

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on 13th May 2024 at 6.30PM

Present: Councillor Ian Allen (Chairman)
Councillors C Dale, L Radford, W Kirkham, H Smith
Clerk Ian Weekes

Members of the Public: 0

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave a welcome

By Law every English Parish must have an annual Parish Meeting for the whole of the Parish which has a separate Parish Council and must be held between the 1st March and the 1st of June.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the parish and not of the Parish Council, it is for the good of the community that a parish meeting is called – so that residents are aware of what happened in Pleasley Parish in the past year.

The right of the parish meeting is not confined to exercise the statutory functions of the Parish Council; it is to discuss parish affairs. Any resolutions passed are not binding on the Parish Council. The Parish Council may legally disregard them. All issues are decided by a majority of those present and voting. Only people on the electoral register of the parish are entitled to speak or vote.

1/23 Apologies for absence

2/23 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd April 2023 signed and approved.

3/23 Precept

The Chairman confirmed that Precept for 2023/24 was the sum of £82810. which was requested from Bolsover District Council.

4/23 Chairman's Report

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

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

2023 to 2024 has been quite a costly year with utility bills skyrocketing effecting everyone in the parish as well as the parish council so have to report that councillors have for the first time in several years had to request more finances in the precept to ensure stability with 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 – 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.

Public speaking – no questions were asked.

The Chair thanked parishioners for attending and the closed the meeting.

5/23 Public Questions and answers - No further questions or reports were made.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and then closed the meeting at 18:50

Signed
Chairman