wright (Chair)

**PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- 1           **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received, noted, and accepted from Councillors C Davern, M Gamble and T Kirkham
  
- 2           **Declaration of Members Interest - Non -Statutory Interest as defined by the Members Code** – None
  - a. Any business from previous meeting
  - b. Any urgent additional item to be discussed
  
- 3           **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary interest and Non-Statutory interest** – no requests received  
  
There were no requests for dispensations.
  
- 4           **Public speaking**
  - (1) 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 present
  - (2) **Report from and Questions to the police**  
No police representative was present – safe and neighbourhood teams – Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary as shown on previous minutes – No further update since November.  
  
Clerk has replied to an email received 5/1/23 from Joanne Green Partnerships Policy Officer regarding the number of Parish/Town Council meetings held during 2022 and the number of occasions the Police were in attendance. This information will be collated in order that Cllr McGregor, as Chair of the Parish Liaison will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner.
  
- 3   Report from and Questions to County Councillor Ms C Dale. – Highways are concentrating their resources to repair Potholes promptly, Councillors to inform County Councillor C Dale of known potholes, as local authority concerned about accidents for cyclists and motorbikes. 300 available vacancies at county hall – still going ahead with Marial authority. Concerns about adult care and care homes. Council tax may go up at least by 3.7%.

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(4) Report from and Questions to District Councillors Councillor Liz Smyth informed the Levelling up Bid for Bolsover wasn't successful in round 1 and round 2. We are priority 2 so we were unlikely to be successful. Levelling up bids also require MP support. The District Council continue to build council houses and assisted living accommodation in Bolsover, Clowne and Shirebrook. Planning to build a new assisted living in Blackwell. At the last District Council meeting it was agreed that allowing Dragonfly which is wholly controlled by the council to carry on this building work.

(5) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

(6) Minutes of the previous meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 approved and signed.

(7) Chairmans announcements.

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.

(8) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative. No reports

(b) Allotments correspondence/reports - Tenant has paid invoice for yearly grazing fees for Meden grazing Land. Awaiting Tenancy agreement to be signed and returned for the Crompton grazing, fees are due in February – no payment has been received to date.

Reports of allotments are not being used properly with excessive wood and storage of a vehicle. Allotment holder tenancy agreements to be drafted and sent out. Concerns about an illegal tap at the bottom side of Meden with water tap with leaks. Discussion about removing access to water from the allotments.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/reports - Councillors to discuss and consider if a review of current fees are required. Previous change to Cemetery fees and charges was effective from 9 April 2018. – Councillors agree fees are not excessive however Councillor Liz Smyth recommends a comparison of other parish charges for other cemeteries for future meeting. Councillor Allen recommends the Ground keeper to carry out an assessment of any headstones to see if any are leaning. Clerk also to inform Ground keeper that when the ground is starting to settle to place further surplus soil on the grave to level up.

Councillor P Bowmer advised Cemetery rules not being upheld with need to enforce the rules. Clerk to expedite ordering and installation of new notice board.

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports -none

(e) Highways correspondence/reports -none

(f) New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports - The Community Centre sign above the entrance to the Centre has been repaired and security signs fixed to the building to deter intruders. Councillors to discuss and consider if a review of current fees are required for the hire fees of the New Houghton Community Centre and New Houghton football pitch. Councillors proposed increase of room hire £10 per hour. Clerk to investigate who is using the changing rooms for storage.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports - Verney Fire Door Quote received from JC Services for the rear fire door from JC Services for a Labour charge of £200. Materials would be extra at around £20 and whatever the price of the paint needed– Councillor I Allen stated the door has been repaired. We do not need a further repair. Councillor I Allen agreed to purchase and fit a weather board.

Verney Chimney Stack/Breast – Discuss progress with any quotes received regarding the damage to chimney stack and chimney breast inside the building. To explore funding opportunities. A list of possible

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organisations for approach for funding was drawn up and passed to the Chair and Clerk. The Decision of which quote to accept was deferred to next meeting.

Councillors to discuss and consider if a review of current fees are required for the hire fees of the Verney Institute - Councillors agreed to increase hourly to £10 an hour for the Verney and New Houghton Community Centre.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports - Following repair of the bearing in the roundabout at New Terrace Lane Recreation Ground the Playground Inspector confirmed that he has visited the Terrace Lane site and inspected the roundabout and it does spin much better and the tilt movement has been resolved by the new bearings. Playground Inspector confirmed that having investigated this type of equipment and having asked others about them they all are aware that the bearing design was a weak area. Advised that these repairs should hold for another 6/8 years.

(i) Street Lighting correspondence/reports - none

(j) The appearance of Pleasley Parish - none

(k) Discuss the next Pleasley Parish Council's Newsletter. The Councillors thanked Councillor Mick Gamble for collating the newsletter and approved it's printing and distribution with the addition of the information referring to Foodbanks.

(9) Live and Local reports. – current information in Newsletter

(10) Previous minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Councillor I Allen proposed a review of water bills for the allotments to identify if there are any leaks. Discuss current water metre readings and bills for Crompton & Meden allotments and whether an increase in fees is appropriate. - Councillors are concerned about high cost of water bill on Meden and Crompton allotments. As discussed in the allotment reports possibility of removing access to water from the allotments. Clerk to up submit up-to-date water metre readings and await accurate bills before Councillors make this decision.

(11) DALC Newsletters – January Newsletter – sent via email on 19/1/23.

(12) CCTV in New Houghton is now live at two locations opposite the shops on Rotherham Road. Clerk has access to the footage. Awaiting fitting of power socket by Derbyshire Highways before third CCTV installed opposite the bus stop on Rotherham Road.

(13) Discussion regarding arrangements for the Scarecrow festival 2023.

(14) Food Banks/Freedom Project - Following previous minutes to continue discussion regarding a local foodbank and possibility of working with the Freedom Project. Councillor I Allen reported the Freedom project runs various projects in Bolsover. Food banks run at Shirebrook on Tuesday's from 10 -1pm at The Methodist church and in Bolsover 9am-12pm on Monday's, Hilltop in Bolsover run on Tuesdays and Fridays 9am - 1pm – quite welcome to send person that are in need. Those in need of financial can contact the central offices in Bolsover. The New Houghton hub can refer anyone requiring help to the freedom project to get support. Salvation Army deal with those that have been refereed by social services. Item to go into February newsletter advertising work of freedom project.

(15) Bolsover District Council have sent out their charges for the Service / Litter bins and Grounds Maintenance Contracts for Councillors to discuss the approval of the following 2023/2024 quotes.  
*Servicing of Dog/Litter Bins – Recharges for 2023/2024* – We currently have 17 bins that are serviced by Bolsover District council – their charge for 2023/2024 will be £4.03 plus VAT per empty bin which equates to £3,562.52 plus VAT for the year (based on one weekly empty per bin). This will be invoiced quarterly. Councillors to discuss and approve this quote. Clerk is required to provide a written response to BDC by 24th March 2023 to ensure continuation of this service.  
*2023 Summer Contract for Grounds Maintenance* – Quote received from Bolsover District Council for 12 cuts over the summer to the recreation grounds and play areas and 6 cuts to the cemetery, depending on weather conditions. An invoice will be issued at the end of the cutting season.

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Recreation Ground, Terrace Lane, Pleasley	£906 plus VAT
Recreation Ground at Rotherham Road, New Houghton	£1677 plus VAT
Cemetery at Church Lane, Pleasley	£864 plus VAT
	<i>Total £3447 plus VAT</i>

Councillors approved these services for 2023/24 – clerk to write to Bolsover confirming accepting these quotes

(16) Shelter Maintenance reported further repairs are required for the Bus Stop on Chesterfield Road, towards Glapwell 1 x panel requires replacing costing £427 plus a further 2 x panels at £730 plus vat for two. Councillors to discuss repair. Councillors approve these repairs.

(17) Correspondence

25/01/23 – Email from David Clarke Funeral Director at A W Lymn re ashes interment. – RESOLVED.

25/01/23 – Email from Richard Jones of Open Doors regarding computer use policies in regular use at Open Door Computers.

13/01/23 – Letter from Mark Fletcher MP Member of Parliament for Bolsover making us aware of the Platinum Jubilee Village Fund – Clerk looked into this funding unfortunately closing date was 20/01/23 and refurbishments and repair projects were not eligible. RESOLVED

17/01/23 – email from Angie Jones confirming the receipt of the 12% increase Precept increase for 2023/24. RESOLVED

16/01/23 – from Joanne Green Partnerships Policy Officer regarding the number of Parish/Town Council meetings held during 2022 and the number of occasions the Police were in attendance. RESOLVED

11/01/23 – email from Robert Eyre at Derbyshire Highway regarding application details for the Snow Warden scheme. RESOLVED

06/01/23 – Letters from The Returning Officer at Bolsover District Council to inform that on Thursday 4th May 2023 District and Parish Elections are taking and the both The Verney & The New Houghton Community Centre have been booked by Bolsover District Council. The Caretakers and the other users will be notified – Clerk to reply to Bolsover DC.

05/01/23 - Letter from Bolsover District Council re Ground maintenance works at various site in Pleasley parish – (see item 15 on this agenda).

05/01/23 - Letter from Bolsover District Council re Servicing of Dog/Litter Bins – recharges for 2023/24 (see items 15 on this agenda).

