

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillor I Allen (Chair)

Councillors, C Dale, M Gamble, T Kirkham, W Kirkham, L McMormack, L Radford.

Clerk I Weekes

Members of the public: none

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1 To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from H Smith, L Stokeley and Howard 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. – No members of the public were in attendance.

(1) Crime reports

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

Violence and sexual offences	8
Anti-social behaviour	6
Criminal damage and arson	1
Public order	3

Police website states that Priorities:

1. Nuisance vehicles speeding and causing ASB on Rotherham Rd, New Houghton and Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley

2. Nuisance vehicles speeding and causing ASB on The Hill, Glapwell and into Doe-Lea.

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Action To be taken:

1/2 Hi visibility patrols at peak times along with Traffic officers and other agencies to identify offenders, we will use the powers and legislation to seize or issue fixed penalty notices to drivers. Mobile speed camera deployment at relevant times/days. Look to set up Community speed watch in relevant areas. Work with partners to prioritise community messaging and speed awareness advice.

<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

Email sent to Councillors on 24/12/23 from Police & Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster – with copy of December newsletter – councillors to discuss any relevant issues.

Email received from DALC of 13/12/23 We have been made aware of a letter sent by the PCC to all town and parish councils asking for the council tax (and, I assume, the parish precept) to be waived for Special Constables. In our view, this would need to be administered by the district and borough councils who will have a view on whether this is feasible for them to do or not. If the principal authority are not intending to progress this request, I would suggest that it might be difficult for the parish and town councils to do this separately.

I will be asking advice from the DALC Directors as to what action, if any, we can take on your behalf to help you with this. If, however, in the meantime you wish to contact your district or borough councillor to ask what the principal authority plans to do, I would be happy to receive feedback to inform any response.

Email of 12/12/23 sent to Councillors reminder of the liaison TEAMS forum with Superintendent Becky Webster on 13/12/23 at 1.30pm. Councillors to discuss contents of meeting if Councillors were able to attend.

(2) Report from and Questions to County Councillor Mrs C Dale. DCC Financial Director Mark Kendon list looking at savings in all departments, not filling vacancies at present with some redundancies possible, tweaking costs to balance the budget and avoid issuing 114 notice. Options discussed at last week's meeting included proposals for houses and hotel to be built at Winter Gardens Matlock, alongside buildings of a carbon free building for staff building including car parking area. Councillor W Kirkham queried the need for building of more new office space for staff in Matlock. Derbyshire CEO is coming to see County Councillor Ms C Dale on 7th March 24 – Councillors encouraged to email Mrs C Dale regarding issues to discuss with CEO Emma Alexander. Derbyshire worst in the country for potholes. Early help is be cut – which may affect a variety of pupils with needs at Anthony Bek.

(3) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham. Moved to Director of development as they set up the unitary combined authority. Service agreement to the dragonfly is under scrutiny. Planning issue and opposition to the proposed traveller site in Pleasley. Other planning issues with Parking at Nags head. Sharon Hartshorn alongside Councillor L Radford was part of the flood response team with recent flood alert. Councillor I Allen noted mortar is coming out of stone wall surrounding the Mill at Pleasley. M Gamble reported that he posted straight onto the Facebook page and alerted one of the property owners concerned. Community arts anti-social behaviour team have discussed using the hub in New Houghton for a 6-week arts project, however the Hub is closed until 5th February due to the floor being replaced. Council houses on Coronation Avenue have damp issues and bricks required re-pointing, problems reported on the whole street - Councillor T Kirkham is talking to Bolsover DC however residents need to let Councillors T Kirkham know of issues. Deadline for the end of the months for building grant.

(4) To confirm the date of next meeting – Monday 5th February 2024

(5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th December 2023 to approved and signed.

(6) Chairman's announcements. Previous Pleasley Parish Councillor Jackie Jones' Funeral is to be held at 11am on the 24th of January 2024 at St Micheals, Pleasley.

(7) Reports.

(a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative.

Email received 22/12/23 from Councillor M Gamble - The planned session for Community Speedwatch initiative training has had to be rearranged again. The trainer has a hospital appointment and can no longer attend on January 30th. The new date is Monday February 12th at 6pm.

(b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports

i) Pleasley Parish Council has been notified that Mrs M Long wishes to continue renting grazing land at Dale End for 2024. Councillors set fees for the grazing land at Meden Grazing land at £100 per calendar month. To ensure consistent fees are applied to all the grazing land across the Parish Councillors previously discussed offering Mrs M Long reduced fees for a period before they increase to £100 per calendar month. Councillors to determine the time frame that fees should be reduced for and discuss what fees should be charged for the grazing land in 2024. Councillors to discuss this issue at finance meeting for a decision at Parish Council on 5/2/24.

ii) Councillors to discuss the arrangements for the availability of grazing land across the Parish for 2024 for Meden Avenue and Crompton Street. Land on Meden Ave is currently undergoing Japanese knotweed treatment, land should be available from April 24. One expressed interest on Lease basis, another member of the public has made an approach – to fence off area for use. To discuss at next meeting.

Councillors discussed proposal for tenant Tayna & Karl Derner to be offered annual grazing license on the land at the top of Meden allotments at £100 per calendar month plus the cost of water. Proposed by Councillor W Kirkham and seconded by Councillor C Dale. Clerk to get in touch with the perspective tenant.

iii) Repair carried out on Crompton allotment tap. Fault reported by tenant as tap stuck on run and couldn't turn off. Clerk got in touch with D Berney Plumbing for emergency repair – new outside tap fitted repair cost £120.

(c) Cemetery Correspondence/reports

Email of 27/12/23 forwarded from Councillor H Wright on behalf of a local resident.

On Saturday 16th December my family took a Christmas wreath to a family grave in Pleasley Parish cemetery. We were very upset with the condition of the family grave and surrounding graves and due to this we did not leave the wreath as planned. There was a lot of mud, large branches, and twigs on/around the grave and other graves nearby. Councillors discussed, Clerk to send a letter to resident.

(d) Footpaths correspondence/reports - non

(e) Highways correspondence/reports

Email of 13/12/23 from Christine Dale in her role as District Councillor - I doubt that there will be any funds available for a raised chicane on Newboundmill Lane in the coming year because of the financial deficit at County Emma Alexander Managing Director at County has had to put restrictions on spending in all departments because of the current funding deficit in County finances.

I have had meetings with senior management at in the Highways Authority and they were underfunded at the beginning of the year because the government has reduced over time the amount they receive to maintain our roads so they were already struggling to carry out basic maintenance on our highways and now the County has put further restrictions on spending in place currently there is no money available for such projects.

We are waiting for signage in Upper Langwith now an order is in place which has reduced the speed on Rectory Road from 40mph to 30 mph but the old 40mph signage hasn't been replaced yet and we don't know when it will be because of the current financial situation.

Bridgett Gould our Highways Officer is doing the best she can in extremely difficult financial circumstances.

(f) New Houghton correspondence/reports

- i) Following the upgrade of the Alarm at New Houghton Community Centre Email received of 20/12/23 from Carole Brownley at Vault Electronic Security confirming Level 1 Derbyshire Police response.
- ii) Email of 15/12/23 from Richard Jones confirming the new router costing £33.29 has been installed, following a visit from BT Engineer with regards the internet speed increase for Open Door Group. Councillor M Gamble report internet speed is much better.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/reports

- i) Caretaker reported toilet leak in ladies toilets – Mithcell Servidio carrying out emergency plumbing repairs -carried out on Toilet in Verney repair cost £160.
- ii) Email of 19/12/23 from Robert Eyre of Derbyshire Highways Hub – updating us regarding the late delivery of grit for grit bins to Verney w/c 18/12/23. – Clerk to co-ordinate with Verney Caretaker to undertake audit and refill of grit bins within the Parish and refill.
- iii)Boiler repair undertaken at The Verney on 2/1/24 as Groups had to be cancelled the last week before Christmas. Boiler is up and running again now, however requires a replacement Probe and possible replacement seals. T Clarke to forward Quote for works to Clerk. T Clarke may be able to offer us a service plan for the boiler. Details of the service plan and quote to be advised. Councillors to discuss quote & service plan. – request 2 further quotes to discuss at the next meeting
- iv) New Booking for The Verney received for weekly booking for local Karate group from 1930 every Monday evening from February 5th 2024 (to use downstairs room) for 1hour initially (hours to be confirmed.) M Gamble – recommend use of downstairs door to avoid rear door

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports –

December 2023 Playground Inspection Report – Clerk received 20/12/23
No change in condition of play equipment at recreation grounds at Terrace Lane Pleasley and Rotherham Rd New Houghton since Annual Inspection by Bolsover District, Council – continue to monitor.

(i) The appearance of Pleasley Parish –

December 2023 Cleaning report from Shelter Maintenance received 13/12/23 – only change in condition of 9 Bus Shelters in Parish since last month’s report is cracked roof panel on Bus Shelter Chesterfield Road A617 Bypass from Glapwell – clerk to request a quote. W Kirkham – forward details of bus shelter advertisement rolling scheme - W Kirkham to forward details to The Clerk

Email 13/12/23 acknowledgement of Clerk’s Thank you email of 12/12/23 from Aileen Chapman Director of Advatac Ltd who have very kindly gifted and erected a 10ft Christmas tree/decorations for the Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley.

(j) Street Lighting correspondence/reports – Civic Pride attended New Houghton to carry repairs on various Christmas lights where faults occurred during the first couple of weeks of December – RESOLVED.

(8) Next edition of the Pleasley Parish Council’s Newsletter – Councillors to be more proactive to contribute to the newsletter. Next newsletter due in March 2024 to including the advertisements fees agreed at the previous meeting. W Kirkham to encourage Councillors to approach local businesses – idea for a more inclusive District Newsletter Correspondent – W Kirkham proposed sub group meeting and arrange a date to do it. Councillors agreed to set a Newsletter working Group meeting on Monday 15th January 2024 at the Verney from 6.30pm to discuss arrangements for Newsletter advertisements followed by a Budget Meeting which will also be held on 15/1/24 from 7pm-9pm.

(9) Live and Local reports - future booking arrangements. Four concerts in this season including two future bookings; Cri du Canard – in February 24th and Grace Smith Trio – March.

(10) DALC Newsletters – December Newsletter forwarded to councillors on 30/11/23

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

Councillor Howard Wright would like to bring this newsletter item to our attention. The Clerk would also like to register his interest to attend – Councillors to discuss and approve this training request.

Item 9 – New training workshop: Memorial Management & Inspection

We’re pleased to launch a new training workshop aimed at anyone who is responsible for cemeteries and memorials, or who works within them. Burial ground operators have a duty-of-care to anyone working in, or visiting, their cemeteries – with responsibilities set out in various legislation including Local Authorities’ Cemetery Order 1977 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

DALC’s full-day course, on Wednesday 3rd April at the Whitworth Centre in Darley Dale, will comprise a classroom session covering the scope of risk and legal responsibilities, including Health & Safety, followed by a practical session in a cemetery, focusing on inspection. Cost: £140 – hot and cold drinks

Clerk to invite DALC provide a quote for a training session for Cemetery & associated items to be delivered to all councillors, to discuss at further at next meeting.

(11) Chairman’s Allowance – Councillor H Wright asked for the Chairman’s Allowance to be added to the agenda for discussion. Councillors to discuss. Proposed we continue to pay £1,000 chairman’s allowance. Chair has sent a letter the councillors waiving his allowance for 2023.

(12) Email of 8/12/23 from Theresa Fletcher Director of Finance at Bolsover District Council – to notify Pleasley Parish Council of tax base levels for 2024/25 – emailed to councillors on 24/12/23

Councillors to set a date for the next budget meeting to discuss the 2024/5 Budget and Precept – which can be agreed our next Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th February 2024. To at next week's finance's meeting.

Clerk has also asked if Councillors/Chair I Allen, C Dale, L Symth and District Councillor T Kirkham could agree a convenient date for an additional working group or discuss grant writing and traffic control signs working group. Chair recommended we include a grant for remedial repairs to the grant writing meeting held on 22nd January at 6-7pm at the Verney.

(13) Email from Councillor M Gamble on 22/12/23 explaining he has created a QR code which links to the council's website. Request from Councillor M Gamble, Councillors agreed for QR code to go on website and newsletter.

(14) Email from Councillor M Gamble on 14/12/23. At the last meeting of the council, I mentioned that someone had been appointed by Bolsover District Council as Cultural Corridor Development Worker. I came across Kate Burns who is hoping to have the opportunity to talk to council about her role. Councillors to discuss whether to invite Kate Burns to a future meeting. Invite at 6.30 before next meeting on the 5th February 2024.

(15) Correspondence (not quoted elsewhere in agenda)

i. Email of 19/12/23 from Sarah Walton Trust Manager at Derbyshire Environmental Trust. Further to our recent correspondence I can confirm that the Derbyshire Environmental Trust considered your project at their meeting last week. Unfortunately, I must inform you that your application was unsuccessful. As was expected with a relatively low level of funding the Fund was heavily oversubscribed and there were other applications which demonstrated greater need / benefit, community engagement and value for money.

ii. Email of 10/12/23 from Lynda our Website Support Manager. Just a quick note to say that the renewal is due on 17 December. Councillors to approve that we are ok to renew for the next 12 months. Lynda normally charge £75. Lynda is in process of updating various additional documents (sent via the Clerk) to be added onto the website over the Christmas break, she will be invoicing us her yearly bill shortly and reports that Lynda will get onto hosting helpdesk for support with setting up org.uk email addresses. Councillors approve.

iii. Email of 8/12/23 from County Councillor C Dale in her reply to Christine's email enquiring "Where can we obtain flood warning signs for roads on the Derbyshire side of Pleasley. The waters of the river Meden are rising again, and the members of Pleasley Parish Council are concerned that Meden Square, Pleasley is going to flood again and would like flood warning signs put up on the roads to warn drivers the next time it floods. – reply received 8/12/23 from Louise Siddons | Business Services Assistant at Derbyshire County Council "Our Re-active Teams will come out to place Flood boards/signs once flooding has occurred. This is something we are currently looking to be able to provide in the future. DCC have begun the process, but we have more to do before this is achievable. We are aiming to have a pilot scheme running in a few locations in the future, with the hope that we can eventually roll this out County-wide if it proves to be successful".

(16) Planning Matters

Email of 7/12/23 – forwarded to councillors on 7/12/23

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR REVISED PLANS

Application No: 23/00595/FUL

Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing office building.

Location: T C Fabrications Pleasley Vale Business Park Outgang Lane Pleasley

Applicant: Mr Paul Kenworthy

OS Map Ref: 451555 365107

If you wish to make any comments about the revised development these should be received within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Copies of the relevant details and plans submitted in connection with the above application can be found on the Councils web site <https://planning.bolsover.gov.uk/online-applications/>

(17) Banking – see overleaf

Signed.....

