

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PLEASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THE RAILWAY HOTEL, PLEASINGTON, ON 13th May 2019

- PRESENT Councillors Green, Griffiths, Isherwood and Marrow. Several residents.
- APOLOGY 2990 There was an apology from Councillor Caton, who was away.
- APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2991 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) unanimously that Councillor Marrow be re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the next twelve months. Councillor Marrow thanked the Councillors, accepted the office, signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 2992 Councillor Green, as a neighbour, declared an interest in any aspect of Brownlow Farm planning.
- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 2993 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the minutes of the last meeting, held at The Clog and Billycock, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, having been read by the Clerk, be received and approved.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 2994 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the following accounts be paid :
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| Zurich Insurance | £251.42 |
| NWAA             | £100    |
- RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE 2995 After due consideration, the Council was of the opinion that, since there had been no change in the Council's activities or procedures during the last year, and that no new legislation impinged on the work of the Council, all identified risks were adequately covered, and it was RESOLVED ((proposed JG, seconded EG) that no further action was necessary at this time.
- Following review of the Risk Assessment and insurance requirements, it was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG ) that the Insurance Cover held by the Council was adequate for its needs, and that no increases or additions were required.
- AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS TO DATE 2996 The Parish Council could declare itself as exempt from a limited assurance review because of its small turnover and compliance with the conditions. It was thus RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the Council complete the AGR Part 2. The Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 of the Annual Return - was read by the Clerk and completed by the meeting. It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that this be accepted as correct.
- 2997 The Chairman and Councillors were, as at all meetings, given the opportunity to inspect all the relevant financial paperwork. After reviewing the year's accounts and procedures and agreeing the year-end figures, it was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the accounts be accepted as a true and complete picture of the Council's financial activity over the year from April 2018-March 2019. It was further RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the completed Statement of Accounts – Section 2 of the Annual Return - (having been cross-checked at the meeting to the year-end accounts) – be approved as correct. The Clerk reported that the Notice of Audit would be posted on the board and published on the Borough website on 17<sup>th</sup> June and persons had until July 26<sup>th</sup> to inspect the accounts.

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- INTERNAL AUDIT 2998 It was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that the Clerk and the Chairman meet with Alan Cottam, our Internal Auditor, later in May to go through the year's accounts and complete the Annual Internal Audit report.
- LALC 2999 At the last LALC executive meeting there had been concern about the role of the Police Commissioner and his reluctance to engage with Local Councils. There were also proposed changes to the LALC constitution (none of which would impact our Parish Council), and mention that Real Lancashire were asking for ideas to celebrate 200 years of the Lancaster Canal.
- HIGHWAYS 3000 There were once again many complaints and much discussion about speeding traffic through the village and also the volume of traffic, along with various other highway matters.
- PLANNING 3001 The Council had no comments to make on :  
A rear extension at Pall Mall or a replacement garage at Romney  
The Council are waiting to hear whether applications at Brownlow Farm require planning permission or not.
- CIRCULARS 3002 Information from the Standards Board and the LALC, plus various magazines and circulars, were presented to the meeting and it was RESOLVED (proposed JG, seconded EG) that these be accepted for information purposes.
- NEXT MEETING 3003 TBA  
The meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN