

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLEASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD OUTDOORS AT THE RAILWAY HOTEL, PLEASINGTON, ON 20th July 2021

- PRESENT Councillor Marrow in the Chair. Councillors Caton, Griffiths, Isherwood and Waterfield. Several residents.
- APOLOGY 3128 There were no apologies.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 3129 There were no declarations of interest
- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 3130 It was RESOLVED (proposed DI, seconded JC) that the minutes of the last meeting, held at The Railway Hotel on 18th May 2021, having been circulated prior to the meeting, be received and approved.
- MATTERS ARISING 3131 The situation around Covid-19 was still making things difficult to plan at the moment. This meeting was held outdoors.
The Clerk reported that she had now had a reply from the Borough re the query about street cleaning through the village. Unfortunately this only confirmed the calendar for cleaning and did not address our complaints of inefficient cleaning and reasons for stopping at the Priory.

The Clerk had enquired about the possibility of a waste/dog bin in the vicinity of the Butlers Arms. Apparently the Borough Council had no capacity for emptying any extra bins in the area. It was noted that the bin outside the Railway Hotel was often not emptied until complaints were made.

There were again numerous complaints about speeding through the village. Money had been put aside in the budget for possible traffic calming measures but it all hinged on cost and agreement with the Borough Council.
- ACCOUNTS TO DATE 3132 The accounts to date, cash books etc were presented to the meeting for inspection, and it was RESOLVED (proposed DI, seconded JC) that these be accepted, subject to audit.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 3133 The cheque for the Council's annual donation of £100 to the North West Air Ambulance had not been cashed in 2020, probably due to problems caused by Covid 19. It was RESOLVED (proposed DI, seconded JC) that the Council issue a replacement cheque for £100.
- AUDIT 3134 The Clerk had submitted the completed Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditors and published the required paperwork on the Parish notice board and on the Borough website with all the other financial information for the year 2020-2021.
No-one had asked to inspect the accounts and the Clerk had had a reply from the External Auditor confirming that their role was complete. The Clerk would thank Mr Alan Cottam for his work as Internal Auditor.
- PLANNING 3135 There had been no further planning applications for car parking works at the Golf Club.
Further to the unauthorised building work taking place at Priory Croft on Old Hall Lane, the Clerk had now received a retrospective planning application. In the Council's view the plans submitted were not fit for purpose and it was not possible to comment in detail until these were vastly improved. It was RESOLVED

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(proposed DI, seconded JC) that the Council strongly object to the application on various grounds and also ask for clarification on the details of the application.

- COUNCILLOR TRAINING 3136 Councillor Waterfield had attended (via Zoom) a training session for new Councillors run by LALC, and had a further session to come. She was finding them very useful.
- STANDARDS BOARD 3137 The Clerk referred to an e-mail received via LALC from Jackie Weaver, Chief Officer of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, outlining a petition to try to strengthen the sanctions available to the Standards Boards. There was general agreement that this was certainly required.
- LALC 3138 There had been no meetings of the LALC area committee due to Covid but the Clerk had attended LALC Executive meetings via zoom.
- CIRCULARS 3139 Information from LALC and NALC, plus various magazines and circulars, were presented to the meeting and it was RESOLVED (proposed JC, seconded EG) that these be accepted for information purposes.
- NEXT MEETING 3140 TBA for a date in September, depending on the ongoing Covid-19 situation. The meeting closed at 9.35pm with thanks to the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN