

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th April 2024

Present

Councillor I Allen (Chair)

Councillors, C Dale, L McMormack, L Radford

Clerk I Weekes

Members of the public: No members of the public were present.

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1 To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from Councillors M Gamble, T Kirkham, W Kirkham, H, Smith, L Smyth, L Stokeley, H Wright

Councillors agreed to defer election of chairman & vice chair to next meeting.

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 present.

(1) Crime reports

Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary website for show crimes were reported here in January 2024

	January 2024	Previous Month December 2023
Violence and sexual offences	(3)	(8)
Anti-social behaviour	(2)	(3)
Criminal damage and arson	(2)	(1)
Burglary/Vehicle Crime	(1)	(1)

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

Signed.....

Chair

- i. Email of 22/3/24 from Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire with Councillor Briefing -Delivery of The Polie Crime Plan – forwarded for Councillors via email.
- (2) Report from and Questions to County Councillor C Dale reported that Managing Executive Director of Derbyshire County Council Emma Alexander came to visit around Shirebrook with County Councillor C Dale as they visited the New Basset House Residentil Homes in Shirebrook also visiting Shirevale Resource Centre who give respite care for carers. County Councillor C Dale to forward details to M Gamble for future Newsletter. Any volunteer from the community can contact New Basset House to support & help with garden work. It was reported that Derbyshire County Councillors are closing up to 10 children centres, Shirebrook remains open with Bolsover closing. Early help support is being cut.
- (3) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham. No report received.
- (4) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 13th May 2024 (as 6th May 2024 is a Bank Holiday)
- (5) Chairman’s announcements.

Arrangements for the date of the 2024 Annual Parish meeting. Monday 13th May 2024 -1830 and will be followed by Pleasley Parish Council meeting. – Clerk to raise and post a public notice for Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor I Allen has been in touch with Bolsover District Council as Chair of The Community Association and Millennium Trust. Councillor I Allen asked the Clerk not to send the previously discussed letter to Bolsover District Council, regarding the lighting of the backs in New Houghton. Bolsover District Council have now accepted responsibility for the lighting of the backs and are looking into the underlying electrical issue. A schedule of works has been requested from Bolsover District Council and Making Places, we have also made the local MP aware who is also looking at this due to the amount of monies asked for at the time wasn’t enough to complete the works.

(6) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative – **Councillors discussed and approved the purchase of the following equipment** to the above initiative. County Councillors Christine Dale has promised to give the council £400 towards the cost of the equipment.

- Bushnell Velocity Speed Gun £169.07 plus VAT
- A community speed watch kit including flexible fold away sign, quad stand & bag £156.86 plus VAT
- High visibility Vest £1.79 each plus VAT x 8 £14.32 plus VAT

£340.25 plus VAT

£68.05 VAT

£408.3 Total

Councillors agreed these post

Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator’s Report April 1st 2024

Nine volunteers underwent the CSW training session with PCSO Shaun Woodcock at The Verney on February 12th and the first roadside session took place on Thursday March 21st at the junction of Newboundmill Lane and Old School Lane, checking vehicles travelling towards Chesterfield Road North. In the hour from 8.30 to 9.30, 93 vehicles went past and one driver was reported to the police for excess speed who has received a letter from the police.

PCSO D Hancock was not on duty but there was a visit from a member of the Tibshelf SNT.

Signed.....
Chair

Session two was held on Monday March 25th in New Houghton, on Rotherham Road, opposite Ruby’s Fish Bar, checking vehicles travelling out of the village. Of the 133 vehicles checked, none was travelling above the threshold speed. A total of 335 vehicles went past between 8.15 and 9.15.

Many thanks are due to Marie Green of Shirebrook who allowed the Pleasley Parish Council Speed Watch Group to use her group’s equipment.

- Six of the volunteers have been involved in roadside sessions.
- Morning sessions to begin at 8.00 in future.
- Further sessions to be held on Chesterfield Road North opposite Pleasley Cross
- Further sessions to be held on Rotherham Road, opposite Dale Engineering
- Volunteers to monitor vehicles in both directions, but always towards oncoming traffic.
- Training is available for new volunteers but will be done online via TEAMS. It could be possible for this to be done as a group session at the Verney or New Houghton Community Centre.

Recommendations

The following to be purchased:

- Bushnell Velocity Speed Gun (& batteries). Currently £202.89 from Amazon. NB the price has risen by £20 since March 21st . Amazon is still the cheapest supplier. Currently only one in stock DemonTweeks’ price on March 21st was £260.35 inc VAT
- Two folding road signs from Protect. This is the police’s recommended supplier. Information attached.
- Hi-Vis vests. At least four but more would be better, large enough to fit over outdoor wear. I looked at several suppliers (there is a lot). Brook Hi Vis information is attached. The police prefer “Derbyshire” to be on the back of the vest so I have added that to the proof provided, that is why the fonts are different. I have spoken with the company about the extra wording.

(b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports

All taps at Crompton and Meden Allotments have recently been replaced due to leaking taps - due to the previous push/off taps not being suitable. Tap repairs have been carried out at £140 for Crompton and £210 for Meden Allotments.

Clerk has met future tenant of Meden Grazing land to discuss fencing off site and arrangements for new tenant to move onto grazing land. Councillors discussed and agreed give two months grace so the new tenant can fund and erect new fencing around the perimeter before the new tenant starts to use the land in June 2023.

Email of 13/03/24 from current tenant complaining about state of Plot number 1 on Crompton allotments. Clerk notes that the previous tenant of the plot was served with termination of their tenancy agreement as of 31/3/24. Broken fencing, unwanted furniture and broken sheds and rubbish remain on this plot. Councillors to discuss getting quotes from contractors and to decide whether to charge the previous tenant for the removal of the rubbish and preparing the allotment for further use by a new tenant. Councillors decided to refer this to new tenant.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/report

i) Councillors attended cemetery training has been booked on Monday 11th March 2024 at The Verney at 7pm and will including 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

Following our cemetery meeting Councillors asked to discuss and approve charging exclusive rights of burial fees at Pleasley Parish Cemetery, alongside discussing a cemetery plan. The Clerk reports that a Cemetery Plan has been located as now is in place. Records show that previous Clerk was charging Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for £50.00. Councillors to discuss setting the appropriate fees for Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial. Councillors to be provided with copies of other local authorities Cemetery rates for comparison. Decision to be deferred to next meeting – with copies of cemetery fee comparison to be sent to councillors prior to the meeting.

ii. 23/2/24 – A suitably trained Contractor has safely removed the rotten tree from the cemetery costing £850.00.

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports –

Clerk notified Bolsover District Council of overgrown foliage on Chesterfield Rd Pleasley (opposite old chapel)

(e) Highways correspondence/reports – Issue reported with raised Kerb on pavement straight outside entrance to The Verney – Clerk to report to Derbyshire County Council. Various potholes have been reported are awaiting repair on Newboundmill Lane.

(f) New Houghton correspondence/reports -

I. A member of the public has from New Houghton has contacted Councillor L Radford about the possibility of setting a community orchard up in New Houghton asking if we could help set one up for the local community. Councillors discussed however, this was referred to Community Association and Millennium Green Trust.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports -

i) Email of 27/03/2024 - from National Lottery Community Fund. We have been awarded £20,000 to fund windows and kitchen refurbishments. The clerk is seeking quotes from window restoration contractors to review at future meetings.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports –

i. Email from Christine Dale of 22/3/24 who has looked at the Mapping Portal on the County Council website which shows County Council assets. The Memorial in The Miners Welfare at Pleasley and the one at New Houghton on the Recreation Ground are not listed as County Council assets. The Mapping Portal is open to the public to use to see. County assets and adopted highways etc. This is email was in response to a question raised by the Clerk regarding the ownership of the War Memorials to determine if they are required to be place on our fixed asset register. Clerk to ask War memorial association regarding ownership.

ii. Email from Jonathan Tipton, Outdoor Recreation Officer at Bolsover District Council – the dates for Extreme Wheels activities over Easter are 5th & 12th April 2024 at Rotherham Road Recreation Ground.

iii. Email from Sarah Cooke Leisure Support Officer at Bolsover District Council regarding March 2024 Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service (PIMS) - Monthly Report features low risk items as follows;

- D Cradle seat swings 6” – Tighten loose fixtures and fittings.
- Wetpour surface spider web - Moss/algae present – Task required - Remove grass, moss & weeds from playing surface (TERRACE LANE)
- Trimtrail – dog damage (small corner bitten off) – Task monitor
- C Little mis-muffet – metal paintwork – not in good condition – Task – de-rust and repaint.

- D Cradle seat swings – wear and tear – Task monitor (TERRACE LANE)
- 8” Cradle swings – rusting in places - Task monitor (TERRACE LANE)
- V Teen Shelter - rusting in places - Task monitor (TERRACE LANE)
- F Misc spring – item spring damage – New spring required for repair and replacement
- M Nexus climbing Frame – requires cleaning. (ROTHERHAM RD)

Councillor I Allen to organise a working group to clean play equipment.

(i) The appearance of Pleasley Parish –

I. Cleaning Report from Shelter Maintenance – only two notes on reports relate to new Perspex require for bus shelters on both sides of the Chesterfield Rd A617. Councillors continue to hold the position not to carry out the repairs due to ongoing vandalism.

II. Councillors to discuss the latest situation regarding Streetlighting on The Devonshire Backs – already discussed in Chairman’s announcements.

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

- Previous contractor quote 1 - 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.

- Previous contractor quote 2 - 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.

• New Contractor Quote 3 – Deliver, install, remove & collect (fit 20 posts)	£125
40 x Holestar Planters Haves x £37.00	£1,480
Once a week watering in Summer 2024	£1,152
Remove and collect	£150.
£2907.00 plus vat	£3,448.40

Councillors approved quote 3 by new contractor Idverde.

Councillors decided that £72 would be the cost of sponsorship per hanging baskets with a plaque attached to lamppost thanking the sponsor.

iv. -The Clerk has been in touch with Civic Pride to re-negotiate Christmas Lights contract for year 2 (2024) and year 3 (2025) as contract can be reviewed now that six months has passed since October 2023. 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 to discuss approval of reduced contract so to balance the budget for 2024/25

Councillors approved reduced quote for 18 motifs.

(j) Street Lighting correspondence/reports – no reports

(7) Pleasley Parish Council’s Newsletter – Councillors to discuss previous newsletter and plans for the next one. Discussion referred to next meeting.

Signed.....
Chair

i. Email concern of 12/3/24 from member of the public regarding delivery of the Parish Newsletter as resident came home to discover newsletter was sticking out of their letterbox, resident had concerns that this makes it known to potential burglars that they were not home. – Clerk responded via email upon receipt of email to Thank the resident for their email and for raising this concern with us, acknowledging we take this concern seriously. The Clerk was in touch with the leaflet delivery contractor the same afternoon to make them aware of the residents’ concerns reminding the contractor to always push the newsletter through the letterbox. The Clerk confirms that this was the only complaint we received with this delivery of 1300 newsletters throughout the Parish.

(8) Live and Local reports - remaining concert by Grace Smith Trio took place on March 16th 2024. Discuss arrangements for future bookings. Discuss at future meeting.