(18) Planning Matters

31/1/23

Application No: 22/00667/LAWEX

Proposal: Certificate of lawful existing use for retention of the existing use of Internet based sales of Land rover defenders Via the web site prospective purchasers Buy online and the vehicle is delivered to them. Cleaning of the vehicle's is done within building A (see Block Plan)

Location: 3 Rockley Cottages Green Lane Stony Houghton Mansfield

Applicant: Mr K Heath OS Map Ref: 449266 366216

– The Clerk has posted copies of this application to nearby properties giving them opportunities to make their views heard, to date the Clerk hasn't received any replies. Clerk to follow up if replies are receives

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25/1/23

Application No: 22/00603/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: The Granary Water Lane Stony Houghton Mansfield

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Darley-USmar

Further to consultation regarding the above application Full Planning Permission -

*Proposal has been refused for the following reasons:*

1. The proposal does not comply with Local Plan policies: SS9, SC5, SC16, SC21 and advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and Historic Environmental SPD as the proposal does not respect the character and appearance of this former agricultural barn, nor preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. Due to its form and domestic character, the proposal is considered to cause harm to the setting and significance of both the designated heritage asset (Conservation Area) and non-designated asset (The Granary). The level of harm is considered to be less than substantial but there are not considered to be any public benefits which outweigh the harm caused.

5/1/23

Application for Full Planning Permission

Application No: 23/00002/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling and detached double garage

Location: Hillside Newboundmill Lane Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Mrs Rachael Chambers

(19) Banking

Date	Supplier/Contractor Details	Invoice Number	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
01/12/2022	Gardenforce	Invoice 43	Cemetery Maintenance	£440.00	£0.00	£440.00
05/12/2022	Shelter Maintenance Ltd (BT) British	Inv 14685	Bus Shelter Maintenance	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
06/12/2022	Telecommunications Plc	M052 UO	Verney Telecoms/Internet	£68.50	£13.70	£82.20
07/12/2022	Bolsover District Council	195056	Maintenance Terrace Lane Recreation	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
19/12/2022	Petty Cash Purchases Castle Carpets Shirebrook Ltd	Refund of Postage / Stationery	Mr IWeekes New carpet NH	£52.23	£7.57	£59.80
19/12/2022		Invoice	Community Centre Water Bill - Verney	£544.17	£108.83	£653.00
20/12/2022	Water Plus	INV00686069	17/11-17/12/22	£70.08	£0.00	£70.08
20/12/2022	Water Plus	INV00677955	Water Rates (7110) New Houghton Community Centre	£287.47	£0.00	£287.47
20/12/2022	British Gas	961910734	29/10 - 14/12/22	£348.62	£17.43	£366.05
21/12/2022	Water Plus	INV00689450	Water Bill - NH Community Centre	£83.14	£0.00	£83.14
25/12/2022	Water Plus	inv00731051	Water Bill- Charges Allotments Crompton Street, NH	£92.47	£18.49	£110.96
29/12/2022	Aquiss Limited	226408	NH Community Centre Internet fees	£31.33	£6.27	£37.60
31/12/2022	Employees		December Salaries			£3,038.59
31/12/2022	HM Revenue & Customs		Tax & NI contributions			£533.85

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01/01/2023	Gardenforce	Invoice 46	Cemetery Maintenance	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00
04/01/2023	Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	14305	Defibrillator supplies	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00
04/01/2023	Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	11847	Defibrillator supplies	£188.00	£37.60	£225.60
04/01/2023	Vault Electronic Security Ltd	QCCTV-0022 2110	CCTV-0022 2110	£301.88	£60.38	£362.26
04/01/2023	Bolsover District Council	195040	2022Extreme wheels Sessions	£2,655.00	£0.00	£2,655.00
04/01/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	IWeekes_refundgov.uk	order gov.uk 3 1 22	£14.00	£0.00	£14.00
07/01/2023	BT British Telecommunications Plc	M053 YN	Phone/Internet - Verney	£68.50	£13.70	£82.20
19/01/2023	Water Plus	wp-INV00973757	Water Bill-Verney 13 Newboundmill	£74.51	£0.00	£74.51
19/01/2023	Water Plus	wp-INV00974034	17/12/22 - 17/01/23 Water Bill - Allotments	£56.04	£0.00	£56.04
21/01/2023	Water Plus	wp-INV00987443	Meden Ave Water Bill - NH	£42.16	£0.00	£42.16
29/01/2023	Aquiss Limited	228580	Community Centre NH Community Centre Internet fees	£31.33	£6.27	£37.60

Income - Paid into the bank	December 2022	January 2023
Verney	£83	£117
NH Community Centre	£120	£101.20
Cemetery/Memorial Income	£25	£400
Live & Local Allotments	£428	£150
<b>Income total</b>	<b>£656</b>	<b>£768.20</b>
Current Account Balance 31-12-22		£22,668.09

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