



**Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant**

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Minutes of the meeting of Pleshey Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 8pm.

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2023/916 Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Loudfoot

Councillors: Howeson, Holland, Groves, and Kenning

2023/917 Apologies for absence

Cllr Gunn and Somerville.

2023/918 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

Cllr Kenning – member of the Leather bottle steering group – non-Pecuniary.

2023/919 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish

(Item does not need to be on the agenda).

Fourteen members of the public.

The Parish Council is not a statutory consultee on any licensing application however it can comment along with any members of the public.

Next door to the Pub. Concerns about noise from the Leather bottle – especially Live Music. Support a public house but not loud music. Prefer no live music, amplified music, or music in the garden. No loud music late into the night 3 nights a week throughout the year. Preferred 3 or 4 live music events in a year to support a commercial enterprise.

Previous Tenant used to stop music around 8pm.

Loud music. Coaches of people arriving for events. Live music. Parking blocking access to front doors of residents. Loud Music causes issues for the resident quality of life.

Conservation area. Should not be allowed a late-night drinking and music establishment.

Car parking all along the street and parking on the pavement.

Alcohol late license to 1am – not appropriate in a rural setting. Suggested a limit of 11pm

Music complaints to Chelmsford City Council.

Reported that Morris Dancing or Folk sessions are exempt to the licensing laws.

Representation against a Premises license:

1. Prevention of crime & Disorder.
2. Public Safety.
3. Prevention of public disorder.
4. Protection of Children from Harm.

Discussion about a community pub for the community. Support for only a handful of live music events. The current license is a blanket license to stop re applying. Foul language, late night.

Keep supporting your local business. The volume is too high at late night or early morning. License has been commenting on Facebook and seems reasonable. It is a quiet village and the noise from the pub was unwanted.

The owner attended and highlighted that the public house is not well supported. Drinking is not enough to support the public house. Food or music is required to make the public house a commercial proposition. The Licensee is trying to get a license in one application. Without a music license the public house cannot survive without the occasional party, wedding, or any other event. Noted that the later public house tenants had to work hard to make the business sustainable by use of the music license. All present support the Village Public House.

Write to licensing at Chelmsford City Council. Parking issue and what can be done.

The incoming licensee is being judged on the last few landlords who abused the music license and upset many residents. The village is now aware of what they do not want and want to make sure it is right this time.

Discussion on the allotments and the covering of vacant plots in September.

The two wooden posts at the entrance of the children's playground were raised. Light coloured posts and stones have been installed to improve the visibility and make it obvious its an area of recreation.

2023/920 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 17.05.2023.

**Resolution**      **The Minutes were confirmed.**

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2023/921 External authorities report:

- **Member Led Carriageway Pothole Scheme**

The scheme has now been completed and all the potholes I submitted have been filled. I even managed to get the A131 north of Sheepscote roundabout on the list and the twelve holes have been filled.

A new scheme will be starting shortly and will operate in the same way as the last one. As you know I was particularly dynamic in making sure the potholes in my division were addressed and went well beyond my allowance of thirty-six, actually putting in 52. I want to make sure that we make full use of the new scheme. Please let me know about your worst potholes in the road. I need:

- Location – preferably What3words
- Photo
- Description

Last time, not all Cllrs used their allowance, and the scheme had to be extended. This will not happen this time, and I need to start submitting soon. So please send me your requests ASAP. There is also a pavement scheme, but details of this have not yet been finalised.

- **RideLondon:**

The event was successful. I visited various points along the route in my division, including the Vehicle Crossing Point in Writtle. I have been asked about grant funding from RideLondon - please see the link below; this will take you to the funded projects.

<https://www.activeessex.org/london-marathon-foundation-funded-initiatives/>

- **Digigo:**

We are now more than halfway through the 2-year Digigo pilot, funded by ECC. Whilst it is extremely popular, it has not reached sustainable levels and I am trying to promote it more. I am submitting articles to all my local Parish News that are within Digigo coverage and would like them to publish it in full. This is too valuable a service to the rural areas, to lose it because it is underused.

- **Community Initiative Fund**

The CIF has been relaunched for 2023-24. The £350,000 fund is administered on by EALC on behalf of ECC. and is open to voluntary organisations, community groups and Town and Parish Councils with projects which strengthen communities and make Essex a wonderful place to live and work.

There are two levels of grant:

- grants up to £10,000 towards capital or revenue projects that benefit the wider community.
- micro grants up to £1,000 to help grassroots groups reduce social isolation, improve wellbeing, or help communities connect.

Projects should have community backing and show that they help meet a real community need. They could be to:

- create, buy, or develop new community assets.
- enhance existing community assets.
- enhance or develop initiatives that strengthen a community, including cultural initiatives.

This year £300,000 has been allocated to the main CIF round with grants of up to £10,000 available to support projects that demonstrate a real community need.

The deadline for full applications to the main CIF round this year is 18 August 2023.

Groups can apply to the fund by visiting <https://www.ealc.gov.uk/community-initiative-fund/>.

- **Other queries:**

I do react to all emails sent to me about footpaths, flooding, etc and raise questions with Highways via member Enquiries. If you are waiting for a response on one you have sent to me, it is because I haven't received a response yet, but will send on when I get anything.

**Planning status from Chelmsford Planning department:**

2023/922

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
23/00540/FUL	Barn North Of Bury Farm Bury Road Pleshey Chelmsford Essex CM3 1HB	Application Refused
23/00735/FUL	Dale Cottage Grange Road Pleshey Chelmsford Essex CM3 1HZ	Pending Consideration

**Finances**

2023/923 Financial Report

Cheque Account \_\_\_\_\_ £ 6,345.48

- Income £ 39.68 Interest

Reserve Account: \_\_\_\_\_ £18,535.99

**Total £ 24,881.47**

2023/924 Payments for approval at the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Item	Budget Line	Payment
24.06.2023	Cllr Kenning - AGM refreshments	Parish Reserve	£16.32
24.06.2023	Pleshey Village Hall - Youth Club Grant	Grants	£400.00
24.06.2023	interest on bank account	Parish Reserve	£0.77
24.06.2023	Essex Pension Fund	employee contribution	£13.30
24.06.2023	Essex Pension Fund	salary sacrifice	£66.85
24.06.2023	Essex Pension Fund	employer costs	£66.01
24.06.2023	HMRC	Paye	£62.80
24.06.2023	Clerk	payroll	£129.15

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ **£754.97**

2023/925 Clerk's Report and actions to be undertaken.

- Clerk to Digitise the records of any loose-leaf minutes – Continue over summer break.
- Clerk to assist one member on getting online with latest bank statement. (Loudfoot)
- Audit – Internal. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Accounts load all AGAR onto the website. Clerk to complete review.

2023/926 Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation – Vice Chairman

Resolution: This was approved and signed.

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## **Reports and Updates**

2023/927 Update on the Risk Matrix – ALL

**Resolution:** **Nothing to add.**

2023/928 Discuss Drainage issue on Grange Road, Vicarage Road, Park Road  
Autumn plans to investigate the missing pipe.

**Resolution:** **Clerk to prompt Essex County Council.**

2023/929 Woolmers Mead Drainage.

Essex Highways are making additional investigations.

**Resolution:** **Clerk to prompt Essex County Council.**

2023/930 Update on GJPA and any additional work or administration.

Chair has contact sovereign to discuss the first tranche of works undertaken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of works to be discussed and agreed with a plan to have the work booked in for completion.  
before the summer holidays.

The contractor was having a meeting to discuss a resolution to the issues raised.

**Resolution:** **Cllr Loudfoot or Cllr Kenning to follow up.**

2023/931 Update on the Leather Bottle.

Parish Council to make representation on behalf of the residents.

Potential parking at the Village Hall for an organised event rather than on street parking.

Set the boundaries and restrict the amount of music events and times. An events license can be applied  
for when a special or one-off license are applied for when required.

Some representation from the incoming licensee would be ideal with details on previous pubs, ideas for  
the business. Residents should not have to leave their village to avoid the loud music. The support of  
regulars is what is required to support the business.

Asset of community value. The informal Leather bottle steering group. The pub is exceedingly difficult to  
run as a viable business due to the small size. There are options for the pub to be run as a sustainable  
business.

The only communication we have had with the licensee is via the license application and this is giving  
us the information.

Liquor license until 11pm Public house, a small number of live events per year. Special license for  
anything else (Maximum 10 per year). The Community will work with the business – it is a challenging  
business.

Parish Council will make a representation:

The Parish Council supports the operation of the Leather Bottle and wishes to see it as a viable  
business. However, the Parish Council has had representation from a considerable number of  
residents who live locally to the pub. The Parish Council requests a limit on an alcohol serving license  
until 11pm. Limit Live or recorded music until 11pm. Noise generated on the premise to be limited to  
avoid nuisance to the neighbours. Events outside in the garden to be limited to no more than four  
times a year. Where large events are planned the property owner shall make arrangements to avoid  
parking issues to the residents.

2023/932 Items for the next agenda – All

- Drainage
- Jubilee Playground
- Leather bottle

**13.09.2023 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM – LG & GH Apologies**

11.10.2023 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM

08.11.2023 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM

10.01.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM

14.02.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM  
13.03.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM  
09.04.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM  
08.05.2024 AGM & Monthly Meetings @ 8PM

Meeting closed 21:34

Will Adshead-grant  
Clerk to the Council