



Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 8pm to transact the following business:

2021/496 Chairman's Welcome

Chairman: Cllr Loudfoot

Councillors: Mallender, Howeson, Gunn, Kenning and Holland.

2021/497 Apologies for absence

None required.

2021/498 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

None

2021/499 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish
(Items do not need to be on the agenda)

No members of the public present.

2021/500 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly meeting on the 9th of June 2021

Resolution The Minutes were confirmed.

Resolution Minutes to be circulated with the agenda in future.

2021/501 Note the Planning Minutes from 13th July 2021

Resolution The Minutes were noted.

2021/502 Note the Planning Minutes from 27th July 2021

Resolution The Minutes were noted.

2021/503 Report from Essex County Council - Cllr Mike Steel

Cllr Steel sent his apologies and his report.

Afghan Resettlement UK Govt have made an extra £5M available

Mid and South Essex Hospital Trust: (incudes Broomfield Hospital)

Number of patients waiting for more than 52 weeks for treatment increased to 4 times pre covid levels. The Plan is to reduce this significantly. However, a difficult winter is expected.

Army & Navy consultation

Open until 3rd Oct – down to remaining 2 choices – Hamburger or T-Junction. Search on essexhighways.org/

Residents invited to have their say on the library service

Morning session 11:30-12:30, 20th September: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-on-the-library-service-tickets-169622719119>

Evening session 18:00-19:00, 20th September: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-on-the-library-service-tickets-169624544579>

County Broadband Roadworks:

They assured Cllr Steel that they would only close roads if necessary. ECC notices tend to present worst case in terms of disruption to allow for flexibility.

Home to School Transport – ECC are only responsible for transporting entitled children to school for free. Entitlement is Govt set criteria where a child under 16 has the **nearest** school is more than 3 miles away, or it is less than 3 miles but there isn't a safe walking route.

Chelmer Valley High School (CVHS) has been served by a coach company for over 5 years, but this year competition from cab companies has brought in alternatives to larger school buses. The CVHS contract was still won by the coach company, but at a lower price. Consequently, the coach company has had to replan routes and vehicle sizes and the number of unused seats, which can be sold to non-entitled children, is less. This has resulted in many complaints from parents.

However, we have been in ongoing contact with the coach operator to try to maximise the number of seats for sale. The net result is that the CVHS contract accommodates 158 entitled children who have applied (contractual capacity was 170) and the capacity has been enhanced to 200 by allowing standing and conditional offerings, meaning 42 seats are available for sale. It is believed that this means that the Chignals, Boreham, Leighs, Great Waltham non-entitled children have been accommodated but around 20 in Newlands Spring have not.

2021/504 Report from Chelmsford City Council - Cllr Nicolette Chambers

Cllr Chambers sent her apologies.

2021/505 Update on status of Planning Applications:

21/01193/FUL	The Barn Back Lane Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1HL	Application Permitted
21/00788/FUL	The Folly the Street Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1HE	Application Permitted

2021/506 New Planning Applications

1. Reference: 21/01506/FUL

Address: Plesheybury Bury Road Pleshey Chelmsford

Description of works: Single storey rear extension to existing detached annexe. Conversion of existing storage outbuilding to gym and habitable area. Construction of swimming pool with gazebo canopy and patio area.

Resolution The Parish Council has no objections. The extension must remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

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3. Reference: 21/01622/FUL

Address: Park Farm Park Road Pleshey Chelmsford

Description of works: Retrospective application for the change of use of an agricultural yard to siting of 2 storage containers and change of use of part of an agricultural building to storage (Class B8).

Resolution The Parish Council does not object to this application but note it's a retrospective application.

2021/507 Financial Report

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

Cheque Account £ 1,733.80

Resolution **In principle the Parish Council supports an Initial Ecology study of the Pleshey Parish.**

Resolution **Cllr Kenning to investigate sources and invite potential candidate to the next meeting.**

Resolution **Highlight to Cllr Steel the Ecological Survey with a view to a grant from the Locality fund.**

2021/517 Discuss the proposal for Areas for tree planting in Pleshey – Cllr Kenning

Resolution **Defer this item until we have an ecological survey.**

2021/518 Does the Parish Council to apply reinstate a footpath to the definitive map: Queens Walk across Queen's Garden (former cricket pitch).
The first path goes from the gate of the churchyard to the gate of the castle parallel to the moat. The Second footpath starts from the Churchyard turn right towards the concrete path. Witness reports have been prepared.

Resolution **The Parish Council supports this application, and it should be to be sent on to Essex County Council for review.**

2021/519 Discuss an update to the Play Equipment including a replacement of the Fort. Meeting with Playdale on site planned to discuss.

Resolution **Defer until the next meeting.**

2021/520 Discuss updating the financial regulations to include an item on Procurement. Proposal to create a mechanism to ensure that all future procurements for the Parish Council is accompanied by a drawing,

Resolution **Clerk and Cllr Kenning to draft an amendment to the financial regulations.**

2021/521 Update on the renovation of the phone box and the change of use to a book exchange. The grand opening is on the 11th of Sept.

Resolution **Thanks to those who have arranged the book exchange.**

2021/522 Discuss the information from Chelmsford City Council on Genuinely Affordable Homes in Chelmsford.

Resolution **Noted and item closed.**

2021/523 Discuss the past minutes and if we wish to digitally store them before handing the physical files to the Essex Records Office – Minutes 1950 to 2006.

Resolution **In principle Clerk to digitize the records. The loose leaf A4 records to be scanned in.**

Resolution **The Clerk to Investigate the cost of getting the book records professionally scanned.**

2021/524 Asset of Community Value – leather Bottle expires 5th March 2022.

Resolution **Clerk to re-apply.**

2021/525 Discuss the application from the Village Hall committee for a 50/50 grant for football goals at a grant value of £525.
Questions raised over accessibility and suitability of the goals for all in the Parish. A visit from the applicant required.

Resolution **Defer until next month**

Resolution **The Clerk to invite the applicant to the next meeting to explain the plans around the goals.**

2021/526 Discuss the road closures due to broadband installation.

County Broadband contacted the Parish Council to discuss the issues raised by the Chairman. County Broadband discussed with the contractor and to ensure that the road signs are covered when not in use. Road closed sign will be used when they are cutting across the width of the road.

Resolution **Continue to monitor.**

2021/527 Discuss the EALC initiative on “Councilor Buddies” – The Clerk

Resolution **Noted**

2021/528 Items for the next agenda – All

- Dates for 2022
- Budget for 2022
- Precept for 2022
- Queens Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Holland
- Councilor Vacancy

Meeting Closed 22:00
Will Adshead-Grant
Clerk to the Council

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 13.10.2021

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