

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th March 2023

Present

Councillor J H Wright (Chair)

Councillors - I Allen, P Bowmer, C Dale, M Gamble, T Kirkham, W Kirkham, H Smith, L Smyth,

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, noted but not approved from Councillors C Davern, W Kirkham and H Smith.

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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

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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.

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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 Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary website shows 24 crimes during December 2022 – with no further break down of these crimes available at this time.
Following our letter of the 20/12/22 - Email letter reply received from Angelique Foster Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner – see email correspondence sent to councillors 20th February 2023.
Clerk has since received various emails and conversations with PCSO David Hancock and Mark Church (Local Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant) who covers Pleasley - he said even though they do not have the local resources to attend Parish council meetings, however Police are able to attend if there are any local issues that requires discussion or Police advice.

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(3) Report from and Questions to County Councillor Ms C Dale who reports of new lead Carol Cannis who is in charge of Children services as we have thousands of children in care in Derbyshire, Councillor Ms C Dale reported building of new children services centres with two buildings purchased to be refurbished & building one other. Employing new staff and implementing Early skills in parenting, Highways engaging with Derbyshire County Council, employing extra teams and working extra hours to fill potholes – Highways want to engagement with more with councillors. Combined authority with Mayor in Derbyshire County Council and Derby City still proposed with districts disappearing. Councillors to bring any relevant District County Council matters to Christine to feed up.

(4) Report from and Questions to District Councillors T Kirkham reporting the District has set up Dragonfly to build new council houses. Community Grants under way. Council Development Fund applications including cultural development fund – possible use in Bolsover and Shirebrook – possible ideas could include cultural hubs, digital creativity and refurbishment of old buildings. UK Share Prosperity – has been approved across the districts – business growth fund with grants up to £5,000 – £10,000. Similar to Bolsover’s “In Touch” newsletter for households the District has launched “In Business” newsletter. The District has applied for money for carbon reduction.

(5) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 3rd April 2023

(6) Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th February 2023 to be 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

- Tenancy agreement to be signed and returned for the Crompton grazing, fees are due in February – payment now been received. Tenancy Agreement for Allotments has been drafted by the Clerk and copies will be sent to tenants in due course with a copy of their invoice for the coming year payable by 1st April 2023,

- Following on from previous minutes Councillors to discuss cost of Water bills at Crompton and Meden Allotments from April to date bills are as follows; Crompton £1289.51 and Meden £621.69. Clerk has provided up to date metre readings – latest bills were 24/2/23.

- Current Allotment fees are £15 per year – councillors to discuss if an increase in fees is appropriate for 2023/24. Councillor Ian Allen suggested holding a meeting with allotment tenants to ask for ideas to reduce water use and to explain the need to either increase yearly fees or cut off the water at site. It was proposed we hold two meetings, one for Meden, the other for Crompton and feedback to the next meeting. One tenant has installed their own tap at Meden has its own water supply which the Council must hold to account. Allotment bills to be delayed and go out after the next meeting. Meeting agreed proposal with Councillor Ian Allen to lead the meeting with the Clerk.

Councillors discussed the access required for allotments 11 & 12 on Crompton Street where a stone wall has been removed. Access required from either existing grazing land at Dale or access at the bottom of our allotments at Crompton. Councillor I Allen proposed Clerk to contact Land registry Office – Clerk to meet with Councillors to view site. The meeting found out that 137 Crompton was sold by the Pleasley Parish Council to Edmund Pearson in 1945. Discussed the possibility of declining the renting of 11 of 12 to create access.

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- (c) Cemetery Correspondence/reports – none
- (d) Footpaths correspondence/reports – see item K
- (e) Highways correspondence/reports -none
- (f) New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports -
- BT have been called out to test for a fault regarding internet connection issues for Open Door.
- (g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports –

i) Discuss progress with any quotes received regarding the damage to chimney stack and chimney breast inside the building. To explore funding opportunities. Councillors discussed and reviewed the 5 quotes that have been received so far – councillors approved one of the quotes for Shillbuild to carry out the repair when the weather improves agreed by the meeting. Price to be negotiated further.

ii) Councillors previously discussed an increase from £8 per hour to £10 per hour for room hire fees. The previous fees were £8 per hour for the hire of one hall and £14 per hour for the hire of both halls in the Verney (main hall and downstairs hall). Councillors to discuss if they are going to offer a discounted rate for both halls, and if so, what that rate will be set at.

Councillors proposed new fees for the hire of both rooms will be £18 from 1st April 2023

iii) The Young Farmers currently hire the Verney for fees of £111 per quarter booking the hall for 2-3 hours a week. - Councillors to review fees to see if an increase in fees is due in April 2023 in line with the increases in room hire fees.

iv) The Seaforth Highlanders currently hire the Verney for fees of £163 per quarter booking the hall for 2-3 hours a week - Councillors to review fees to see if an increase in fees is due in April 2023 in line with the increases in room hire fees.

Proposal to put fees up to £200 per quarter for both the Young Farmers and Seaforth Highlanders with these fees to be reviewed every 12 months – Councillor T Kirkham proposed, and Ian Allen seconded. Meeting agreed proposal.

Councillor M Gamble re-iterated the need for a hirer booking form/agreement to be in place for hirers of the community centres – Clerk to arrange this and ask Caretakers to complete with hirers.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports – January Playground Inspection report – actioned by Clerk. Quote in process from Contractor regarding trim back branches away from access Gates in New Houghton Recreation ground.

Chair requested ground check on our play areas for potholes as Terrace Lane is particularly bad. Clerk could ask Garden Force for a quote to fill in animal holes on Terrace Lane Recreation Ground – Councillors to discuss. Councillors agreed.

(i) Street Lighting correspondence/reports - none

(k) The appearance of Pleasley Parish -

- report from member of the public regarding overgrown hedges on Chesterfield Road in Pleasley causing an obstruction, making path narrow, especially on blind bend. Request to cut back promptly as it is on a blind bend and there is not enough room for two people to pass each other when it is trimmed. – Clerk contacted Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County council to determine who is responsible for the request – no response received from either to date – Clerk to contact County Councillor Christine Dale.

(9) Spring 2023 edition of the Pleasley Parish Council’s Newsletter has now been distributed. Discussion/arrangements for next newsletter – Scheduled for the end May/beginning of June after the elections.

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- (10) Live and Local reports. Blair Dunlop – Trails – The Verney, Saturday 4th March 7.30pm – all tickets have been now sold – number of people disappointed. Councillor M Gamble to attend New Live & Local 2023/2024 – taster evening 17th March – at Burton Joyce to look at future bookings.
- (11) DALC Newsletters – February Newsletter – sent via email on 22/3/22
- (12) Discussion regarding arrangements for the Scarecrow festival 2023 – Proposal of Derbyshire unemployed workers as a selected charity for funds raised. Howard proposed, Tom seconded agreed by the meeting. Clerk & Mick Gamble to contact previous participants to see if they wish to participate again.

(13) Correspondence

- 24/2/23 – email from NALC Chief executive's bulletin- forwarded to Councillors
- 24/2/23 – email re PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON - 6TH APRIL 2023 - forwarded to Councillors
- 22/2/23 – email from DALC regarding community Speedwatch items for sale.
- 20/2/23 – email and letter reply regarding - Information request FAO Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire - Angelique Foster – response forwarded councillors.
- 20/02/23 – email from Derbyshire Highways regarding Street Lighting Socket installation to allow for CCTV camera to have view of bus stop and Rotherham Road Recreation Ground.
- 16/2/23 – email from member of the public regarding hedges on Chesterfield Road in Pleasley causing an obstruction, making path narrow, especially on blind bend.
- 31/01/23 - email from Dan Matthews the Environment Agency to inform your Parish Council that they are currently in the process of creating a new flood warning area for the River Meden at Pleasley. The new warning area is being developed as part of the Flood Warning Expansion Project and will cover parts of Bolsover DC and Mansfield DC along the River Meden. They are expecting the new warning areas to go live at the start of March 2023 which will cover 96 at risk properties in Pleasley. They also want to plan a community drop-in session to discuss the new flood warning and general flood preparedness with local residents. Presentation booked for 6-8pm at Verney – for 13th March 2023
- 14/2/23 – Letter and email received from The Pensions Regulator confirming our acknowledgement of Pensions re-declaration. RESOLVED
- 13/2/23 – Cost of living information, support and latest updates from Derbyshire County Council.
- 10/2/23- Email from DALC regarding reminder that Supt. Rebecca Webster of Derbyshire Police attending February's DALC Parish-Police Liaison meeting – due to take place at 1pm today, Friday 10th February.
- 9/2/23 – Confirmation from Derbyshire Highways Hub regarding Snow warden 22-23 application and arrangements for delivery the supply of salt
- 8/2/23 – Email from Derbyshire County Council to promotion Mobile Library services.
- 8/2/23 - Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service (PIMS) - Monthly Report actioned by Clerk and forwarded to Councillors.
- 7/2/23 – email form Kim Wyatt Heritage Conservation Manager – with render specification, Bolsover District Council no longer run a Historic Building Grant repair scheme.
- 6/2/23 – Planning application received via email and forwarded to councillors re The Willows Church Lane Pleasley Mansfield (see Planning matters below)
- 6/2/23 – Email from Derbyshire County Council regarding Vision Derbyshire Business Start Up Support Flayer. The scheme is open to people who are thinking about starting their own business or are under 12 months trading. They must be registered or planning to register, and trade in Derbyshire or Derby.

(14) Planning Matters

6/2/23 - Application No: 23/00059/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension with solar panels and installation of roof lantern to rear elevation.

Location: The Willows Church Lane Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Blissett

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Chair

(15) Banking –

Expenditure

Type	Date	Contact Name	Invoice Number	Net	VAT	Total
Invoice	31/01/2023	Shirebrook Town Council	Inv 1249	£66.67	£13.33	£80.00
Invoice	31/01/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	Petty cash -lbrundenell maintenance	£5.41	£1.08	£6.49
Invoice	31/01/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	Petty cash -Lbrundenell cleaning	£79.97	£15.99	£95.96
Invoice	31/01/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	Petty cash -Richard Jones 31 1 stationary	£16.66	£3.33	£19.99
Invoice	01/02/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	B&Q Receipt 01 02 23 lweekes cleaning	£16.25	£3.25	£19.50
Invoice	01/02/2023	British Gas	New Houghton CC Gas Bill	£322.12	£16.11	£338.23
Invoice	03/02/2023	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	SI-3489 - Clerk Training	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Invoice	07/02/2023	(BT) British Telecommunications Plc	gp 0045 6935 Verney Telephone/Internet	£68.25	£13.65	£81.90
Invoice	16/02/2023	C&L Janitorial Ltd	INV 37477 - Cleaning supplies	£97.21	£19.44	£116.65
Invoice	16/02/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	Proforma 40489 - MF Water Boiler	£77.40	£15.48	£92.88
Invoice	20/02/2023	Sage Global Services Ltd	C00203514 - accounting servs	£38.00	£7.60	£45.60
Invoice	21/02/2023	Petty Cash Purchases	lWeekes refunded - stationary	£14.12	£2.82	£16.94
Invoice	21/02/2023	SHessey	ESS Newsletter Distributor	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00
Credit	24/02/2023	Water Plus - Crompton Allotements	CRN00235046	-£96.19	-£19.24	-£115.43
Credit	24/02/2023	Water Plus - Meden Allotements	CRN00235034	-£56.04	£0.00	-£56.04
Credit	27/02/2023	Water Plus - Crompton Allotments	CRN002355049	-£92.47	-£18.49	-£110.96

Income - Paid into the bank	January 2023	February 2023
Verney Hire	£117	£140.10
NH Community Centre	£101.20	£56.00
Cemetery/Memorial Income	£400	£2400
Live & Local		
Allotments	£150	£150
Income total	£768.20	£2746.10

Current Account Balance 03.02.23 £12286.76
Reserve Account Balance 03.02.23 £40,696.16

Reserve account balance 06.03.23 £16,696.16

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