

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2024**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mr T Marples Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford.

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

**76/24-25 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors Mrs C Huckerby and Mr W Rosser

**77/24-25 Vacancy**

No update

**78/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

**Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items**

None

**79/24-25 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies received from PCSO Jonathan Flowers. The written Police report highlighted 6 reported incidents in October 2024; including 3 burglaries.

Enforcement action has been taken against a local resident who harassed users of the Village Hall; and CCTV installation is recommended.

Apologies received from District Councillor Pam Jones. The written report outlined the issue of flooding at Millthorpe was as a result of a collapse of a culvert and this was repaired on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The gullies are also due to be cleansed and Pam will let us know when this has been undertaken.

(c) Visit from Elliott Casson regarding Digital Connect at Citizen's Advice

Digital Connect are offering free IT sessions for residents in North East Derbyshire to help people access digital services and improve their IT skills. They offer training, support for people with devices, unlimited data accessibility and access to loan a device. There are a number of venues around the District where sessions can be booked including Dronfield Library.

**Resolved:** To assist in the spreading of the word about the service; including in the newsletter.

**80/24-25 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 2024

**Resolved:** To approve the Minutes for signature by the Chairman.

**81/24-25 Planning**

Applications Received

No applications received.

Decisions

24/00461/FL – T Shepley, Woodthorpe Hall, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield – Retention of timber gazebo (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) (Conservation Area) – Refused.

24/00681/FLH – Gu and Wan, Stonecroft, Holmesfield – Two dormers and ornate glazed porch with vaulted ceiling to front elevation and increase in size of 3 existing dormers to form 1 large dormer to rear elevation with associated works to property – Granted.

24/00727/LDC - Croft House Farm Cowley Lane Holmesfield - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Two bay garage with gym – Granted

Other

To request an update from the Planning Department on the enforcement notices at Brindwood House.

**82/24-25 Meeting Reports**

## (a) Holmesfield Charities

Reported that the Education and Penny Acres Relief in Need Charities currently have a vacancy for a trustee.

Also reported that the Amenity Trust requires four new trustees to operate. Councillors Hoare, Marples and Stuart-Bamford volunteered for the Amenity Trust.

**Resolved:** To note

## (b) St Swithin's Parish Church

An invitation to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival has been received.

**Resolved:** The Clerk and Letting Officer to arrange a suitable tree.

**83/24-25 Councillors' Reports**

## (a) Village Society and other village matters

Defibrillators – Cowley Mission have been contacted and they are happy to have the defibrillator installed and wired into the Chapel.

The application for match funding has been successful. An invoice for £750.00 plus VAT has been received from London Hearts

**Resolved:** To pay the match funding

**Resolved:** To appoint the Village Hall electrician to install

## (b) Playground

The Annual Play Inspection report has been received.

There is an issue with brackets on the toddler unit. The seat (which has now been replaced) and the litter bin (which has now been replaced) and the gate.

**Resolved:** To ask Steve Hewins to look at the toddler unit and the gate.

A quote of £704.79 plus VAT has been received for a replacement swing seat and the junior apparatus climbing wall.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote.

A quote of £5700 plus VAT has been received for the drainage, removal of four old items of equipment has been received from a local contractor.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote with a start date from March 2025.

**Resolved:** To make a further application to the Amenity Trust for assistance.

## (c) Road Safety

The clerk has chased up the grant monies for the Speed Indicator Device from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, it is hoped that these are received soon.

The device is now ready for the contractor to install.

**Resolved:** To install on the B6054 in the first instance.

A resident has submitted correspondence regarding the flouting of weight restrictions in the village.

**Resolved:** To check whether reports should be made to the Polce or Trading Standards and update the information in the newsletter.

There are a number of outstanding highways issues:

The roundabout signs at Owler Bar

The 20mph flashing lights outside Penny Acres School

The double yellow lines for the top of Cowley Lane

Blocked drain gullies on the at junction with Horsleygate Lane and Moorwood Lane causing build up of water.

**Resolved:** To again report these items to Derbyshire County Council via the County Councillor

## (d) Footpaths

Derbyshire County Council have now undertaken an initial assessment of the diversion of Footpath 16.

**Resolved:** To ask what action is to be undertaken to re-instate the proper route.

(e) Newsletter & Website – No report

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – No report

## (h) Peak Park

Reported that a lengthy conversation has been held with Peak Park regarding caravans and development at Owler Bar. A drafted notice is currently with the Legal Department for checking that it has been correctly prepared. The notice requires the vehicles and buildings to be removed and the land re-instated.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

(j) Environment – No report

## (k) Village Hall

Curtains – the invoice for the material has been paid, and work is underway.

Police Incident – following an incident with a resident and hirers of the village hall, the Police have been involved and an enforcement has been served.

A locksmith has advised the Council that a number pad cannot be fixed to the current doors and that the doors are not fit for purpose. Quotes are being sought and will be bought to a future meeting of the Council.

**84/24-25 Finance**(a) Balances at 31 October 2024

Business High Interest Account: £44,737.79; Bonus Saver Account £15,605.19

(b) Income October 2024

Hall Hire	£1,750.71
HMRC VAT Refund	£1,804.16
Interest	£72.86

(c) Expenditure

EDF – Electricity	DD	£97.34
Business Stream – Waste Water	DD	£18.86
Curry's – Letting Officer Laptop (paid 17/10)	BACS	£614.98
S Palmer – Curtain Material (paid 17/10)	BACS	£729.00
Village Hall Refund (paid 21/10)	BACS	£148.50
Holmesfield PCC – refund of monies received in error	BACS	£205.00
Wages (paid 13/11)	BACS	£1949.33
HMRC – PAYE and NIC (paid 13/11)	BACS	£292.98
Nest Pensions – Pension (paid 13/11)	DD	£68.64
Defib Store – Defibrillator Repair (14/11)	BACS	£313.20
Holmesfield PCC – Christmas Tree (14/11)	BACS	£5.00
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£314.49
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£440.00
NEDDC – Annual Playground Inspection	BACS	£60.00
London Hearts – Match Funding for Defibrillator	BACS	£900.00
Analan Supplies Ltd – Cleaning Materials	BACS	£154.74

**Resolved:** To accept all the above accounts for payment

**85/24-25 Circulars and Notices**

Member of Public

- Drainage of Water in Millthorpe (fwd and replied 11/10)

Citizens Advice

- Digital Connect

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- October Newsletter
- Employment law Updates
- November Newsletter
- Pay Award 2024/25
- Budget Changes to NI Contributions

Derbyshire County Council

- Mobile Library Routes
- Flood Risk Management
- Volunteer Passport (shared on FB)

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Tree Preservation Order 301 of 2024 - Tree at Church Farm, Main Road, Holmesfield
- Call for Sites

Peak District National Park Authority

- Local Plan Events (fwd 2/10)
- Public urged to have their say in future Peak District National Park plans
- Community Nature Fund
- Local plan review – Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation
- Parishes Bulletin Autumn 2024

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Planning Training

St Swithin's Parish Church

- Invitation to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival

**86/24-25 Information**

To thank Councillor P Reaney for the laying of the wreath at the Remembrance Service.  
To agenda HR policies for the next meeting.

**87/24-25 Date of Next Meetings**

Wednesday 11 December 2024

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairman.....11 December 2024