

**PLESHEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Pleshey Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 in Pleshey Village Hall**

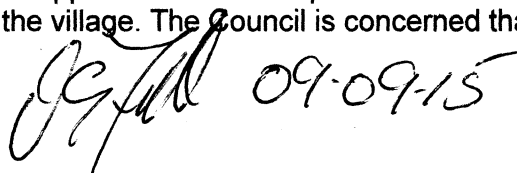
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**PRESENT:** Councillors I. Jarrett (Chair), N. Robinson, K. Holland, J. Mallender, D. Sugg

1. **Chairman's Welcome**  
Cllr Jarrett welcomed council members and members of the public to the meeting.
2. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**  
Cllr Loudfoot due to business commitments  
City Cllr Chambers due to a prior commitment  
County Cllr Aldridge due to business
3. **Declarations of Interest - None declared.**
4. **Public participation session**  
Mr Alexander Micklem spoke briefly about the planning application to be considered at Item 13.1, indicating that he would be willing to assist the Council should they have any questions regarding the application. The Chairman thanked Mr Micklem for his attendance.
5. **Report from ECC and CCC attending Councillors - none present.**
6. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2015**  
The minutes of the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed accordingly.
7. **Policing / Parish Watch Initiative**  
It was agreed that the new Parish Watch initiative appeared to be working well and providing timely and useful information.
8. **Financial Report**
  - 8.1 Bank account status.  

Community Account at 29/5/15	£14,246.99
Business Account at 29/4/15	£ 1,485.22
  - 8.2 Payments were approved for of £256 were agreed.
9. **Clerks Report**  
The Clerk reported that the Annual Safety Report had been received and circulated to Cllr Sugg and Mr Edwards with regard to the GJPA.
10. **Golden Jubilee Play Area**  
Arrangements were in hand to have the benches treated.
11. **Multipurpose Sports Area**  
The Chairman provided an update on the current position.
12. **Planning15/00978/FUL - Lodge Farm, The Street - Description of works: New access road from existing vehicle access to existing barn.**

It was agreed that whilst Pleshey Parish Council has no objection to this application it would urge that in the event of the Application being approved, that approval is conditional on a clear line of access for the existing Footpath 16 with associated signage and measures to ensure separation between the footpath and the driveway. The Parish Council takes the view that Footpath 16 is an essential asset to the community allowing access to view the historic castle site. Furthermore, the Council regrets that the opportunity has not been taken by the applicant to create a permissive thoroughfare to complete the "circular path" around the village. The Council is concerned that the new



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access road will attract more users of the path (which currently is a cul-de-sac) and that the lack of a recognisable permissive to complete the circuit will cause conflict in the future. **Note: the application has been subsequently withdrawn.**

**14. Highways**

The Clerk was asked to report the potholes in the road toward Parkgate.

**15. Allotments Gates**

There was some discussion about the possibility of providing gates at the entrances to the allotment sites. It was agreed to keep the matter under review.

**16. Casual Vacancy on the Council**

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a co-option onto the Council should a suitable candidate be found. The matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

**17. Broadband Coverage - communication from Chairman of GWPC.**

Cllr Mallender agreed to liaise with GWPC on this matter.

**18. Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

- casual vacancy
- consideration of the Internal Audit Report

Payee	Item	£	VAT	£ Total
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspection	✓ 130.00	26.00	156.00
Pleshey Choir	Grant	✓ 100.00	0	100.00

*J. J. J. 09-09-15*