

PLESHEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Pleshey Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 in Pleshey Village Hall

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PRESENT: Councillors I. Jarrett (Chair), N. Robinson, K. Holland, J. Mallender, D. Loudfoot
City Councillor N. Chambers
County Councillor John Aldridge

1. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Jarrett welcomed council members and members of the public to the meeting.

There followed a presentation on Internet Access in Pleshey given by County Broadband. A number of members of the public were present who took part in a discussion at the end of the presentation.

2. Apologies and reasons for absence - no absences

3. Declarations of interests - none declared

4. Public participation session

Ms Weatherley was present and asked about progress regarding the dog bins. In response the Chairman agreed to take that item first.

5. Provision of Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that following discussion at the last meeting he had obtained information regarding costs from the City Council. The City Council would only collect from bins that they had supplied and installed and each one of these would be £270 each. The revenue costs would be £500 per year. There was general agreement, in principle, that a number of bins could be purchased from the reserves but the Clerk advised caution on committing on-going revenue expenditure without raising the precept since it would not be prudent to drain reserves to pay for this. The Clerk explained that £500 represented a 7% increase in the Council Tax levied by the Parish, or an average of £5 on the Council Tax for each property. After discussion, it was agreed that before making a decision to commit the Council to such an increase, the Council should seek the views of residents as to whether there was a desire for the provision of dog bins; and whether residents would be prepared to see an increase in the precept to pay for their emptying. It was further agreed that a survey or informal referendum would be the best way to gauge opinion and that the advice of the new Parish Clerk would be sought on this matter.

6. Report from ECC and CCC attending Councillors

Cllr Chambers and Cllr Aldridge provided an update on various issues affecting their respective Councils.

7. Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 18th November 2015

The minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2015 as a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the meeting.

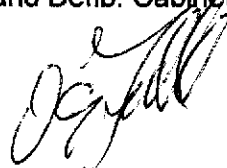
8. Neighbourhood Watch/Parish Watch Initiative

The recent notifications were noted.

9. Financial Report

9.1	Bank account status. Community Account at 29/9/15	£18,000.44
	Business Account at 29/9/15	£ 1,485.76

9.2 The payments listed below were approved. In addition payments for the quarterly GJPA maintenance (£125), Defibrillator (£1010.10) and Defib. Cabinet (£930) were also agreed.


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10. Chelmsford Local Plan

The Clerk provided an update on the consultation process on the Chelmsford Local Plan. It was noted that a number of neighbouring Parish Council directly affected by some of the Options for new development proposed in the Local Plan had formed a pressure group to lobby for alternatives. It was further noted that none of the options proposed development within the Pleshey Parish boundary. In these circumstances it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make a submission. This would not preclude any Councillor or residents from commenting on the public consultation as individuals.

11. Golden Jubilee Play Area

The Clerk reported that Joe Edwards was now attending college and that his brother, Michael had offered to take over the maintenance inspection duties. This was agreed.

12. Multipurpose Sports Area

The Chairman provided an update on the current position.

13. Planning

13.1 15/01958/FUL - Mount House, The Street, Proposed Outbuilding and Landscaping works. **It was agreed that Pleshey Parish Council would endorse the comments of Historic England, the ECC Historic Environment Branch and the Planning and Listed Building Office. In addition, the Parish Council is concerned that the outbuilding could be converted into a separate dwelling and would ask that approval be given, appropriate conditions be imposed that would prevent it being used as a separate dwelling.**

13.2 15/01905/FUL - Little Orchard, Back Lane - Off street parking for 2 cars at front, including dropped kerb. **It was agreed that no observation would be made.**

14. Highways

The Clerk was asked to report potholes outside Robins Cottage on Grange Road.

15. Casual Vacancy on the Council

The Clerk reported that the Co-option Notice had been placed with candidates invited to register their interest with the Clerk by 21st January.

16. Appointment of Clerk

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman had met to agree a shortlist. The Chairman and the outgoing Clerk had interviewed. Unfortunately the Vice Chairman could not be present and therefore the Chairman formally sought the Council's permission to appoint Will Adshead-Grant to the post of Clerk. Mr Adshead-Grant was currently Assistant Clerk at Great Waltham PC and would continue in that role. It was agreed to appoint Mr Adshead-Grant at a pay point equivalent to his post at GWPC.

19. Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
- Broadband

Payee	Item	£	VAT	£ Total
M.Edwards	GJPA Contract	125.00	0.00	125.00
Well Medical Ltd	Defibrillator	841.75	168.35	1010.10
Green Urban Tech Ltd	Defibrillator cabinet	775.00	155.00	930.00

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