

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLEASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE, ON 19th
MARCH 2021

- PRESENT Councillor Marrow in the Chair, Councillors Caton, Green, Griffiths and Isherwood and 2 residents.
- APOLOGIES 3096 There were no apologies.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 3097 Councillors Caton and Isherwood declared an interest in the Planning application for Heather Cottage. Councillor Isherwood also declared an interest in the application at Hawthwaite. They took no part in the appropriate discussions.
- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 3098 It was RESOLVED (proposed PM, seconded JG) that the minutes of the last meeting, held online, on 27th January 2021, having been previously e-mailed to Councillors by the Clerk, be received and approved.
- LOCAL ELECTIONS 3099 The Clerk handed out nomination papers for the forthcoming local elections. The Clerk no longer had a copy of the Electoral Register to check forms but candidates were able to request a personal copy. The Clerk would submit the forms to the Borough by the required date.
- Jane Green had decided not to stand, due to moving away from the village, and had sent an email thanking her fellow Councillors for their support. She was thanked by the Council for her work on behalf of the residents, both at the meeting and personally in writing.
- ACCOUNTS TO DATE 3100 The accounts to date, cash books etc were presented to the meeting for inspection, and it was RESOLVED (proposed PM seconded JG) that these be accepted, subject to audit. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the required precept forms to the Borough for the year 2021-2022.
- ACCOUNTS 3101 It was RESOLVED (proposed PM seconded JG) that the following accounts be paid :
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| E L Smith (Clerk) | £360.00 |
| LALC (Subs and Magazine) | £130.57 |
| Zurich Insurance | (invoice not yet received but approx £250) |
- EXTERNAL AUDIT 3102 It was RESOLVED (proposed PM seconded JG) that Pleasington again declared itself as an exempt authority under the Audit regulations. The External Auditors had confirmed that the 2019-2020 accounts were in order and that instructions for the 2020-2021 audit year would be sent later.
- INTERNAL AUDIT 3103 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Alan Cottam if he would perform the annual internal audit for the Council, as he had done previously.
- PLANNING 3104 There were no objections to planning applications at Heather Cottage and felling of trees at Hawthwaite.
- There was discussion about Priory Croft, which has recently changed hands. A large wagon was parked there, and a mature oak tree had been felled. The Clerk to check whether the tree was protected (although it was outside the village envelope). Councillor Marrow would check whether an operators license was required for the vehicle.

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- HIGHWAYS 3105 Councillor Marrow reported that the speed limit between the top of Sandy Lane and halfway up Woodcock Hill was to be reduced from 60mph to 40mph.
- Councillor Marrow and Yvonne Hindle had walked through the village, taking note of trees in particular.
- Councillor Griffiths mentioned that the lay-byes near Alum Scar bend were just as bad with fly-tipping.
- Complaints were made about the standard of street/gutter cleaning through the village. It was RESOLVED (proposed PM seconded JG) that the Clerk contact the Borough, asking why the cleaning stopped outside Pleasington Priory, and how frequent the service was.
- CEMETERY 3106 Councillor Marrow mentioned that the 7 year plan for Pleasington Cemetery was going as planned in certain areas but arrangements for the Muslim areas would have to be reviewed more urgently.
- LALC 3107 There had been no Area LALC meetings due to Covid, but the Clerk had attended LALC meetings via zoom.
- CIRCULARS 3108 Information from LALC, CPRE and various circulars had been received. It was RESOLVED (proposed PM seconded JG) that these be accepted for information purposes.
- NEXT MEETING 3109 The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May, within the 14 days following the Local Elections.

The meeting closed at 8.25 with thanks to the Chairman.