

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2025**  
**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, Mr W Rosser. Mrs H Stuart-Bamford.

Also Present: 1 member of the public and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

**100/24-25 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**101/24-25 Vacancy**

One candidate attended the meeting to express interest in the two vacancies.

**102/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**103/24-25 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The written crime included one reported crime in the Parish last month.

District Councillor Jones gave apologies

**104/24-25 Minutes**

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

**105/24-25 Planning**

Applications Received

24/01031/FLH – Mrs K Woods, Gooseberry Farm, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing porch, conservatory and two storey bedroom and single garage side extension

**Resolved:** To make no objection

25/00031/FLH – Wilson, Croft House Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection replacement outbuilding on the same footprint.

**Resolved:** To make no objection

Decisions

No decisions received

Other

Update is awaited on the enforcement notice and the clarification on what is meant by the term “significant planning gain”. at Brindwood House.

**106/24-25 Meeting Reports**

Policy Documents

The following Policy documents were considered by Council:

Meeting Etiquette

Complaints

Disciplinary and Grievance

Lone Working

Equality Diversity and Inclusion

Anti-Sexual Harassment

**Resolved:** To adopt all the policies and add to the website

### **107/24-25 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society and other village matters

The defibrillator has been installed. A question has been raised whether the key code should be visible from the box or only available by dialling 999.

**Resolved:** Because of the remoter location the number should only be available via East Midlands Ambulance Service to prevent any misuse of the equipment.

**Resolved:** To arrange appropriate checking of the equipment to ensure it is properly maintained.

(b) Playground

The new swing set and climbing wall for junior climbing frame have been fitted and the hedging and willow cut back.

A resident has expressed concern regarding drainage works, but he has been assured that the works are nowhere near his boundary.

**Resolved:** To note

(c) Road Safety

The grant monies for the Speed Indicator Device have been received. The device has been fitted, though the engineers had to come out twice as the posts fitted by Derbyshire County Council were not fit for purpose. The cost of the aborted visit was £535 plus VAT. Derbyshire County Council have been contacted about the charge.

**Resolved:** To pay Coeval for the SID and additional visit.

**Resolved:** To request the password for the data from Coeval

**Resolved:** To bill Derbyshire County Council for the aborted visit

New 20mph signs have been fitted outside Penny Acres School. However, the lights are not flashing at School drop off and pick up times, but they are working at other times.

A very dangerous broken grate on the footpath just beyond Gooseberry Farm on the B6054 was reported, Derbyshire County Council took weeks to visit the site, but in the mean time it was mended by BT Open Reach.

The gullies are again blocked on the B6054, they have only just been cleaned, but because the channels are not cleaned first, they become blocked again very quickly.

Residents have raised concerns about the encroachment of walls and concrete beds on the verges on the dangerous bend on Millthorpe Lane.

There has been a lot of complaints about gritting and grit bins. The grit bin at the village hall is the only one the Parish Council is now responsible for. As soon as it was emptied a refill was ordered. Officers at Derbyshire County Council are directing residents to Parish Councils for new grit bins and it states on the Derbyshire County Council website that they will not install any new and for residents to contact their parish council. There was also some discussion on grit bins that have potentially been removed from various locations, some investigation will be undertaken.

**Resolved:** It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to provide grit bins, to include an article on this in the newsletter and on Facebook

(d) Footpaths – The Market Charity are looking at re-instatement of some footpath signs and stiles.

(e) Newsletter & Website –The adverts are due for renewal and the invitations will be sent in the next few days.

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – With regard to developments at Owler Bar it is reported that a draft enforcement order is still with the legal team.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

(j) Environment – Problems reported with surface water and potholes on Moorwood Lane. Yorkshire Water are currently measuring rainfall and sewerage flow in Millthorpe. There has been a lot of messages on the local WhatsApp about dog fouling, details are to be disseminated about how to contact the dog warden.

(k) Village Hall

Car Park in bad weather – the procedure for the car park and outside the village hall was discussed.

**Resolved:** To continue to clear path and grit from the door to the road

**Resolved:** To take no action with regards to clearance of the car park

Letter from Parking Company – with regards to ANPR cameras for the car park

**Resolved:** To not install ANPR cameras and barriers in the village hall car park.

Curtains – work on the curtains is well underway. The tracking has been completed and invoice submitted.

**Resolved:** To note

Doors – one quote has been received for the doors and replacement glass. A grant application for the works was unsuccessful.

**Resolved:** For 2 further quotes to be sought.

Facias – were damaged in a recent storm, they have been inspected, although work is required it is not urgent and a quote has been requested.

**Resolved:** To await the quote.

CCTV – the CCTV contractor has not been in touch.

**Resolved:** To follow up for a quote.

### **108/24-25 Finance**

(a) Balances at 31 December 2024

Business High Interest Account: £38614.79; Bonus Saver Account £15,640.42

Balances at 31 January 2025

Business High Interest Account: £34,578.86; Bonus Saver Account £15,658.05

(b) Income December 2024

Hall Hire	£2100.23
Grant for SID	£3,500.00
Interest	£63.28

Income January 2025

Hall Hire	£966.00
Interest	£57.82

(c) Expenditure January 2025

EDF – Gas	DD	£1092.40
EDF – Electricity	DD	£123.48
WaterPlus – Water	DD	£13.48
E Boswell – Expenses	BACS	£9.99
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£690.00
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£285.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£508.00
Hollinsend Fire – Extinguisher Maintenance	BACS	£226.41

Wages	BACS	£1915.99
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£340.14
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£72.22

#### Expenditure February 2025

Business Stream – Waste Water	DD	£37.60
EDF – Gas	DD	£653.13
EDF – Electricity	DD	£120.92
Water Plus – Water	DD	£13.73
Oak Electrical – Defibrillator Installation	BACS	£168.99
Coeval – SID	BACS	£4752.00
Coeval – Additional Engineer Visit	BACS	£642.00
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£285.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£508.00
Stonelow Garden Services – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£450.00
Wages	BACS	£1701.18
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£219.01
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£52.27
B M Turner – Curtain Tracking	BACS	£250.00
Footpath and Bridleways Society – Insurance	BACS	£96.00

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

#### 109/24-25 Circulars and Notices

##### January 2025

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- December Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News 23 December 2024
- Mobile Library Routes
- Consultation on further integration between Derbyshire County Council & Derbyshire Community Health Services

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

- Consultation

Peak District National Park Authority

- People power leads to reinstatement of 'lifeline' Peak District bridge

Police and Crime Commissioner

- ANPR Parish Council Pilot Scheme
- Safer & Stronger Communities Fund

##### February 2025

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- January Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News – 6/1, 13/1, 20/1
- Derbyshire County Council Developer Contributions Protocol consultation
- Temporary Road Closure – Horsleygate Lane - Mar 24, 8:00 AM - Apr 4, 4:00 PM - Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing
- Temporary Road Closure – Millthorpe Lane Mar 31 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM – Open Reach
- Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 5 March 2025

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Informal engagement with Parish and Town Councils during the Local Plan process

Peak District National Park Authority

- National Park Authority announces significant restructure under unprecedented financial pressures
- Have your say as Peak District National Park boss hosts new roadshow

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Meeting Minutes
- Powerpoint presentation from Monday 13th January

**110/24-25 Information**

None

**11/24-25 Date of Next Meetings**

Wednesday 12 March 2025

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Chairman.....12 March 2025