

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLEASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THE RAILWAY HOTEL, PLEASINGTON, ON 29th January 2020

- PRESENT Councillor Marrow in the Chair, Councillors Green and Griffiths and several residents.
- APOLOGIES 3031 Apologies were received from Councillors Caton and Isherwood, who were both away.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 3032 There were no Declarations of Interest.
- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 3033 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the minutes of the last meeting, held at The Clog and Billycock on 29th October 2019, having been read by the Clerk, be received and approved.
- ACCOUNTS TO DATE 3034 The accounts to date, cash books etc were presented to the meeting for inspection, and it was RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that these be accepted, subject to audit. It was also RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that Alan Cottam again be asked to act as our Internal Auditor for the year 2019 – 2020.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 3035 There were no accounts payable.
- BUDGET 3036 A draft budget for 2020/21 was presented to the meeting by the Clerk. After discussion it was RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that this budget be accepted, and that the Council set a precept of £1850 for the year 2020/21. The increase of £400 over previous years was to allow money for traffic and highways measures, that are being considered at present in an attempt to improve safety in the village. The shortfall in the budget, if required, to come from reserves. It was further RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that the Clerk forward this precept request to the Borough Council by the due date.
- | <u>BUDGET 2020/21</u> | 2019/20
(actual) | 2020/21
(budgeted) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Clerk | 720.00 | 720 |
| Audit | 0.00 | 0 |
| S137 | 236.00 | 136 |
| LALC | 112.40 | 120 |
| Insurance | 251.42 | 255 |
| Postage, stationery | 0 | 0 |
| Extra (unexpected) | 0.00 | 600 |
| | 1319.82 | 1831 |
| | (£1450 precept) | (£1850 precept) |
- Reserves of approximately £1300 were considered adequate.
- PLANNING 3037 There were no objections to planning applications at Westholme School and Witton Country Park.
A retrospective application to vary the Planning Consent for Brownlow Farm had been approved.

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- LALC EXEC COMMITTEE 3038 The clerk had attended meetings of the LALC executive committee at County Hall, (representing the Blackburn Area committee). The Clerk gave details of various training courses that are available for Clerks/Councillors. The Blackburn Area committee now had a new Secretary (the Secretary of Tockholes Parish Council).
- CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 3039 The Christmas Tree Festival, held at Pleasington Priory as part of the Bi-Centenary celebrations, and to which the Parish Council had made a donation, had been a big success. Councillor Caton had attended as a representative of the Parish Council.
- SAFER PLEASINGTON 3040 The Chairman gave a short report from the “Safer Pleasington” meeting that had been held recently at Pleasington Golf Club, mainly concerned with traffic and planning issues.
- HIGHWAYS 3041 Various white lines and other road markings had been put down through the village, and it is expected that more will follow. Police Traffic Officer Gary Makin had met with Borough Councillors John Pearson and Paul Marrow to discuss traffic issues through the village. Unfortunately recent speed checks had not shown there to be any significant problem. A cardboard “Policeman” designed to draw people’s attention to the speed issue had disappeared. There was discussion about the merits of extending the present 30mph limit and of taking away the de-restricted stretch of road, concern being expressed particularly about the safety of ramblers and horse riders on that stretch. It was suggested that there was a need for more “horse rider” signs in view of the number of horses, especially from the stables at Links Lane. having to use the road to access bridleways in the area,
- CIRCULARS 3042 Information from the Standards Board and the LALC, plus various magazines and circulars were presented to the meeting and it was RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that these be accepted for information purposes.
- NEXT MEETING 3043 Next meeting : TBA for March This would also be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.
- The meeting closed at 8.40pm with thanks to the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN