



Clerk: W.J.Adshead-Grant

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 8pm :

2021/464 Elect a Parish Chairman

Resolution Cllr David Loudfoot was elected

2021/465 Sign the declaration of office

Resolution The declaration was signed

2021/466 Elect a Vice-chairman

Resolution Cllr Gill Howeson was elected

2021/467 Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Cllr Loudfoot

Cllrs Kenning, Holland and Howeson.

2021/468 Apologies

Cllr Gunn (Unwell), Cllr Malender (Self-Isolating) and Cllr Haigh (Stepped Down).

The Parish Council noted their thanks for the service of Cllr Haigh.

2021/469 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda.

Cllr Howeson declared a non pecuniary interest in 2021/491 through a family member

2021/470 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish

3 members of the public attended to discuss 2021/475 - Application 21/00203/FUL. The applicant clarified the estimated low traffic volume and hire cycle of the business with equipment not coming back to the farm every day.

Clarification of the shooting heard in Woolmers Mead. This was less than four private shoots on private land. The noise can also be the bird scarer cannons that are used with the seeding and early growth of the Oil Seed rape crop.

2021/471 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly meeting on the 5th May 2021

Resolution Change the Planning committee to show one Vacancy

Resolution The minutes were confirmed.

2021/472 Report from Essex County Council - Cllr Mike Steel

In role for 1 month and on the Highways Committee, Health & Wellbeing board and the Local Highways Panel. The new leader of the Council is Kevin Bentley and the new Chairman is Eddie Johnson. Potential to escalate and influence Highways repairs if an immediate safety issue, and large footfall, no impact on low priority repairs. Use the Highways site to report issues. The tender has just been re-run – clarification on the number of “entitled” children. However, the tender does not include school children who purchase additional seats.

There is a danger/reality that school buses will disappear and be replaced by smaller cars. The main tender criteria is cost. Representation to the Highways Cabinet Member,;

Cost should not be the only criteria. Replacing buses with numerous cars for the entitled children has a negative environmental consequences as well as removing the positive social aspects of interaction between kids. Using cars rather than buses, will mean there are no spare seats to purchase, and all the paying customers will get transported by parent's cars with more of the same negative consequences. The Highways Cabinet member has taken this to the leader of the Council, whose main theme is the green agenda. I have a follow up meeting on 10th June.

Longfield Solar Farm City Council briefing on Friday 11th June.

2021/473 Report from Chelmsford City Council - Cllr Nicolette Chambers

Parliamentary Boundary changes planned for 2023 the proposal will move the Chelmsford Rural West to the parliamentary seat of Braintree.

Chelmsford City Council By-election 1st July for the Writtle Ward. Ward surgeries will recommence in July

2021/474 Update on status of Planning Applications.

No updates.

2021/475 New Planning Applications

1. **Application Number 21/00203/FUL**

Address Park Farm, Park Road, Pleshey, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1JA

Proposal Change of use of an agricultural barn to storage and distribution of small vehicle plants (Class Use B8).

Resolution After discussion with the applicant the Parish Council fully supports the application.

2. **Reference: 21/05558/CAT**

Address: 3 Woolmers Mead Pleshey Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Leyland Cypress (Leylandii) - (Labelled Tree No 1 on site plan) - Front Garden - Fell - Reason - Afraid that the roots will do damage to the sewage pipe, will instead plant something that will not become a problem while allowing access through the gate.

Resolution The Parish Council supports this application.

3. **Reference: 21/01004/FUL**

Address: Pleshey Grange Grange Road Pleshey Chelmsford

Description of works: 3 car detached garage with second floor home office

Resolution The Parish Council has no comment.

2021/476 Financial Report

Bank account status: Business Account £ 22,844.19 (£17,013.13 + £5831.06 com)

Cheque Account £ 5,977.48

Total £28,821.67

Resolution The Accounts were noted

2021/477 Payments for approval at the meeting:

Bill for Repairs at Playground	100940	£80.00	Open Spaces
Clerk - Phone Box parts	100941	£964.28	Community Fund
Clerk - Timber parts	100942	£486.00	Community Fund
HMRC	100943	£50.00	PAYE
Clerk - wages and expenses	100944	£197.59	Salary & Misc
Essex Pension Fund	100945	£120.35	Pension
Zurich Insurance	100946	£666.58	Insurance
Rospa	100947	£103.20	Rospa
EALC / NALC	100948	£92.95	Subscription

Total £2760.95

Resolution The payments were approved.

