



Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant

Minutes of the meeting of Pleshey Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 8pm.

2022/806 Chair's Welcome

Chair: Howeson

Councillors: Somerville, Kenning, Groves, Holland, and Gunn.

2022/807 Apologies for absence

Cllr Loudfoot.

2022/808 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

Cllr Kenning – Planning item (own application).

2022/809 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish

1 members of the public to raise three concerns.

- Concerns raised over the possibility of the refurbishment of the golden jubilee Play area creating an opportunity for ball games. The Parish Council confirmed that no ball game equipment was being installed as the Village Hall has all that's required.
- Noted that at last month's meeting the issue of water on the allotments was raised. The Parish Council confirmed there are no plans to put Water on the allotments as the cost is over £3,500 to install a stand pipe.
- Concerns about the lack of care by drivers that have parked cars on the footway in back lane.

Rule 244 of the Highway Code states that drivers "must not park partially or wholly on the pavement in London" and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

2022/810 Confirmation of the Monthly meeting Minutes held on the 11th January 2023.

Resolution: **Add Cllr Kenning as an attendee to the minutes.**

Resolution: **With the addition above the minutes were confirmed.**

Planning

2022/811 Local Planning Authority updates

Reference: 23/05501/CAT

Address: 8 Woolmers Mead Pleshey Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: 2 x Hornbeam, 2 x Hazel, 1 x Ash- to be pollarded (trunk diameter 10cm).

Reason: To be able to harvest wood

Resolution: **The Parish Council has no comment.**

Finances:

2022/812 Update on accounts:

- **Current Account** £11,370.09
 - **The Lottery funding received £9,762 (Included in above figure)**
- **Reserve Account** £20,011.15

2022/813 Payments for Approval:

Payments from Cashbook 2022-23				
Date	Details	Chq	Total	Budget Header
03.02.2023	HMRC - Feb PAYE	101049	£61.60	Paye
03.02.2023	Clerk Feb Wages	101050	£127.36	Salary
03.02.2023	Pension - Employer and Employee	101051	£135.03	Pension
03.02.2023	Expenses - Allotment Fabric	101052	£113.97	Expenses
03.02.2023	JCM - Tree Cut at GJPA	101053	£252.00	GJPA Refurbishment
		Total	£689.96	

Resolution: **The payments were approved for payment.**

2022/814 Review and approve Monthly Bank Recon

Resolution: **Signed and approved.**

2022/815 Community Funding request – Youth Club of Pleshey

Resolution: **Defer to the next meeting and the Clerk to contact applicant for update on paperwork.**

Reports and Updates:

2022/816 Clerk's Report and actions to be undertaken.

- Clerk to Digitise the records of any loose-leaf minutes – slowly continues.
- Clerk to assist three members on getting online with latest bank statement. (Cllrs Gunn and Loudfoot and Howeson)
- Clerk to Book training days for Councillor Groves.
- Bridge at Rooters Hill – LHP request on signage of a shared space Motor traffic and pedestrian.
- The posts for areas of special interest are in the wrong place? – additional post now in place.
- Update on banking online – test payment next month.

2022/817 Update on the Golden Jubilee Playground equipment refurbishment and fundraising

The funding from the National Lottery application has been received. The works start on the 2nd of March.

Phase 1

- 3 new items of trim trail
- new gate posts
- the ground levelled and grass seeded for the climbing frame.

2022/818 Mechanism for works to be undertaken at the Golden Jubilee Play Area

An advertisement was placed in the Pleshey news and no volunteers have come forward to undertake the works.

2022/819 Risk Register.

Diversion on to inappropriate roads when utilities or road works are being undertaken to be added to the register.

2022/820 Trees around rooters hill bridge – ownership and potential removals.

The trees are owned by the Knight family, and it is expected that they will be removed at an appropriate time in the future.

Resolution: Item to be added to the next agenda until resolved.

2022/821 External authorities report.

Essex County Council have planned a 3.5% increase in the council tax (2% Adult social care) and 1.5% for other expenses. Expect the council to pursue savings which are still to be identified and its likely to effect services in the new Financial Year.

The highway rangers are being disband by the end of the financial year.

Member led pothole scheme – around 50 reports have been put in by Mike that covers 80 holes have been submitted. The potholes are patched not repaired.

Local roadworks and the subsequent traffic routing is causing concerns as it's on to narrow lanes.

Vicarage road routing of road works and issues raised by the Parish council was unable to be resolved.

The 20mph LHP is In validation with the speed surveys to be run in the new financial year.

Speed Indicator device new scheme using lamp posts being a possible solution for the posts to hold the unit.

Essex County Council does not have a plan of protected lanes. The Chelmsford City Council planning department may have access. These may be on the local plan.

Traffic levels are up in Chelmsford city council, but parking is down concluding that work at home residents is undertaking small local journeys.

The recycling center new scheme is going live as a trial runs until the autumn.

2022/822 Coronation Event to coincide with the 6th of May.

An event is being coordinated within the village and centered around the public house. Sunday street party with a road closure.

Resolution: Approve a budget of £500 for the coronation events.

2022/823 Grange Road drainage.

Some works have been undertaken by highways.

Resolution: Monitor the road and keep the item on next month.

2022/824 Parish Elections May 2023.

Resolution: Clerk to share the paperwork when available.

2022/825 Discuss the bus route through Pleshey and parking or visibility issues.

The hedges opposite Mount Cottage are a concern.

Carparking issues raised. Use of the footway for parking. Could residents parking permits be put in place ? Should an application for double yellow lines on The Street be considered ? Is their a solution within the gift of the village ?

Resolution; Article in the Parish News around parking.

Resolution: Clerk to Contact the Church Wardens, Village Hall committee and the Retreat to discuss options around parking.

2022/826 UK Power Networks roadworks and park road

The road is unsuitable for a two-way diversion. On the 24th of February there will be road works and a diversion which is unsuitable on this narrow road.

2022/827 Park & Ride Consultation.

Resolution The consultation was noted.

2022/828 Items for the next agenda – All

- Parish Elections 2023.
- Grange road drainage.
- Coronation events.
- Trees around rooters hill bridge – monitor works.
- Risk Register.
- Update on refurbishment works to be undertaken at the Golden Jubilee Play Area.
- Update on the Golden Jubilee Playground equipment refurbishment and fundraising.
- Community Funding request – Youth Club of Pleshey.

Meeting Closed: 21.25
Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council.

08.03.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
12.04.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
04.05.2023	PARISH ELECTIONS
10.05.2023	Annual Assembly @ 8PM
17.05.2023	AGM & Monthly Meetings @ 8pm
14.06.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
13.09.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
11.10.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
08.11.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM