



Clerk: W.J. Adshead-Grant

Minutes of the meeting of Pleshey Parish Council held at Pleshey Village Hall held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 8pm.

2023/1042 Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Loudfoot.

Councillors: Sommerville, Kenning, Howeson, Groves, Holland, and Gunn.

2023/1043 Apologies for absence

All members present.

2023/1044 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) regarding items on the agenda.

Cllr Loudfoot. 2023/1056 County Broadband.

Cllr Howeson. 2023/1056 County Broadband.

Cllr Kenning. 2023/1056 County Broadband.

2023/1046 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 14.02.2024.

Resolution: The minutes were confirmed.

2023/1047 Public participation session for anyone with an interest in the Parish

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

No members of the public were present.

2023/1048 External authorities report.

Chelmsford City Council:

- No report.

Essex County Council:

- Potholes – new scheme – member led scheme.
- Potholes and footways – team available for 4 periods per year for member's control.
- Digigo to attend the annual assembly.
- Drainage issues – Grange rod and Woolmers mead, Essex legal services are in the process of contacting the landowners at Woolmers mead.
- Tree at the castle viewing point under review under investigation.
- Pylons – Electricity Systems Operators – review – 9 option Norwich to Tilbury. The onshore ground route proposed is the lowest cost option. Great leighs through the Waltham's through to Roxwell via Chignals.
- Transport safety officers.
- Recycling centre booking being made permanent.

Finances

2023/1049 Financial Report

Cheque Account £ 1,990.00

Reserve Account: £ 3,293.91

- Interest Payment £12.27 (included in figures above)

Total £ 5,283.91

2023/1050 Payments for approval at the meeting:

Date	Item	Budget Line	Payment
15.02.24	Clerk February Salary	Salary	£128.75
15.03.2024	PAYE - March	PAYE	£62.80
15.03.2024	Clerk March Salary	Salary	£128.75
15.03.2024	Essex Pension Fund- Employee Contribution	Pension - Employee cost	£13.07
15.03.2024	Essex Pension Fund - AVC Employee	Pension - Salary Sacrifice	£66.85
15.03.2024	Essex Pension Fund - Employer	Pension - Employer cost	£59.95
15.03.2024	100 Parish Society	Subscriptions	£10.00

Total **£470.17**

Resolution: **The payments were approved.**

2023/1051 Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation – Vice Chairman

Resolution: **The reconciliation was approved.**

Reports and Updates

2023/1052 Update on the Risk Matrix (non-financial or reputational).

- Litter picking added to the register and a risk assessment to be undertaken.

2023/1053 Discuss Drainage issue on Grange Road, Vicarage Road, Park Road

- In hand with Essex County Council.

2023/1054 Woolmers Mead Drainage.

ECC drainage team undertook some explorative digging to uncover the outlet to the ditch and the drain is now flowing again albeit still somewhat obscured.

2023/1055 Plans for the turrets in the playground.

Resolution: **Cllr Groves will dispose of the turrets.**

2023/1056 Update on County Broadband.

Separate feeder will be run into Good Easter and Pleshey connected to it. This will be completed next week.

Service appears to have improved as there is a lot of focus on County Broadband.

MP – Kemi Badenoch has been contacted concerning the road closures process. 5 days for a permit to be issued by Essex County Council for urgent work with closing an unrestricted road.

County Broadband – full package (Broadband and Phone) – Free battery back up (lasts 1 hour) for the router.

The call center has been insourced to improve service.

Resolution: **Cllr Loudfoot to contact County Broadband to accept the offer.**

2023/1057 Discuss the new information board for the castle viewing area.

The new board will be A1 sized. Consider adding a QR code to link to history page on website.

Compare with the current information board.

2023/1058 Dog waste bins.

Lack of dog bins raised by a resident.

The dog bins cost £280 each from Chelmsford City Council and must be within 25 yards of a safe parking area. The servicing of the bin is now £100 per year per bin.

Resolution: **The Parish Council voted not to have any dog bins.**

Resolution: **The litter bin at the bus stop to be retired.**

2023/1059 Postal Service.

The postman is due to retire in the next few weeks.

2023/1060 Items for the next agenda.

- Postal Service.
- Information Board.
- County Broadband.
- Drainage issues.
- Annual assembly of the Parish.
- Review banking arrangements with a view to change.

10.04.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM.
08.05.2024 AGM & Monthly Meetings @ 8PM.
15.05.2024 Meeting of the Parish.
12.06.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM.
11.09.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM.
09.10.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM.
13.11.2024 Monthly Meeting @ 8PM.