

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th May 2025
at New Houghton Community Centre, Rotherham Rd, New Houghton**

Present

Councillor I Allen (Chair)

Councillors; C Dale, M Gamble, W Kirkham, E McCormack, L Smyth, L Stockley

Clerk I Weekes

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

PART 1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Election of Chairman of Pleasley Parish Council for the year of 2025/2026 – Councillor W Kirkham proposed election of Councillor I Allen with Councillor C Dale seconding this proposal. Councillor I Allen elected as Chairman for 2025/26.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Pleasley Parish Council for the year of 2025/26- Councillor Christine Dale proposed Councillor W Kirkham seconded by Councillor L Smyth. Councillor W Kirkham elected as Vice Chair for 2025/26.
3. To receive apologies for absence – Apologies received from – Councillor L Radford -accepted, Councillor H Smith noted, Councillor H Wright accepted

4..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) Declaration of Members Interest with regard to any business on the agenda,
- b) Declaration of Members Interest with regard to any urgent additional items to be considered,
- c) Declaration of Members Interest with regard to 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.

5. Public speaking.

A period of not more than 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on business on the agenda. Louise Stokely asked about the CCTV in relation to vandalism of the New Houghton Memorial – which will be discussed further on the agenda see item – I (i).

(1) Crime reports

Latest information from Derbyshire Constabulary website shows crimes that were reported in the Parish of Pleasley are as below.

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Violence and sexual offences	(2)	(15)	(8)
Burglary			(2)
Other Theft	(1)		
Anti-social behaviour	(4)		
Criminal Damage & Arson	(2)	(1)	(1)
All Other Crime		(3)	
Total	(9)	(19)	(11)

<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

- a. Councillor Mick Gamble noted there is a Police walk around New Houghton on May 29th at 5pm.

Signed.....

Chair

- (2) Report from and Questions to Derbyshire County Councillor. – Chairman I Allen noted that he has had difficulty contacting the newly elected Derbyshire Councillor Sarah Reaney to send invitation to this meeting. Clerk instructed to contact Derbyshire Councillor Sarah Reaney to invite her our next meeting.
- (3) Report from and Questions to District Councillor T Kirkham – No report as he is currently working away.
- (4) To confirm the date of next meeting – at 7pm on Monday 2nd June 2025 at The Verney, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley NG19 7PL
- (5) Minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th April 2025 to be approved and signed once minor amendments made to accounts – Councillor M Gamble proposed, and Councillor W Kirkham seconded.
- (6) Chairman's announcements. Feedback from Annual Parish Meeting held at The Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley on Monday 12th May 2025 at 6.00pm – report given cost hanging baskets and light, The Chair thanked Councillor M Gamble for his work with the newsletter and live & local, Chair thanked the employees, and mentioned the whips that councillors planted last year on Meden Grazing Land.

The Chair reported that the VE Event held at the Verney on the 5th May was well. An event was also held at New Houghton Community Centre on 8th May which was a workday, Chair suggested that if a future VE Day falls on a week day we should hold the event on the weekend next time.

Councillors discussed holding VJ event on Saturday August 16th at New Houghton Community Centre to commemorate this day.

Chairman mentioned The Parish Chain of Office, Chair would like to ascertain if Councillor H Wright paid for the chain himself or determine if this is property of the Parish Council, Clerk to check the minutes (it was thought the Chain was first worn in April 2014) –. Clerk and Councillor M Gamble to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

- (7) Reports.
 - (a) Report from Community Speedwatch initiative
 - Councillor M Gamble reported that three speed checks have been held since last meeting as follows:
 - 1. Pleasley Cross to traffic from roundabout to Meden Square - out of the 160 cars that went pass with four receiving letters from the police.
 - 2. Newboundmill Lane to Old School Lane with 130 cars passing with no letters sent.
 - 3. Rotherham outside the fish bar with a similar number of cars with one Police letter sent to a non-resident.
- A further session is to be held at a new site- Councillor M Gamble to chase this up.

- (b) Allotments /Grazing Land correspondence/reports -
 - i. Meden Allotments – clerk reports of 16 allotments
 - One tenant hasn't renewed their allotments – looking for new tenant. Two tenants have not paid for their allotments – final payments requested – 1 unpaid tenant notified to remove rubbish from allotment – Councillor I Allen proposed having a meeting with the two sets of allotment holders along with vice chair – clerk to set a date with Chair & Vice Chair.
 - ii. Crompton Allotments – clerk reports
 - 1 tenant has not paid for their allotment – final payment requested
 - Clerk to look for Caretaker tenant for 2 plots for 2025/26.

iii. Email of 2/4/25 from Chris Tyler of Derbyshire County Council – sent to all Parish Councils regarding the keeping of birds, Trading Standards – Animal Health have asked me to circulate the following information.

As of 1st October 2024, all bird keepers in England must be registered with the Animal & Plant Health Agency, the only exception is for keepers of indoor pet birds that do not have outside access. Registration is online at Gov.uk. Clerk to forward copies of this flyer to all allotment tenants, we could also hand out copies and put copy on centre notice boards.

- (c) Cemetery Correspondence/report – none
- (d) Footpaths/ Highways correspondence/reports – none
- (e) Street Lighting correspondence/reports – none

(f) New Houghton Community Centre correspondence/reports

i. Email of 30/04/25 from Caretaker of New Houghton Community Centre confirming Ian Brudenell has repaired the wall at the entrance to the Centre using free re-claimed bricks. Councillors agreed to authorise the refund the caretaker for the cost of cement & sand.

ii. Email of 24/4/25 from Mark Radford of TIS. To comply with Fire Safety Checks Clerk requested quote for inspection of Emergency lighting and Fire Alarm. Quote as follows:

Emergency lighting – 1 visit per annum – fee of 65.71 plus vat

Fire Alarm - 2 visits per annum – fee of 173.96 per annum.

Any additional maintenance work identified will be quoted separately before instructed. Councillors approved

Councillors to discussion approval or quote so Clerk can instruct contractor to carry out these checks.

iii. Correspondence of 21/4/25 with New Houghton Caretaker who reported blocked toilets. Chair informed. Despite Caretaker's best efforts to clear blockage – plumber was required to clear; Caretaker has since adapted his rods to help with future blockages. D Berney Plumbing attended site on 22/4/25 to clear blockage at £90 (no vat). Councillors approved this expense.

iv. Email of 16/4/25 with copy of invoice dated 14/4/25 Invoice 1037 from Guardian Gas call out due to leaking compression fitting on boiler – repair carried out costing £75 plus VAT. Councillors to approve this expense.

v. Email of 16/4/25 – with copy of invoice dated 7/4/25 Invoice No 1031 Gas Safety check on Gas Hob / Cooker in New Houghton Community Centre – costing £125 plus VAT. Councillors approved this expense.

(g) Verney Institute correspondence/report

i. Email of 24/4/25 from Mark Radford of TIS. To comply with Fire Safety Checks Clerk requested quote for inspection of Emergency lighting and Fire Alarm. Quote as follows:

Emergency lighting – 1 visit per annum – fee of 67.01 plus vat

Fire Alarm - 2 visits per annum – fee of 175.25 per annum.

Any additional maintenance work identified will be quoted separately before instructed. Councillors to discussion approval or quote so Clerk can instruct contractor to carry out these checks. Approved

ii. Email of 23/4/25 from Sam Hall of Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institute confirming that new WI group for Pleasley & New Houghton every last Thursday of the month from 1.30pm - 3.30pm starting Thursday 24th April 2025 at The Verney.

(h) Recreations Grounds correspondence/reports) –

i. Email from Gemma Stevenson of 1/5/25 writing on behalf of the trustees and volunteers here at New Houghton Community Hub are hoping to hold a summer fair this year on Sunday 24th August 2025 from 11am – 3pm for the whole community to enjoy and experience, we are hoping that we will be able to use the playing field on Rotherham Road, New Houghton. As this space is flat and safer for the whole community. Copy of Public Liability indemnity limit of £2,00,000 has been received for CFTTB of New Houghton Community Hub. Could you please bring this request to the attention of the rest of the Parish Councillors for consideration. Councillors to discuss and approved this request. L Stockley confirmed District Councillor T Kirkham is working with the Hub on this event, councillors confirmed this can go ahead.

ii. Email from Karla Hargraves of HAGS Uk Our engineers have now completed the works to the roundabout. I can confirm it is spinning freely see emailed video. Clerk confirmed this is the case.

(i) The appearance of Pleasley Parish Street / Lighting correspondence/reports

i. Email of 28/4/25 from Councillor Louise Stokeley - Someone has broken the lights on the cenotaph assuming it was last night and have pulled some of the flowers up on Friday evening or early hours of Saturday 26th April 2025. Damage wasn't spotted until the morning. Request for Clerk to review CCTV footage above that time. Clerk reports that he couldn't see anything from the night before, it's difficult as the camera view is opposite the bus stop and the cenotaph is on the same side as the camera further down.

iii. Email of 16/04/25 from Robert Griffith Director of Civic Pride UK Limited who confirmed that the annual lamppost testing for The Parish has been carried out, We have been informed that two dead lampposts from the list hence the report seems to show 45 tests, however in reality only 43 tests have been carried out. Robert also noted that Christmas Lights 2025 is the third year of the current Christmas Lights contract. Noted

(8) Pleasley Parish Council's Newsletter – Arrangements for next newsletter. Previous minutes asked for possible copy to be approved at June meeting. Councillors encouraged to send copy to Councillors M Gamble with the next week, An article to promote the Scarecrow festival was requested, also a report on VE Days events report by I Allen, Other ideas include articles from The Exercise Class and open doors, and community Speedwatch including promotion of the wheelie bin stickers, New Houghton Hub Events, St Michael update on fundraising. Councillor C Dale to write an article on the late Karen Seymour, Other ideas include articles about the Parish hanging baskets, dog glove container advice, extreme wheels events with possible article from The Head Teacher at Anthony Bek. Possible article regarding the menaces club board, advert slimmer's world and advertising of VJ event, Halloween, Remembrance event, Panto and any other future events

(9) Live and Local reports –Discuss arrangements for future bookings – The closing date is next Monday we are requesting 4 shows nominating 8 acts– checking with Doe Lea regarding dates, Live & Local to increase prices from £12.50 to £13 each.

(10) Discuss feedback form VE Day events at both community Centres – Two events were held at The Verney on the 5th May & New Houghton on the 8th May. It was suggested the creation of an events committee may be helpful in future. Funds raised for St Michaels. Events to be done with due diligence in future.

(11) DALC - April 2025 Newsletter – forwarded to councillors on 7/4/25- Councillors to discuss any matters arising that are referred to in this issue.

(12) Councillors to discuss adoption Pleasley Parish Council's Standing Order's for 2025/2026. - adopted

(13) Councillors to discuss adoption Pleasley Parish Council's Financial Regulations for 2025/2026.- adopted

(14) Planning Matters

In response to queries from Councillors at the previous Parish Council meeting;

Email of 14/4/25 from Samantha Sidwell Planning Enforcement Officer at Bolsover District Council

24/00369/FUL - 1 Deansgate Pleasley Mansfield NG19 7QW – This application was refused and is pending issuing an enforcement notice. We are trying to work with the owner to resolve the breach of planning which may involve submitted another application to be determined.

24/00494 - Nags Head Hotel Chesterfield Road Pleasley Mansfield NG19 7PA – this application was to discharge the landscaping condition which was granted on the 2/12/2024 relating to application 24/00069/Ful which was granted permission on the 15/4/2024.

Full details and supporting documents for the above applications can be found on the Bolsover District Council website under Planning Applications.

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. Copies of the relevant details and plans submitted in connection with the above application can be found on the Councils web site:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR REVISED PLANS

1. 3rd April 2025 - Application No: 25/00162/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Change of use of land to enable the stationing of 4 residential mobile home plots for

travelling show people to occupy with associated access and landscaping.

Location: Station Yard Chesterfield Road Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Messrs Marshall & Allen

i. Email of 29/4/25 from Mark Penford – Planner at Bolsover District Council I refer to the above planning application, which you were consulted on for comments on 3rd April. The consultation period ended on 25th April. If you are still intending to provide comments on the application, please do so no later than Tuesday 6th May. – Following concerns raised in the Public Speaking Section of the previous meeting The Clerk has forwarded individual councillor's concerns via email to Mark Penford regarding this application.

2. 2nd April 2025 - Application No: 25/00153/FUL Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Erection of single front and side extensions

Location: The Croft Old School Lane Pleasley Mansfield

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Kirkham

– Councillor W Kirkham declared an interest.

(16) BANKING OVERLEAF

Date	Type		VAT	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
		Opening Balance				3447.89
01-Apr-25	D/D	BOLSOVER D C Community Centre Rates The Verney	0	-144.87		3303.02
01-Apr-25	D/D	BOLSOVER D C - Community Centre Rates - New Houghton	0	-180		3123.02
01-Apr-25	DPC	Clerk Stationary refund	-5.79	-35.71		3087.31
01-Apr-25	BAC	Tenant 1- JM - Dale End GRAZING LAND	0		125	3212.31
01-Apr-25	BAC	KS/DC Crompton Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		80	3292.31
01-Apr-25	BAC	Tenant 2- SH- Dale End GRAZING LAND	0		75	3367.31
03-Apr-25	D/D	NEST Staff Pension fees Month 1 (25/26)	0	-66.48		3300.83
03-Apr-25	D/D	AQUISS - New Houghton Community Centre - Internet Fees	-6	-36		3264.83
03-Apr-25	BAC	B/D Crompton Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		40	3304.83
04-Apr-25	BAC	KM Meden Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		40	3344.83
07-Apr-25	DPC	PPL PRS LTD L&L fees 2024/25	-18.6	-111.61		3233.22
07-Apr-25	DPC	BOLSOVER DISTRICT , PLEASLEYPC 220818 Playground maintenance & repairs	-40	-288		2945.22
07-Apr-25	DPC	GARDEN FORCE BDAWS, Green Waste removal- Terrace Lane Recreation	0	-450		2495.22
14-Apr-25	BAC	PB Crompton Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		40	2535.22
14-Apr-25	BAC	SG Meden Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		80	2615.22
14-Apr-25	BAC	SF Meden Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		40	2655.22
14-Apr-25	BAC	SJ Meden Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		120	2775.22
15-Apr-25	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078068 Electricity New Houghton Community Centre	-4.6	-96.56		2678.66
15-Apr-25	BAC	AB - Crompton Allotment 2025/26 Fees	0		40	2718.66
17-Apr-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 Crompton St Allotments	0	-345		2373.66
17-Apr-25	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 600983076 - Verney Gas	-7.41	-155.61		2218.05
22-Apr-25	D/D	BT GROUP PLC , GP00456935-000080 Verney Phone/Internet	-9.38	-56.27		2161.78
22-Apr-25	DPC	DLBERNEY PLUMBING works - drain unblock New Houghton Community Centre	0	-90		2071.78
22-Apr-25	DPC	Clerk Stationary refund	-2.37	-14.23		2057.55
23-Apr-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0831128392 Verney	0	-81.81		1975.74
24-Apr-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 7001454807 Crompton St Allotments	0	-78.92		1896.82
24-Apr-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0748010617 Meden Ave Allotments	0	-52.75		1844.07
24-Apr-25	D/D	WATER PLUS , 0510004799 New Houghton Community Centre	0	-53.45		1790.62
24-Apr-25	BAC	AW Lymn Memorial Fees BEARDSHAW	0		25	1815.62
25-Apr-25	D/D	BRITISH GAS BUSINE, 601078138 Verney Electricity	-4.75	-99.79		1715.83
25-Apr-25	CHQ	Staff Month 1 Salary payment	0	-719.36		996.47
25-Apr-25	D/D	SAGE UK LTD Accounting Software fees	-9	-54		942.47
30-Apr-25	ITL	BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL , CHAPS TFR - PRECEPT 2025/26	0		52569	53511.47
01-May-25	D/D	BOLSOVER D C Community Centre Rates The Verney	0	-146		53365.47
01-May-25	D/D	BOLSOVER D C - Community Centre Rates - New Houghton	0	-180		53185.47
01-May-25	D/D	AQUISS - New Houghton Community Centre - Internet Fees	-6	-36		53149.47
01-May-25	DPC	Nationwide Savings Accounts Transfer	0	-1000		52149.47
01-May-25	DPC	HMRC CUMBERNAULD Month 2 Staff Liabilities Tax & National Insurance	0	-985.78		51163.69
01-May-25	DPC	Staff Month 2 Salaries	0	-3002.19		48161.5
01-May-25	BAC	Tenant 1- JM - Dale End GRAZING LAND	0		125	48286.5
01-May-25	BAC	Tenant 2- SH- Dale End GRAZING LAND	0		75	48361.5
02-May-25	BAC	SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS - Verney Room Hire - April - June 2025	0		200	48561.5
03-May-25	DEP	Cash Deposit - Income - Verney income APRIL 2025	0		105	48666.5
03-May-25	DEP	Cash Deposit - Income - New Houghton APRIL 2025	0		345	49011.5
03-May-25	DEP	Cash Deposit - Income - Ian Allen - 4 x remembrance poppies PUW CAMP	0		30	49041.5
		Totals	-£113.90	-8560.39	54154	
		CLOSING BALANCE		48561.5		
		OPENING BALANCE		3447.89		

Clerk notes that the Current Balance of the Reserve Account is £4,160.68 as of the 12th May 2025.

The following item/s for Councillors to determine if members of the public or press to be excluded from the meeting due to the following: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states; " A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public

Signed.....

Chair

during proceedings to which the resolution applies."

(17) Following previous correspondence of 24/3/25 from one of the current allotment tenants (who has two allotments) asking if their fees can be omitted this year due to ill health as they are not well enough to attend the allotment. – further correspondence from tenant. The tenant reply of 13/4/25 - Thank you for the reply to my request, I appreciate the understanding of my circumstances and understand your position, I agree to your proposal and only ask that my belongings are kept secure in my sheds on the allotment as they will be needed when I return to them next year health permitting. NOTED