

Annual Meeting of the Parish 2024.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Pleshey held on Wednesday, 15th May 2024 at 8.00pm.

1. Opening remarks, the Parish Council Chair on behalf of the Parish

Eight members of the public were present.

Chair of the Parish Council - David Loudfoot opened the meeting for Parish.

The Orchard Creation is a non-Parish Council initiative but shows the level of interest in this beautiful village. The Playground project has been ongoing and is now concluding for this season.

Country Broadband had a 9-day outage invested in an additional line that runs to High Easter.

The castle viewing pint information board is being supported by the Magna Carat committee. The board will have a QR code added, and this will link it to the Pleshey.Org website where additional information will be stored. Noted that the last Parish Information booklet was for 2020. Thanks to the Councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

2. Confirmation of the previous Minutes - 2023

Resolution The Minutes were confirmed.

3. Introduction of the Village agent – John Peart.

4. Introduction by Digi Go

This is an On-demand service. A cross between a Bus and a Taxi. It's not door to door but uses virtual Bis Stops. Shared Service runs 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm (Except Bank Holidays). Trips can be pre booked up to 7 days in advance. £2 single trip price until December 2024 and then £3 per single trip. Uses the Travel Essex App but can also be phoned through. The size of vehicles is Minibus 12-15 seats and wheelchair accessible. The service does not go to Chelmsford City Centre. Service Launched 2022 for two +4 years taking it to 2028. The service must be sustainable.

4. Reports from Community Groups

- Village Hall.

A quiet year. Not all the groups are running yet. The new Group is Pilates on Monday. Running both a what's app and a Facebook group. Websites are usually for older users. Use Facebook and Instagram. A lot of expensive electrical updates this year. Healthy level of bookings. Some corporate interests know that the hall has Wi-Fi. The Electrical bill for the hall is currently over £500 per month as the storage heaters are expensive. The focus is modern heating, all door, and windows to be updated. There is a good mix of local and commercial use. Stansted Youth Football Club will start to use the facilities.

- Pleshey Support Group.

Quiet year. Support is available. AGM and Coffee mornings run. The Group has enough volunteers. They are a pathway to other services. Main expenditure is funding DBS checks. The Group is Part of the CVHS.

- Parish News.

Editor Daniel Kenning. Supported by a solid team of volunteers.

- Leather Bottle Public House.

No report.

- History Group.

No report.

- Youth Club.

No report.

Meeting Closed 20.34

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Parish Council