

PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on 27th April 2026 at 6.30PM

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

Members of the Public: 2

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.

1/26 Minutes of last meeting - Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting – 12/05/25 - signed and approved. Cllr C Dale proposed – L McMormack seconded.

2/26 Apologies – Councillor Mick Gamble

3/26 Precept 2025/26 – was £105,138

4/25 Chairmen's Report

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I now give my report for 2025 to 2026. 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 - we also held our annual scarecrow event and a Halloween event both of which were well attended and financed a pantomime for residents which those that attended enjoyed.

On top of this once again several events were organised via the live and local entertainment group and many thanks go to Councillor M Gamble for organising not only these events but for his thankless work in the production of the Parish Newsletter which is produced and distributed throughout the year.

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It came to my attention during the year that over the years the actual grave numbers in the cemetery records differed lightly to the actual visual numbered grave plots in the Cemetery and I have started to correlate the information in an attempt for them to mirror each other although this is quite a lengthy process.

I also take this opportunity to make any newcomers aware that we as a parish are the only parish that I am aware of that maintains 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, and also that the parish is responsible for the wellbeing of part of the Derbyshire side of Pleasley the whole of New Houghton part of Pleasley Vale and part of Stoney Houghton.

Some in attendance may not realise but Parish Councillors are unpaid and Councillors dedicate their time for the good of the Parish.

I would like to say a huge thank you to them for their support and input into the parish throughout the year and for the work they do over and above the duties of a councillor at no cost.

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

Prior to closing the meeting is there anything anyone would like to make the Council aware of or any Concerns you may have? If so, I can take these to forward to the council meeting on your behalf for inclusion on a future agenda. 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 asked

Ian E Allen
Chairman

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 18.45

Signed
Chairman