

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2023
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr T Marples, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr W Rosser
 Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

I Non Confidential Items

53/23-24 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Dr M Blagden

54/23-24 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

55/23-24 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies received from District Councillor Pam Jones.

The written police report for September included one incident of violence.

Residents have reported drug issues around Woodside View and the Playground they are advised to contact the police directly. The more reports that are made increase the likelihood of patrols and this becoming a local priority. Residents are advised that reports can be made to the Police via 101 or you can contact our local PCSO direct
 PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower, Dronfield SNT
 E-mail: Jonathan.flower@derbyshire.police.uk
 Mobile: 0773 498 5821

56/23-24 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2023

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

57/23-24 Planning

Applications Received

None

Decisions

None

58/23-24 Meeting Reports

(a) Unmetered electricity supply to Millthorpe Telephone Box

The quote for the disconnection of the power supply is £1643.88 plus VAT, the bills per annum have been between £38.77 and £66.38

Resolved: To reject the quote at the current time and for the matter to be re-visited dependent on the electricity bills received in the future.

59/23-24 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – No report

(b) Road Safety Issues – A meeting was held with Derbyshire County Council, a revised location plan has been made and the Parish Council is now ready to submit a licence application. The planned location of the devices will need to be publicised, this can be done via the newsletter.

(c) Footpaths – There seems to be very little response from Derbyshire County Council on the issue of Footpaths. There have been a number of reports made with regard to FP6 where manure has been dumped on the footpath, the run off is going into the watercourse and into the River Sheaf

- (d) Newsletter & Website – No report
 (e) Transport – A new bus time table is available
 (f) Playground – A quote has been received for £150.00 to cut the hedge, shrubs and de-weed at Millthorpe. The benches also require attention.

Resolved: To accept the quote for Millthorpe

Resolved: To obtain a price for the refurbishment of the benches

The Clerk has ordered two basket ball nets at a cost of £8.98, a quote of £1500.00 has been received for the play equipment, but the contractor is asking for a deposit of £500.00

Resolved: To accept the quote on the proviso that the paint can be paid for in advance, but not a deposit.

- (g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – Councillor Reaney has contacted the PDNPA with regards to the enforcement notice being served at Owler Bar; further updates are to be requested.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – A resident has again complained about the lighting at the bottom of Woodside View, the Parish Council received a reply at the July 2023 meeting that there were no budgets available for this work. It is recommended that this is raised by the resident in the next Estate Walkabout.

- (j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall – Flooring a further quote has been received for the hall flooring. This again uses a mix of vinyl and carpet tiles. The hall flooring will end up being a mismatch of different tiles and textures.

Resolved: For a further quote to be sought by Councillor Stuart-Bamford

The heating engineering company have come back with an alternative structure for the works based on a day rate. This may prove to be a cheaper option or a lot more expensive.

Resolved: To accept the original quotation

60/23-24 Finance

(a) Balances at 30 September 2023

Business High Interest Account: £53,834.42; Bonus Saver Account: £15,361.19

(b) Income September 2023

Hall Hire	£540.05
Precept	£20,750

(c) Expenditure October 2023

EDF Energy – Gas	DD	£598.00
SSE – Electricity	DD	£125.12
WaterPlus – Water	DD	£28.15
NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£286.26
NEDDC – Playground Inspection	BACS	£54.00
Holmesfield PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	BACS	£2400.00
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	BACS	£270.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£541.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£520.00
Wages	BACS	£1598.44
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£173.25
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£43.07

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

61/23-24 Circulars and Notices

Correspondence from resident asking for permission to maintain and move their fence to incorporate a piece of land to the rear of the Village Hall

Resolved: To explain to the resident that the land in question belongs to Holmesfield Parish Council. As it is in public (local authority) ownership, we are not in a legal position to transfer or allow usage by one single household.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- September Newsletter
- Derbyshire County Council
- Cyber Security Awareness Webinars - October
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- Council Plan 2023-2027
 - Leading the Way Report
- Peak District National Park Authority
- New exhibition charts the story of discovering the past in a Peak District valley
- Peak Park Parishes Forum
- Annual General Meeting, 7 Oct, 9.30am

62/23-24 Information

North East Derbyshire have sent out a note that travellers are looking for unsecure land in the area, the Football Club are to be sent a copy of the correspondence

63/23-24 Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting 8 November 2023

II Confidential Items

64/23-23 Staffing

Playground Inspector – Osian Wilson has been appointed as the Play Ground Inspector. The Clerk has met with him and gone through the role.

Resolved: To note and approve the appointment

There were twenty-nine applicants for the role of Clerk, only seven provided the cover letter that was stipulated in the advertisement. Two applicants were shortlisted; both of which were interviewed; both would make an excellent Clerk, but neither have financial experience.

Resolved: To note and make the appointment of Lucy Perry as Clerk to the Council

Post Meeting Note: Lucy has accepted the role of Clerk; to make the transition easier Liz will continue with the finance ad infinitum or until Lucy is ready to take on this aspect of the role.

The Clerk post will be seven hours per week and the Finance post four hours per week

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Chairman.....8 November 2023