

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLEASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE ON 27th January 2021

PRESENT Councillor Marrow in the Chair, Councillors Caton, Green, Griffiths, Isherwood and several residents.

APOLOGIES 3081 There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 3082 There were no Declarations of Interest.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 3083 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the minutes of the last meeting, held at The Railway Hotel on 14th September 2020, having been previously circulated by the Clerk, be received and approved.

ACCOUNTS TO DATE 3084 The accounts to date, cash books etc had been presented to the Chairman prior 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 2021 – 2022.

EXTERNAL AUDIT 3085 Confirmation had been received by the Clerk that all was OK with the External Audit for the year 2019-2020, and that further information on the audit for the year 2020-2021 would be sent in due course.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 3086 There were no accounts payable.

BUDGET 3087 A draft budget for 2021/22 had been circulated prior 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 £1450 for the year 2021/22. It was further RESOLVED (proposed EG, seconded JG) that the Clerk forward the precept request to the Borough Council by the due date.

<u>BUDGET 2021/22</u>	2020/21 (actual)	2021/22 (budgeted)
Clerk	720.00	720
Audit	0.00	0
S137	136.00	136
LALC	130.25	130
Insurance	251.42	255
Postage, stationery	0	0
Extra (unexpected)	0.00	200
	1237.67	1441
	(£1850 precept)	(£1450 precept)

Reserves of approximately £1900 were considered adequate.

PLANNING 3088 There were no objections to planning applications for :
Brownlow Farm – demolition of building and provision of outdoor riding arena

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- PLANNING 3088 A cabin at Lower Fold Farm
A garage at Tonghyll
The Old Croft, Links Lane
- LALC EXEC COMMITTEE 3089 The clerk had attended the virtual AGM of the LALC executive committee, (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).
- HIGHWAYS 3090 There were once again complaints about speeding traffic, with a resident mentioning that her daughter, walking home from school in the region of Brownlow Farm, had very nearly been knocked down by a car which mounted the pavement. There was a suggestion that the 60mph limit on Cabin Hill was too high. Councillor Caton was to speak to a contact of his about possible traffic calming.
- CRIME 3091 There was much discussion about recent attempted burglaries and anti-social behaviour in the village. One of the residents involved said that the police had been very good in their response. Another resident offered to produce a poster for the notice board, highlighting the issue. The Clerk reported that she had recently had a visit (as a resident rather than as Clerk) from a PCSO about the matter and was informed of an initiative “Lancashire In the Know” whereby residents could supply an e-mail address and be sent updates of problems in their particular area.
- PARISH ELECTIONS 3092 With regard to the Covid-19 restrictions, the Government intended to go ahead with Council elections in May 2021. Blackburn with Darwen were objecting to the proposal.
- COMMUNITY 3093 Mention was made of the impressive Christmas display of tree lights and decorations at Brownlow Farm, which were enjoyed by the whole village. It was suggested that, with many young children in the village, there might be a place for some form of community activity - perhaps a scarecrow display/competition.
- CIRCULARS 3094 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 3095 Next meeting : TBA for March This would also be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, Covid permitting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm with thanks to the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN