

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 1 September 2014

Present

Councillor J H Wright (Chairman)

Councillors D M Gamble, Mrs P Bowmer, T Kirkham, Mrs V Douglas, I E Allen, D Gelsthorpe and P Seston

Also present

County Councillor Mrs M Stockdale
Members of the Public
Mr S Jarvis
Mr A Godson
Mr Smart

PART 1 NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman agreed to an emergency item concerning an incident at the allotments at Crompton Street New Houghton that occurred on Saturday 30th September which will be dealt with under confidential business

148/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Jordan who had a work commitment and Mrs J Jones who was not well.

149/14 Declaration of Members interests

None

150/14 Dispensation granted to Members declaring disclosable pecuniary interests in agenda an agenda item

None

151/14 Public Participation

(i) Members of the Public's comments

Mr Jarvis and Mr Godson came to the Parish Council meeting to make comments concerning the allotments at Crompton Street. Mr Jarvis indicated that there had been an incident at the allotments involving himself and the families of 2 other allotment holders. He indicated that the Police had been involved and were talking to the parties concerned.

The Chairman thanked him for his attendance and indicated that the matter would be discussed by Members later in the meeting.

Mr Smart raised the question of speeding on Terrace Lane again. It was pointed out to him that this was a matter for the highway authority and the Police. There may be a possibility of a community project to determine the incidence of speeding on Terrace Lane that can be looked into

(ii) Report of the Police Representative

There was no report from the Police Representative

(iii) Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Stockdale indicated that she was the Chair of the Local Area Committee set up by Derbyshire County Council to look at local issues and what was needed to improve the area. The Committee was made up of very influential County Councillors and therefore would be able to direct funding in the areas where it is most needed. Meetings would take place in each area so that the local need can be established. Councillor Mrs Stockdale also indicated that the GCSE result for Shirebrook Academy showed a slight decline in passes for 5 subject grade A* to C from 64% to 61%. It was thought that the changes in the curriculum may have influenced the results.

Councillor Mrs Stockdale also indicated that she was the Vice Chairman of the Public Health Committee and outlined the areas they were interested in initially.

(iv) Report of the District Councillor Mrs P M Bowmer

Councillor Mrs Bowmer gave details of the progress in allocating the new properties at New Houghton. She also gave details of the letting of the former Community House in New Houghton.

152/14 Date of next Meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 6th October 2014 in the Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley and that the date for the November meeting be provisionally agreed for the 3rd November 2014

153/14 Minutes of Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2014 and the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

154/14 Chairman's Announcements

None

RESOLVED that the report be noted

155/14 Highways

Feedback from the meeting held between residents and Derbyshire County Council on the 6th August 2014 concerning the longstanding objections to the traffic calming measures in Newboundmill Lane adjacent to the Verney Institute.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting and had since received written confirmation from Derbyshire County Council that a bid was to be included in the future budget to remove the chicanes and replace them with a vertical traffic calming feature. It was noted that this was only a bid and its success would depend on priorities and the appropriate finance being available.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

156/14 New Houghton Community Centre

- (i) The Clerk reported that there had been problems with blocked drains and that he had arranged for Stuart Hill to clear the blockages. He also reported that the circulation pump to the second set of toilets had failed and that he had arranged for the replacement of the pump at an estimated cost of £1600

RESOLVED that the action of the Clerk be endorsed

(ii) **Open Door Computer Group**

Councillor Gamble reported that he had collected £88.99 for attendance of people not living within the Parish and for printing. He also reported that the morning sessions were still being well attended but that numbers had declined for the evening sessions. It was agreed that a publicity exercise in the Newsletter be undertaken.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

Recreation Grounds

157/14 Terrace Lane Play Area

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a resident who lived adjacent to the play area that three trees planted close to his rear boundary be moved since when they matured they would block out the light to his rear garden. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange for the trees to be replanted within the play

area at the appropriate time

158/14 Correspondence

The following items of general correspondence have been received:

- (i) E-mail from Derrick Betts thanking the Parish Council for the Grant of £700

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (ii) Letter from Ashfield District Council notifying the Parish Council that the Ashfield Local Plan has been withdrawn from examination

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (iii) Letter from RNIB thanking the Parish Council for the donation from the Scarecrow Event

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (iv) Card from Mrs Bingley thanking the Parish Council for the grant towards the staging of the well dressing and flower festival at St. Michael's Church

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (v) Letter from Mr R Stone enclosing a copy of his publication "Pleasley a Study in Time"

RESOLVED that the publication be put in the filing system and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Stone

159/14 DALC Circular

DALC Circulars 15 to 19

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

160/14 LSP Feedback

Councillor Gamble reported that a meeting was due to take place next week

RESOLVED that the report be noted

161/14 Production of a Pleasley Parish Council Newsletter

No matters were raised under this item

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

162/14 Pleasley Parish Council Web Site

No matters were raised under this item

RESOLVED that the report be noted

163/14 Live and Local concerts for 2014/15

Councillor Gamble reported that some tickets had been reserved for the next concert. The Parish Council was waiting for the tickets and advertising material from Live and Local which will be delivered in the near future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

164/14 Report on Scarecrow Festival

Following recommendations from the working party it was:

RESOLVED that the charity for the donation from the monies collected on the day be the Dialysis Centre at Kings Mill Hospital

165/14 Feedback from the Band concert to commemorate of the start of World War 1

The Clerk reported that there had been very positive feedback from everyone who attended the concert and that there had been requests for a similar concert next year. He had sent a letter to Lee Hickin thanking him for the efforts of his staff for arranging the event and asking that the Parish Council's thanks be passed onto the band. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to Carole Hurst the Arts and Development Officer thanking her for her efforts personally

166/14 Purchase of Poop Scoop Bags

The Clerk reported that Bolsover District Council was no longer operating the scheme for the purchase of Poop Scoop bags. The Clerk had contacted the company which supplied the bags and they will let the Parish Council purchase them for the same rate as the district Council. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that 1500 poop scoop bags be purchased at an estimated cost of £105

167/14 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank statements and the accounts for the first quarter. This was agreed.

RESOLVED that the bank statement and the accounts are agreed

168/14 Letter from the caretaker at the Verney Institute indicating that he wishes to terminate his employment with the Parish Council on the 30th June 2015

The Clerk reported that the Caretaker had indicated that if anyone suitable was found before the 30th June 2015 he would terminate his employment earlier than that date. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that consideration of the hours worked be considered at a future meeting when it will be decided how and when to go about the recruitment of a new caretaker

169/14 Publication entitled Pleasley Parish World War 1 Memorials listing the soldiers commemorated on the war memorials

Councillor Gamble reported that he had compiled the publication from existing records. Members agreed that it was good to have the records brought together in one document. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that the publication be put into the Parish Council's filing system for future reference

170/14 Report from the External Auditor concerning the audit for 2013/14

The Clerk reported that the report had been received from the external auditor who again made comment about how the fixed assets were accounted for. The Clerk indicated that this was explained by the timing of the payment for the refurbished play area at Terrace Lane although he would seek clarification for the submission of the audit for next year.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted

171/14 Appearance of Pleasley Parish Area

No matters were raised under this item

172/14 Planning Matters

Planning applications

None

Notification of decision

14/00273/FUL Single storey extension to the rear of 1a Church Lane Pleasley
R&A Motors Approved subject to 2 conditions

Notice of Appeal

12/00159/FULEA appeal by Roseland Community Wind farm LLP Erection of 6 wind turbines (hub height 80m, blade tip height 126.5m), 1 anemometer mast (80m high), control building and substation, associated hard standing and tracks and underground cabling Land east south and west of Roseland Wood Scarcliffe between Roseland farm Shirebrooke and Losk Lane Stoney Houghton Appeal commencing 4th November 2014 and expected to take up to 8 days

RESOLVED that the notice be noted

173/14 Accounts

Expenditure

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3489	Shelter Maintenance	Repair bus shelter	£262.56
3490	HEW Abbott (Mansfield) Ltd	Repair lights Verney Institute	£112.27
3491	HEW Abbott (Mansfield) Ltd	Repair lights Verney Institute	£690.80
3492	The Copy & Print Centre	Letterheads	£163.20
3493	RNIB	Donation from Scarecrow event	£267.00
3494	PSB Services	Internal Audit	£150.00
3495	Millennium Green Trust	Grant	£700.00
3496 to 3500	Employees	Wages and expenses	£2308.02
3501	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	£262.76
3502	Grant Thornton	External Audit	£480.00
3503	Zibrant	Commission on hire of Verney Institute	£7.30
3504	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	262.56
3505 to 3509	Employees	Wages & Expenses	£2285.36
3510	PJD Cleaning Services Ltd	Relief caretaker and clean windows Verney Institute	£218.40
3511	Crestra Ltd	Contribution towards purchase of new basket swing vortex	£666.60
3512	DALC	Subscription	£494.77
3513	BT	Internet Verney Institute	£123.36
3514	Cancelled		
3515	Crestra Ltd	Repairs to Rotherham Road Play area	£4360.00
3516	Shelter Maintenance	Clean bus shelters	£60.48
3517	Shelter Maintenance	Clean and repair bus shelters	£612.48

Income

Paid into bank	8/7/2014	24/7/2014	13/8/2014
New Houghton Community Centre		£20.00	£196.00
Verney Institute	£372.00	£104.00	£175.00
Computer group	£59.40		
Allotments	£30.00		
Cemetery		£500.00	
Terrace Lane play area		£20398.74	
Total	£461.40	£21022.74	£371.00
Balance at bank on 1/09/2014 £107972.91			

RESOLVED that the expenditure identified above be approved for payment and the income and the balance at the bank be noted

174/14 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of confidential information in breach of the obligation of confidence as defined in Section 100a(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Seston declared an interest in the following item (minute reference 175/14) and left the room taking no part in the discussion or the voting

175/14 **Incident at Crompton Street Allotments**

The Clerk reported that an incident had occurred at the Crompton Street allotments between three allotment holders and their families. The Police had been involved and the Clerk had visited the site to discuss the problem. Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED that no action be taken until further information is available from the Police

Signed.....
Chairman