

**PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 2 March 2020**

**Present**

Councillor J H Wright (Chair)

Councillors, I Allen, Mrs P M Bowmer, D M Gamble, Mrs C W Kirkham, T Kirkham and Mrs C Randall

Also present:  
None

**PART1- NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**58/20 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, accepted and noted from Councillor Mrs V Douglas who has a long-term illness, Councillor Mrs J Jones who had a hospital appointment and Councillor N Jordan who had work commitments

**59/20 Declaration of Members interests**

Councillor Gamble declared an interest in Correspondence item (xi) and did not take part in this discussion

**60/20 Dispensation granted to Members declaring disclosable pecuniary interests in an agenda item**

None

**61/20 Public Participation**

(i) None

**(ii) Report of the Police Representative**

(i) No police representative was present at the meeting. The Clerk reported that no new crime statistics had been published on the Police website since December 2019, and the December statistics had been reported at the February meeting. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**(iii) Report from Community Speedwatch Initiative (if any)**

There were no Speedwatch events to report but Councillor Gamble reported that the Police had carried out an official speed check, using a mobile speed camera, on Newboundmill Lane. Councillor Gamble also

reported that all volunteers are required to undertake refresher training in the near future. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**(iv) Report of the County Councillor**

Councillor Dale reported she had requested that consideration is given to installing a vehicle activated speed sign for Rotherham Road, New Houghton; this had resulted in her being provided with a copy of the criteria used by Derbyshire County Council in reaching these decisions. This information will be forwarded to the Clerk who will distribute it to all Parish Councillors; however, she advised that Rotherham Road may not satisfy the current criteria as it is deemed to have an excellent safety record. She also updated on previously reported issues, recorded at the February meeting, including the County Council budget and the proposed closure of some care homes in the County but confirmed that Shirebrook would remain open. It was also reported that discussions are taking place on a long-term strategy to provide 'made for purpose' bungalows as part of the social care plans for the elderly.

**(v) Report of the District Councillor**

District Councillor T Kirkham reported that dog waste on the Millennium Green had been reported to the Dog Warden; as it was considered that some dog owners were allowing their dogs to roam unattended and not clearing up waste. He also reported that the Houghton Community Hub project was still in progress but had not yet set up a bank account. He reported that he is to attend a meeting at Pleasley Vale, called in response to problems with motorcycles causing anti-social behaviour. It was also reported that a New Houghton resident had complained of young people congregating on seats adjacent to Shoulder of Mutton Lane on Rotherham Road Recreation Ground and alleged that anti-social behaviour is taking place. He reported that the Bolsover District Council Local Plan has been approved. He also informed that he planned to contact the Northumberland and Durham Property Trust Ltd about the potholes on the unadopted road running between Portland Street and Devonshire Street in New Houghton.

**62/20 Date of next Meeting**

RESOLVED that that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 6 April 2020 in the Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley and that the date for the May Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting be provisionally fixed for Monday 4 May 2020.

**63/20 Minutes of Last Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 be

approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**64/20 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**65/20 Allotments**

(i) No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**66/20 Cemetery**

(i) No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**67/20 Footpaths**

(i) The Clerk reported that the survey visits had recently been completed for consideration of the work to be undertaken on Shoulder of Mutton Lane and the path adjacent to the Rotherham Road children's play area and the quotations would be considered at a future meeting. It was also reported that a broken wooden public footpath sign near the entrance to the Pleasley Miners Welfare had been reported to Derbyshire County Council. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**68/20 Highways**

(i) No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**69/20 New Houghton Community Centre**

(i) No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

(ii) Update on Open Door Computer Group

No issues to report. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(iii) A short discussion was held to discuss a request from District Councillor T Kirkham proposing that a 'Monday morning café' is run at the Community Centre until the community shop (formerly known

as the Freedom Centre) re-opens. It was

RESOLVED that provided suitable volunteers could be found, free use of the centre would be given until the community shop re-opens.

**70/20**      **Recreation Grounds**

(i) The Clerk reported that graffiti had been removed from the Nexus multi-play equipment at the Rotherham Road play area. Councillor T Kirkham also suggested that consideration is given to re-locating the football goal posts on the Terrace Lane Recreation Ground due to significant surface damage and deterioration of the goal mouth areas. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Clerk will carry out a site survey with Councillor T Kirkham to identify a suitable area for re-locating the goal posts.

**71/20**      **Street Lighting**

(i) Councillor Allen reported that the Street lighting issue near the roundabout on Rotherham Road, previously reported to Derbyshire County Council, had still not been resolved. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**72/20**      **Verney Institute**

(i) The Clerk reported that no Exercise Class had been held on 2 March 2020 as the instructor was unavailable. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**73/20**      **Correspondence**

The following items of general correspondence have been received:

(i) Email from a resident requesting that consideration is given to installing additional play equipment at the Terrace Lane Recreation Ground for children aged 7 plus. It was

RESOLVED that initial investigations would be made into possible types of equipment, it's cost, and potential sources of funding would be made by Councillor Gamble and Councillor T Kirkham in liaison with the Clerk

(ii) Email from The Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre with an invitation to take part in our annual Derby to Skegness cycle ride for 2020, which is taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

(iii) Email from DALC with a copy of the Training Events Timetable for

Councillors and the Clerk. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (iv) Email from Derbyshire County Council with an invitation from Councillor Carol Hart to the next Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum which is being held at 6pm on Monday 30 March 2020 at County Hall, Matlock. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (v) Email from Active Derbyshire with Funding News for February 2020. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (vi) Email from Bolsover District Council with a Funding Newsletter for information. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (vii) Email from Derbyshire County Council informing that this year's Director of Public Health Report is called 'Stronger for Longer' and is about the important issue of ageing well. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (viii) Letter from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre requesting that consideration is given towards providing a donation to the children's holiday programme. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted.

- (ix) Letter from Mark Fletcher (MP for Bolsover) informing of correspondence received from a resident and requesting that consideration is given towards making a grant towards the repair of potholes on the unadopted road running between Portland Street and Devonshire Street in New Houghton. It was

RESOLVED that a formal reply will be formulated at the next meeting.

- (x) Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council giving 'Notice of Submission of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan'. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xi) Letter from the Treasurer of Pleasley Pit Trust requesting a grant towards the cost of installing ten loop type cycle racks to allow cyclists to secure their cycles whilst visiting the Pleasley Pit site. It was

RESOLVED that a Section 137 Grant of £200 will be made towards this project

- (xii) Email from DALC giving details of agenda items and the reservation procedure for its Spring Seminar on 12 March 2020 at Alfreton Hall. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xiii) Email from Derbyshire County Council giving details of a campaign to encourage the recycling of household electrical items. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xiv) Email from Bolsover District Council informing that they are replacing the Parish Gazette publication with a Parish Newsletter with immediate effect. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted and further clarification would be requested regarding the proposals relating to the quantity and distribution of the proposed newsletter

- (xv) DALC Circular Number 3  
It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xvi) Email from Active Derbyshire and Active Notts, with an invitation to an upcoming Talking Insights workshop which focuses on better understanding women & girls physical activity behaviours. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

- (xvii) Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council informing of an 'Issues and Options Consultation on the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan from 27 February to 9 April 2020. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

**74/20 Pleasley Parish Council Newsletter**

The Chairman reported that the preparation of Newsletter (issue 60) was complete and had been sent for printing and distribution. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**75/20 Pleasley Parish Council's Website**

A short discussion was held to consider the addition of an article detailing the history of The Verney Institute to the website. It was

RESOLVED that the Chairman will draft an article and share with council members for approval before publication on the website.

**76/20 Defibrillator installed in the phone kiosk opposite to Pleasley Cross**

The Clerk reported that a kiosk panel had become dislodged, which was presumed to have been caused by high winds, and that Mr P Crouch had kindly carried out a repair in his own time and using his own materials. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**77/20 Scarecrow Festival 2020**

No issues were reported or discussed. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted

**78/20 Bolsover District Council - Growth, Economic Development and Regeneration**

- (i) A short discussion was held to consider an invitation sent on behalf of Bolsover District Councillor Steve Fritchley, Leader of the Council, inviting expressions of interest in meeting with him, and District Council Officers, to discuss the possibility of working more collaboratively together. in the interest of the district. on the themes of Growth, Economic Development and Regeneration. It was

RESOLVED that the contents be noted

**79/20 Live and Local**

- (i) Councillor Gamble reported that fifty-two ticket had been sold for the next event schedule for 25 April 2020
- (ii) A short discussion was held to consider participation in, and the choosing of events for, the 2020/21 season. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and authority to choose concerts for the next season of events is delegated to the Live and Local working party consisting Councillors Gamble, Kirkham and Randall and the Clerk.

**80/20 Grounds Maintenance Tender – Proposed charges from Bolsover District Council**

Consideration was given to the quotation from Bolsover District Council for grass cutting at Pleasley Cemetery and the Rotherham Road and Terrace Lane recreation Grounds for 2020. It was

RESOLVED that the quote is accepted and the maintenance contract is renewed for 2020

**81/20 Servicing of Dog/Litter Bins – Proposed Recharges from Bolsover**

## **District Council for 2020/21**

A short discussion was held to consider a revised quote from Bolsover District Council which incorporates the emptying of additional dog waste bins on the Millennium Green and Portland Street, New Houghton. It was

RESOLVED that a request is made to Bolsover District Council to continue to service the litter and dog waste bins on behalf of Pleasley Parish Council. Pleasley Parish Council will pay for this service, on a quarterly basis, in accordance with the charges detailed in the letter and in accordance with the revised quote this incorporates the emptying of the five additional dog waste bins on the Millennium Green and Portland Street

### **82/20 Hanging Basket Scheme 2020**

- (i) The Clerk presented quotes from four potential suppliers to supply and maintain the hanging baskets for the 2020 season. It was

RESOLVED that the Clerk offers a one-year contract to the supplier identified as offering the best value quote in accordance with the evaluation process.

- (ii) A short discussion was held to consider a quote for lamppost testing which included the offer of a three-year deal. It was

RESOLVED to accept the quote for a one-year deal in line with the existing one-year contract for the supply and maintenance of the hanging baskets

### **83/20 Youth Provision**

- (i) Councillor T Kirkham reported that it had not yet been possible to arrange a group meeting to hold an initial discussion about youth provision in the Pleasley Parish. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that this item will be included on a future agenda when feedback is available from this group

### **84/20 Appearance of Pleasley Parish Area**

Members of the Council expressed an interest in investigating the possibility of displaying Christmas lights on lampposts in the Pleasley Parish. It was

RESOLVED that the Clerk will investigate the potential options and cost to be reported at a future meeting.

### **85/20 Planning Matters**

- (i) Planning applications

None

(ii) Planning applications received after the publication of the agenda  
None

(iii) Ratification of decisions made by email consultation since the last meeting  
None

None

**Notification of Decision**

None

**86/20 Accounts**

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
<b><u>Cheque No</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
0490	Mitchell Fire Protection Ltd	Test and service fire appliances at The Verney Institute	£90.00
0491	C & L Janitorial Ltd	Cleaning Products – Verney Institute	£46.33
0492	Live and Local	Concert Fee (Mayor and James)	£540.00
0493	Bolsover District Council	Removal of graffiti from play equipment at Rotherham Road Recreation Ground	£33.23
0494	Bolsover District Council	Uncontested Election Fee for Parish Council Election 2019	£98.85
0495 to 0499	Employees	Wages and expenses	£2834.98
0500	HMRC	Tax and NIC	£319.22
0501	N Pocklington	Reimbursement for stationery for Verney and Open Door Computer Group, and replacement and spare light bulbs for Verney	£22.60
0502	PPL PRS Ltd	Royalty payment for Mayor and James Live and Local concert	£26.46
0503	Shirebrook Town Council	Hire of outreach chair aerobics instructor for exercise class (February 2020)	£80.00
0504	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Cleaning of bus shelters (January 2020)	£65.88

**Income**



**Signed.....**  
**Chairman**