



Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 8pm.

New member of the Parish Council welcomed to the meeting:
William Somerville was co-opted on to the Council.

Agenda

2021/529 Chairman's Welcome

Chair: Loudfoot

Cllr: Holland, Kenning, Mallender, Gunn, and Howeson

2021/530 Apologies for absence

None required.

The representatives of Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council gave their apologies.

2021/531 Consideration of co-option of new members to the parish council

Resolution **William Somerville was co-opted on to the Council**

2021/532 New Councillor to sign the declaration of office

Resolution **The Declaration of office was signed.**

2021/533 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

Resolution **There were no declarations.**

2021/534 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish

1 Member of the Public to discuss 2021/546. Clubs are running again at the Village Hall. The Old Goals are beyond useful life and need replacements. Mobile and light weight units for younger users. The Goals will be used by the Youth club and the general open evenings available for the community.

The Village Hall is up and running again. Several of the community clubs have not returned to using the hall yet. The Village Hall is self-funding. The accounts are in good standing.

The Bowls club need a carpet roller. They meet Thursday night 8pm in the Village Hall. Active Essex can be a funding option for the estimated £500 cost.

One member of the public to talk about the allotments. Discussed how a Peppercorn rent was originally agreed and discussion about how this piece of land was recovered for allotment use through arduous work of several of the allotment holders that are still there after many years. The allotment rents have been low for a long time. Some allotment holders do not quickly pay their dues. The Council plans to consult with the allotment holders. A figure of £24 per plot per annum was mentioned.

2021/535 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly meeting on the 8th of September 2021

Resolution **The minutes were confirmed.**

2021/536 Update on status of Planning Applications:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
21/01157/FUL	Pleachfield Vicarage Road Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1JG	Application Permitted
21/01291/LBC	St Michaels Cottage the Street Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1HA	Application Permitted
21/01290/FUL	St Michaels Cottage the Street Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1HA	Application Permitted
21/01507/LBC	Plesheybury Bury Road Pleshey Chelmsford CM3 1HB	Application Permitted

2021/537 Financial Report

Bank account status: Reserve Account £ 23,039.39 (£19,759.01 + £3280.38 com)

Income Interest payment £0.57 included above

Cheque Account £ 5024.31

Income £4216 50% of precept included above

Total £28,063.70

2021/538 Payments for approval at the meeting:

Date	Details	Chq	Total	Budget Header
06.10.2021	Clerk October Wages	100966	£115.81	Salary& Misc.
06.10.2021	HMRC	100967	£51.60	Paye
06.10.2021	Essex pension Fund	100968	£131.56	Pension

Resolution The Payments were approved

2021/539 Clerk's Report.

- Budget Item to be discussed – agenda item
- Allotment account for last 10 years was issued
- Draft amendment to the financial regulations – (2021/520) - Outstanding
- Clerk to Digitise the records – As time permits
- Clerk to gets quotes to digitise the book bound minutes – as time permits
- The leather Bottle Asset of Community Value (March 2022) – as time permits

2021/540 Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation

Resolution This was approved at zero difference by the Vice-Chairman

2021/541 Stansted Airport consultation

The information from the organisation in opposition to Stansted expansion was shared with the Council. There are two consultations – one for arrivals and one for departures.

Resolution Cllr Mallender Will attend one of the consultations

2021/542 Update on the Play area and equipment – Cllr Kenning

Meeting Friday 15th October 2021 10am with Playdale – 1st Quote to consider replacement equipment.

More input required for the designs and equipment needs. The Trim trail has been removed. The Fort has been partially dismantled – please do not use the fort.

2021/543 Broadband deployment

Cllr Loudfoot has discussed with County Broadband to review the broadband post in wolmers mead

Cllr Loudfoot has been added to the communication e-mails. Connection has been pushed out to Spring 2022.

2021/544 Power Cuts - UK Power Networks for an update on the works
No update has been sent to the Parish Council.

2021/545 Review a new version of the risk Matrix

Review next Month

2021/546 Discuss the application from the Village Hall committee for a 50/50 grant for football goals at a grant value of £525.

Resolution **The Parish Council agreed to a 50/50 split for new mobile goals.**

Resolution **Village Hall to support the grant with an invoice to the clerk and the Parish Council will re imbuse 50% of the cost.**

2021/547 Discuss and approve the meeting dates for the Parish Council for 2022
Update January date

Resolution **Approved**

Resolution **Clerk to communicate with the Village Hall, add to the website and the noticeboard.**

2021/548 Review and discuss the performance of the 2021 to 2022 Budget

Resolution **The budget was reviewed and accepted.**

2021/549 Review and Discuss the proposed budget for 2022- 2023

Resolution **To enable a deeper review – defer to next month.**

2021/550 Discuss a precept for 2022 to 2023 to be placed on Chelmsford City Council

Resolution **Defer to next month**

Resolution **There is an intent to reduce the precept from the current level.**

2021/551 Ecology Report – (Steve from Plum Associates will Join the meeting)

Countryside management Experience. Freelance Ecologist. Greening Galleywood – 15-year project. Chignal and Mashbury Orchard Management plan and design.

Phase 1 would be scoping work of areas of opportunity. Hedgerows. Grassland. Castle viewing point. Biodiversity net gain is a new government initiative for developers – potentially this will be off site mitigation away from the development site. Countryside stewardship.

Proactive report to aid with potential funding options.

Proposal for the scope around cost and timescales., Staging posts and outcomes.

Resolution **Agree to appoint Plum Associates as per the quote.**

Resolution **Discuss with Cllr Steel on the Locality Fund**

Chelmsford Local Highways Panel (LHP)

The latest report for all schemes can be accessed by the Chelmsford LHP website. The report is updated in the first week of each month.

<https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/chelmsford-lhp>

The website also contains information on the types of schemes in a series of Members' Guides, including the required criteria. My approach is to take recommendations from the PC, rather than individuals, and support ones that align with the objectives and criteria of the LHP.

It should be noted that the LHP is not an enforcement agency and speeding issues, or other traffic violations, need to be reported to the police via 101 or report on line

<https://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/>

You can also report it to SERP and ask them if they will arrange some speed traps

<https://saferessexroads.org/>

Safer Roads and Highways Maintenance:

The two topics I get most queries about – there are two sessions coming up which parish councils can attend.

You should have received an invitation from EALC to sign up to attend Essex Highways Multi topic briefing 7th Oct via Zoom – I hope you were able to make it. This was an informative session covering capital schemes, how repairs are prioritised, managing utilities, keeping people informed. From a safe roads perspective, it would be informative to join one of Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) events to understand the Vision Zero Strategy which aspires to ZERO road deaths and serious injuries on roads in the Essex, Southend, and Thurrock council areas by 2040. I have already attended one of these and it is useful to understand the entire system approach to this goal, and how this relates to Parish Councils. To attend, please click on the appropriate link below to get to Eventbrite page where you will be asked to register for this free event.

October 13th 10:00-12:00 please click [here](#)

October 28th 10:00-12:00 please click [here](#)

You might also like to look at Safer Essex Roads Partnership <https://saferessexroads.org/> and their Vision Zero Strategy which aspires to ZERO road deaths and serious injuries on roads in the Essex, Southend and Thurrock council areas by 2040. This is a systematic approach to reducing deaths and injuries on the roads – it is not just about speeding and preventing accidents, but also reducing the consequences should an accident occur.

Locality Fund

I have £10,000 to distribute over ten parishes, so logic suggests a fair distribution of around £1,000 each.

Applications received and granted - Good Easter Church for contribution to fence (£750), Great Waltham PC kitchen equipment for pavilion (£1,000), Good Easter PC contribution to defib (£300), Roxwell Church contribution to heating equipment (£1,000). Also submitted application on behalf of Beryl Platt Centre, Writtle, for drinks fridge (£1,000)

Broadband

I understand that you have been having some issues with county Broadband (CBB). I am voluntary a Broadband champion for my Great Waltham Parish and have helped to negotiate with CBB for pole placement in the GW Parish. More info is available here for County-wide broadband roll out in Essex including contact details for the Superfast Essex team.

<https://www.superfastessex.org/interactive-maps/rollout-map/>

You also have two volunteer Broadband Champions for your area which are noted on the website. As the Broadband Champion for Great Waltham, I talked directly to CBB. You may wish to engage your Broadband Champions to do likewise or directly contact CBB.

2021/553

Items for the next agenda – All

- Discuss arrangements for the Queens Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Holland
- Review and discuss the proposed budget for 2022- 2023
- Discuss a precept for 2022 to 2023 to be placed on Chelmsford City Council
- Update on the Ecology report
- Update on the Playground equipment
- Power Cuts
- Risk Matrix
- County Broadband
- Blocked gulley in Woolmers Mead.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 10.11.2021

No meeting December 2021

Meeting Closed 21.30

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council