Chair

MINUTES REF 11 08 01 24

Date	Type	Description	Expenditure	Income
30-Nov-23	DPC	Staff Salaries via BACS November Month 8	3083.16	
30-Nov-23	D/D	NEST Pension Fees November Month 8	-97.81	
30-Nov-23	DPC	Clerk Expenses November 2023	-25.4	
30-Nov-23	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD ,Tax and NI Liabilities Month 8- Nov 23	-707.42	
30-Nov-23	C/R	Income - November 23 - Pay Slip 000176		1017.6
01-Dec-23	D/D	BOLSOVER D C , Community Tax - The Verney	-106	
01-Dec-23	D/D	BOLSOVER D C Community Tax - New Houghton Community Centre	-60	
01-Dec-23	D/D	AQUISS Inv 251717 - Internet Services New Houghton Community Centre November 23	-39.6	
04-Dec-23	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney Water Bill 17/10/ - 17/11/23	-88.54	
04-Dec-23	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 - Meden Ave Water Bill 17/10 - 17/11/23	-61.44	
04-Dec-23	DPC	TCLARKECENTRAL , INV FM-096520 BOILER Annual Servicing works at The Verney, 13 Newboundmill Lane	-258	
04-Dec-23	DPC	SHELTERMAINTAINLTD, INV15270 Cleaning 9 Bus Shelters in Parish	-74.09	
04-Dec-23	DPC	Clerk refund - Stationary item (Amazon) Stake Plot Markers (Cemetery)	-5.99	
04-Dec-23	DPC	DALC INV SI-3910 , Clerk Training 14/9/23 Fees	-30	
04-Dec-23	DPC	DLBerney Plumbing services - repair/replacment taps Crompton Allotments	-120	
04-Dec-23	DPC	TClarke Central , INV FM-096521 New Houghton Community Centre - BOILER Annual Servicing works at 13 Rotherham Rd	-258	
05-Dec-23	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 Water Bill - NH Community Centre 19 10 - 19 11 23	-46.69	
08-Dec-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 600221089 New Houghton Community Centre 15-10 - 14-10-23	-263.73	
08-Dec-23	DPC	C L Janitorial , PLEASLEYPCINV41187, Verney Caretaker Supplies	-199.06	
11-Dec-23	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 - Crompton St Allotments 700145807 23/10-23/11/23	-86.48	
11-Dec-23	CHQ	Cheque 001188 Staff Salary November Month 8	-665.28	
11-Dec-23	DPC	Clerk refund - Stationary item (Amazon) C5 White Envelopes	-5.99	
12-Dec-23	DPC	SHIREBROOKTOWNC , PLEASLEYPC 001346 Hire of outreach chair aerobics instructor (Nov 23)	-80	
12-Dec-23	DPC	GARDEN FORCE BDAWS, INV NO69 works on 16th/30th Nov 23	-160	
15-Dec-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS 601078068 - Electric bill - NH Community Centre - 1 Nov - 30 Nov 23	-160.4	
18-Dec-23	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT , PLEASLEYPC I206236, VIA MOBILE - PYMT , FP 17/12/23 10 , 03152011142311000R	-240	
18-Dec-23	DPC	CIVIC PRIDE UK LTD SI-6576 MEMORIAL SEAT (Terrace Lane) - CIVIC PRIDE INVOICE SI-6576	-1222.16	
18-Dec-23	BAC	PLEASLEY YNG FBR SALES INVOICE SI-66 , VERNEY ROOM HIRE Q4		200
18-Dec-23	BAC	DAVID KIRKHAM MEMORIAL SEAT (Terrace Lane) - CIVIC PRIDE INVOICE SI-6576		1018.47
19-Dec-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS 600983076 Verney Gas Bill 25 Oct - 28th Nov 23	-291.96	
21-Dec-23	D/D	BOLSOVER D C - INV 202175 Direct Debit Payment 3 - Dog Litter Bin Emptying	-267.19	
21-Dec-23	D/D	BT GROUP PLC , GP00456935-Verney Phone/Internet - 1/12 - 30/12/23	-95.1	
27-Dec-23	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINESS, 601078138 electric Bill 6/11 - 7/12/23	-248.28	
27-Dec-23	D/D	SAGEGLOBSERVICES, Accounting Software Fees - Dec 23	-49.2	
28-Dec-23	DPC	Staff Salaries via BACS December Month 9	-2522.91	
28-Dec-23	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD Tax and NI Liabilities Month 9 Dec 23	-385.23	
		Current Account Balance 28-12-23		26692.25
		Reserve Account Balance 28-12-23		16883.47

Signed.....
Chair