

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 2024
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

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

64/24-25 To receive apologies for absence

Councillors B Hoare and C Huckerby

65/24-25 Vacancy

No update

66/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

67/24-25 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The written police report for September highlighted four crimes in the Parish.

Work is continuing on road safety and speeding vehicles. Much work has been undertaken with Penny Acres School and a strongly worded letter has been sent to parents.

There have been a numbers of vehicle thefts and residents are advised to report any suspicious vehicles and activities.

There have been reports about suspicious vehicles parking on Fanshawe Gate Lane, residents are advised to report registration numbers and patrols have been increased.

Resolved: To thank PCSO Flowers for the work, especially with the School and to ask if parents can be asked to switch off engines whilst waiting outside school, as they are causing significant pollution harm to children and residents.

68/24-25 Minutes

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

69/24-25 Planning

Applications Received

(a) 24/00727/LDC – N Wilson, Croft House Farm, Cowley Lane – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Two Bay Garage with Gym

Resolved: To raise no objection

(b) NP/NED/0824/0882 –Thickwood Lodge, Baslow Road, Owler Bar - Listed Building consent - Repair to damaged stonework to Grade II Listed tower revealed during demolition of existing extension. Proposal to reinstate a length of the stringer course on the south west elevation and to repair damaged stonework around the existing opening. Repair to damaged stonework on the north west elevation and to infill the arched opening as per the original tower design.

Resolved: To raise no objection

(c) NP/NED/0924/0989 – Pewitt House, Owler Bar - Proposed single storey rear extension, raising of eaves by 600mm to the lower roof of the existing dwelling. Proposed dormer to the rear.

Resolved: To raise no objection

Decisions

24/0411/FL – A Mackley – The Gorse, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a two storey dwelling with detached garage to front (Revised scheme of 23/00464/FL) (Amended Plans) - Granted

70/24-25 Meeting Reports

Discussion took place on the receipt of Council papers, all papers are sent out first class on the Tuesday eight days before the meeting. Councillors confirmed that their papers were being received in good time for the meeting.

Resolved: To note and not make any changes to how Council papers are disseminated.

Councillors considered a request from Caretaker / Letting Officer for a replacement laptop to enable her to carry out her work duties. A quote has been received for just under £600 including software and technical set-up.

Resolved: To grant the request for the laptop and the appropriate annual updates

71/24-25 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society and other village matters

Defibrillators – there has been only three letters of support received. However the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are offering grant funded defibrillators for a match funding amount of £750.00

Resolved: To agree in principle to apply for a defibrillator on Cowley Lane

Resolved: To contact The Cowley Mission to see if the defibrillator can be installed and wired into the Chapel.

(b) Playground

The bench (and memorial plaque) along with the new bin have been installed in the playground. Quotes are being sought for the replacement of the climbing wall for the junior climbing apparatus and an infant swing.

A meeting has been held with a local contractor regarding site drainage and a quote is awaited.

Resolved: An application for the net cost of the bench and the bin are to be submitted to the Holmesfield Amenity Trust.

(c) Road Safety

Following the report of the School 20mph hour sign to County Councillor Foster, the sign has now been turned the right way, but the illumination has not been fixed.

Resolved: To re-report via County Councillor Foster.

(d) Footpaths

There has not been any feedback from the report to Derbyshire County Council regarding the diversion of Footpath 16. The gate for the original route has now been locked.

Resolved: To ask County Councillor Foster to assist with some response from the Rights of Way Team.

(e) Newsletter & Website – No report

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park

Councillor S Reaney has again expressed frustration with the Peak District National Park and their lack of action over developments at Owler Bar. She had asked for an update in time for this meeting. This has not been received and on attempting the ring the officer today, was cut off after a 20 minute wait.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

(j) Environment

There have been some complaints about shooting noise, although there has been a clay pigeon event some weeks back, it may be that bird scarers are being mistaken for gun shots at other times. It is rutting season for stags, this creates some noise and possible road safety issues.

(k) Village Hall

A quote has been received for £1500.00 for the curtains, this comprises of £720 materials, £700 labour plus incidentals. The colour chosen is a navy blue; which fits with decoration, flooring and chairs. The tracking will be done separately and will cost between £200.00 and £300.00

Resolved: To accept the quotes and to pay for the materials as soon as the invoice is received.

The Village Hall Car Park needs de-mossing and the hedges cutting back

Resolved: To ask the grounds maintenance contractor to carry out the works.

72/24-25 Finance

(a) Balances at 30 September 2024

Business High Interest Account: £48712.41; Bonus Saver Account £15,586.64

(b) Income September 2024

Hall Hire	£1542.75
Precept	£22,500.00
Interest	£64.09

(c) Expenditure

EDF – Electricity	DD	£94.26
EDF – Gas	DD	£154.77
E Boswell – Printer Ink and Drum	BACS	£66.30
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter and Website Hosting	BACS	£535.06
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£740.00
NBB – Recycled Furniture – Bench and Bin	BACS	£1069.20
NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£309.14
PHS – Hygiene Services	BACS	£464.21
Wages	BACS	£1883.17
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£287.36
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£62.98

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

73/24-25 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- September Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Snow Warden Scheme
- Derbyshire County Council Draft Council Plan 2025-29 consultation

Peak District National Park Authority

- Parishes Day - 12th October 2024 10.00am
- Peak District National Park Stakeholder Climate Change Survey

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- AGM of Peak Park Parishes Forum, Sat 12 October 2024 9.30am

74/24-25 Information

None

75/24-25 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 20 November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.09pm

Chairman.....20 November 2024