(9) DALC March Newsletter forwarded to councillors via email on 26/3/24

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

i. Following the Cemetery Training held for Councillors on the 11th March, DALC have been providing advice, help and support to The Clerk & Chair regarding the correct protocol for the running of the Cemetery alongside other relevant support. The Chair & Clerk to ask Councillors to discuss re-considering their position and continue with our 2024/25 DALC membership. DALC to be contacted due to late payment of late payment with the discussion being referred to the next meeting.

ii. Email from Wendy Amis of DALC of 25/3/24 forwarded to Councillors.

As you know, there will be elections in Derbyshire for the new Mayor, and also for the Police and Crime Commissioner. As such, please be aware of the restrictions on publicity in the pre-election period (previously referred to as purdah). You may have already been made aware of the pre-election period by your principal authority. However, if you have not, the latest day that the pre-election period starts is 26th March. Individual councils can set this to be earlier so follow any guidance given by your district or borough council.

(10) Scarecrow Festival July 20th/21st 2024

Councillors to discuss appointing organiser/co-ordinator for this year’s Scarecrow Festival. Councillor M Gamble will produce the numbers that are attached to scarecrow entries as done in the past. Decision referred to next meeting.

(11) Correspondence (not quoted elsewhere in agenda)

Email of 18/3/24 from PKF Littlejohn LLP who are appointed as our AGAR external auditor for 2023/24. Please note that our default submission deadline for the receipt of the approved AGAR and supporting documentation or the Certificate of Exemption (as appropriate) is Monday 1 July 2024.

(12) Planning Matters

In accordance with the orders and regulations made under the above Act - Sarah Kay MRTPI Assistant Director of Planning and Planning Policy should be pleased to receive your comments within 21 days of the date on the following notifications.

Date: 26th March 2024

Application No: 24/00082/FUL

Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Using the existing caravan as residential accommodation

Location: New Farm Newboundmill Lane Pleasley Mansfield

Signed.....
Chair

MINUTES REF 14 08 04 24
Date 12th March 2024

Application No: 24/00069/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Change of use from amenity space to car storage area

Location: Nags Head Hotel Chesterfield Road Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Mr Michael Parnell

Date 8th March 2024

Application No: 24/00093/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Erect a coal face heading exhibit.

Location: Pleasley Pit Trust Pit Lane Pleasley NG19 7PH

Applicant: Mr Simon Leivers

(13) Banking

Recent Banking transactions overleaf. Councillors requested that The Clerk provides a monthly handout of breakdown of income to Councillors.

Signed.....
Chair

MINUTES REF 14 08 04 24

Date	Type	Description	Expenditure	Income	Balance
					18390.96
23-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre	-52.86		18338.1
23-Feb-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Meden Avenue Allotment Site	-65.14		18272.96
26-Feb-24	DPC	Guardian Gas , Inv 795 Boiler repairs Feb 24 - The Verney	-168		18104.96
26-Feb-24	DPC	TCLARKECENTRAL , INV FM-099387 Boiler repairs Dec 23/Jan 24	-270		17834.96
26-Feb-24	DPC	SHELTERMAINTAINLTD, INV15438 Cleaning of 9 Bus Shelter in Pleasley Parish	-74.09		17760.87
27-Feb-24	BAC	F GILBERT , GRACE SMITH T VERNEY Live & Local Income		25	17785.87
27-Feb-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 6009830762 - Gas Verney	-169.76		17616.11
28-Feb-24	BAC	G A TOWNROE & SON , INV NO SI-73 Memorial Inscription amendment		50	17666.11
29-Feb-24	DPC	Staff Salaries - Month 11	-3166.08		14500.03
29-Feb-24	DPC	Clerk - Printer Ink - Stationary refund	-17.75		14482.28
29-Feb-24	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD , 673PM00176075 Tax & NI Liabilities	-797.44		13684.84
29-Feb-24	DPC	LIVE LOCAL , PLEASLEYPC INV9503 Performance Fees - CRI DU CANARD	-426		13258.84
29-Feb-24	DPC	Clerk - Stationary refund	-28.94		13229.9
29-Feb-24	BAC	PLEASLEY YNG FBR, SI-71 , Hire of Verney INCOME		200	13429.9
01-Mar-24	D/D	AQUISS Internet Fees - New Houghton Community Centre	-18		13411.9
01-Mar-24	C/R	PaySlip 000179 Live Local/Cemetery/New Houghton/Verney Hire		1220.2	14632.1
05-Mar-24	D/D	NEST , IT000003863474 Staff Pension Fees	-103.63		14528.47
05-Mar-24	DPC	DLBERNEY PLUMBING Crompton Tap repairs	-140		14388.47
06-Mar-24	DPC	GARDEN FORCE BDAWS, INV O16 Feb 24 , Cemetery Maintainance	-190		14198.47
08-Mar-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 600983076 Gas The Verney	-217.64		13980.83
08-Mar-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 600221089 Gas New Houghton Community Centre	-143.91		13836.92
13-Mar-24	DPC	Clerk - Stationary refund	-39.35		13797.57
13-Mar-24	BAC	ARAM L & M , MRS EMILY ARAM , Verney room Hire Fees		10	13807.57
14-Mar-24	CHQ	001191 Chq - Staff salary	-665.28		13142.29
18-Mar-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078068 Electricity New Houghton Community Centre	-79.63		13062.66
18-Mar-24	DPC	DALC , BOLS 199 SI-4230 , Councillor Essential Training	-50		13012.66
18-Mar-24	DPC	Clerk - Stationary refund	-35.2		12977.46
18-Mar-24	DPC	DALC , BOLS 199 SI-4227 Councillors Cemetery Training Fees	-177.1		12800.36
18-Mar-24	DPC	HarropWhiteVallance Solicitors - Outstanding Salaries paid to family of N Pocklington Estate,	-2112		10688.36
18-Mar-24	DPC	SHIREBROOKTOWNC , PLEASLEYPC 001375 Instructor Hire - Exercise Class at The Verney	-80		10608.36
18-Mar-24	DPC	REDDESIGN PRINT , PPC INV 11309 Printing of Newsletter	-328		10280.36
18-Mar-24	DPC	STEVENHESSEY , INV 057 OF 15.3.24, Newsletter delivery contractor	-160		10120.36
18-Mar-24	BAC	GAMBLE DM&V , GRACE SMITH TRIO Live & Local Income		25	10145.36
19-Mar-24	D/D	NPOWER , A0009238525001 Christmas Lights Electricity fees	-77.31		10068.05
20-Mar-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney Water Bill	-85.03		9983.02
20-Mar-24	D/D	BT GROUP PLC , GP00456935 BT Telephone/Intranet Fees	-64.01		9919.01
21-Mar-24	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078138 Electricity The Verney	-110.93		9808.08
22-Mar-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Meden Avenue Allotment Site	-60.95		9747.13
22-Mar-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre	-53.35		9693.78
25-Mar-24	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 Crompton Street Allotments	-80.6		9613.18
25-Mar-24	D/D	SAGEGLOBSERVICES, Accounting software fees	-49.2		9563.98
25-Mar-24	DPC	LIVE LOCAL , PLEASLEYPC INV9550, Grace Smith Trio Performance Fees	-408.5		9155.48
25-Mar-24	DPC	PPL PRS LTD , 01885016SIN2670501, Performance Fees - Feb 23-Feb24	-72		9083.48
25-Mar-24	BAC	LAUREN WALKER , SI-73 DRAMA CATS Verney Hire Fees		120	9203.48
27-Mar-24	C/R	Payslip 000180 March Income - Live & Local/Verney Hire		491.4	9694.88
28-Mar-24	C/R	Payslip 000181 March Income - New Houghton Community Centre/Verney Hire		286	9980.88
			-10784.82	2427.6	
		Current Account Balance 28th March 2024			9980.88
		Reserve Account Balance 28th March 2024			2883.47

Signed.....
Chair