

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on 12th May 2025 at 6.00PM

Present: Councillor Ian Allen (Chairman)
Councillors C Dale, M Gamble, E McMormack, M Gamble
Clerk Ian Weekes

Members of the Public:

The chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone in the room for attending.

He then made attendees aware that the meeting is a meeting that has to be held annually by law which states that every English Parish must have an annual Parish Meeting for the whole of the Parish and the meeting must be held between the 1st March and the 1st of June each year.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the parish and not of the Parish Council, and the meeting is held for the good of the community and to allow parishioners to discuss parish affairs.

1/25 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting – 13th May 2024 signed and approved.

2/25 Apologies – L Radford, H Smith

3/25 Chairmen's Report

Good evening, everyone and thank you for attending the annual parish meeting.

The meeting is a legal meeting that has to be held annually.

Now I give my report for 2024 to 2025.

During the year the parish council once again funded the extreme sports programme on behalf of the youngsters of the parish and managed to negotiate the cost of the hanging baskets throughout the parish and continued with Christmas lights throughout the parish but on a reduced scale due to their cost.

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We also held our annual scarecrow event and a Halloween event both of which were well attended.

Several events were organised via the live and local entertainment group and many thanks go to Councillor M Gamble for organising these events on behalf of the parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind attendees that we as a parish are the only parish that I am aware of that has to maintain two recreation grounds two children's play areas and two sets of allotments and a cemetery- we are also responsible for the cleaning and repairing of all bus shelters, what we have to remember is that the parish is responsible for the wellbeing of part of Pleasley the whole of New Houghton part of Pleasley Vale and part of Stoney Houghton.

I would like to say a huge thank you to councillors for their support and input into the parish throughout the year and for the work they do over and above what is expected of them which this year included the setting of whips (young trees) on boundary land of the parish.

I also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the members of staff for the work they do- all of them do over and above their paid duties and assist wherever possible at no cost to the parish.

Would anyone like to ask anything or make the council aware of any concerns you may have? If so, I can take these to the council meeting on your behalf.

Public speaking – no questions were asked

Ian E Allen
Chairman

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 18.15 p.m.

Signed
Chairman