2021/478 Clerk's Report.

- EMail list for the Parish - third party providers - No update
- Annual Accounts with Internal Auditor - Exemption to External Audit 2021
- Handyman Repairs - additional details under 2021/490

2021/479 Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation - Vice Chairman

Resolution The bank reconciliation was agreed.

2021/480 Update on the gate at the play area.

The gate should be resolved over the summer. Pleshey Forge working with Cllr Kenning on a solution

Resolution Defer Item to September Meeting

2021/481 Power Cuts - Uk Power Networks for an update on the works .
The works are ongoing. There is a slight delay as a wayleave is required to move some of the power cables underground .

Resolution Defer Item to September Meeting

2021/482 Update on work undertaken by the Handyman and planned over the summer recess

Resolution Following the Annual Rospa inspection and a RPII inspection some items of wooden equipment need to be updated or removed. The trim trail is beyond economical repair and needs to be removed. The Fort needs some work so that it can continue to be used over the summer however it will need to be replaced in the short term due to rot in primary support timbers.

Resolution Handyman resource to Focus on Trim trail , PhoneBox conversion and Fort in priority order.

2021/483 Discuss a policy for recording and advising applicants when Parish Planning applications are in front of the Council.

Resolution Where possible applicants are informed by E-mail or Post of when their application is being discussed at the Parish Council or Planning Committee.

2021/484 Review a new version of the risk Matrix

Resolution Defer Item to September Meeting

2021/485 Allotment rents

Resolution Defer Item to September Meeting

2021/486 Has the Table Tennis hardstanding been installed ?

Resolution The hardstanding is not yet in place. Clerk to contact village hall for estimated installation.

2021/487 Update on the Clerk's annual appraisal - Chairman Current Spinal point 13 - rising to Sp 14 - Increase of 24p per hour - Impact of £49.92 per annum

Resolution Clerks' new pay rate approved after successful appraisal.

2021/488 Clarify the process for the phone box book swop and storage

Resolution Cllr Holland to discuss with the parties involved.

Resolution Clerk with Chairman to have delegated powers to approve up to £1000 to employ additional resources if required to meet August opening.

2021/489 Discuss an Ecology report for the Parish - Cllr Kenning

Resolution **Request a proposal - Cllr Kenning to manage process**

2021/490 Playground Inspection report and potential actions - Clerk

Resolution **Item covered under 2021/482**

2021/491 Discuss the proposals for Longfield Solar Farm

Resolution **Item delegated to Cllr Kenning to draft a report for the Council to consider.**

2021/492 Discuss the proposal for Areas for tree planting in Pleshey

Resolution **Link this to the Ecology report**

2021/493 IT update for the Clerk - Current unit no longer supported

Resolution **Clerk to investigate and confirm options with the Chairman up to a value of £700 before purchase.**

2021/494 Request for £1050 for football goals at the Village Hall

Resolution **Generally the Parish Council approves of the use of common and green areas. The Parish Council welcomes funding applications from any organisation in the community as funding cannot be given to individuals.**

Resolution **The Clerk to contact the applicant and confirm the organisation that is supporting the application.**

2021/495 Items for the next agenda - All

- Handyman works over the summer
- Uk Power Networks
- Risk Matrix
- Gate at the playground
- Parliamentary change of Chelmsford Rural west to Braintree
- County Broadband - Fibre rollout
- Allotment Rents
- Queens platinum celebration 2nd to 5th June 2022
- New Parish Councillors (Currently 1 vacancy)
- Potential Replacements for the Fort and Trim Trail - alternative products

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 08.09.2021.

13.10 , 10.11

Meeting Closed 22.10

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Clerk to the Council