

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 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

Also Present: PCSO Jonathan Flowers, Mrs L Perry – Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Boswell – Responsible Financial Officer

**I Non Confidential Items**

**65/23-24 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Dr M Blagden

**66/23-24 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**67/23-24 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 October included one incident of criminal damage, 4 violence and 2 other crimes, the incidents are connected with low scale disputes amongst peers.

There have been reports regarding potentially dangerous dog/s in the village any reports should be made direct to the Police. Residents are reminded that no dogs are allowed in the play area due to the Public Spaces Protection Order placed by North East Derbyshire District Council on all play areas / parks and recreation grounds throughout the District. This is to ensure that children can play safely without the fear of being attacked by dogs or affected by owners failing to clean up after their pets. Any owners allowing their dogs into the play area should be reported to Environmental Health at North East Derbyshire District Council

Residents have reported drug issues around Fanshawgate Lane, 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

PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower, Dronfield SNT

E-mail: Jonathan.flower@derbyshire.police.uk

Mobile: 0773 498 5821

Speed Watch is currently very limited due to a lack of volunteers. We are aware that there is continuing concern about the speed of traffic at several locations in Holmesfield and Millthorpe. If residents are concerned and wish to make a positive contribution then please contact Councillor Phil Reaney on 0114 289 1167.

**68/23-24 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2023

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

**69/23-24 Planning**

Applications Received

None

Decisions

23/00738/FLH – Mr and Mrs Fearnough – Green Paddocks, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Porch to front door - GRANTED

Other Planning Matters

There has not been an update on Enforcement Notices for Brindwood House and Cartref for some time.

**Resolved:** To request an update from the Planning Department

70/23-24 Meeting Reports

(a) To set budget for laptop and printer.

**Resolved:** To set equipment budget at £600.00

(b) Wifi for Village Hall

**Resolved:** To obtain quotes

71/23-24 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – Successful market held, focus is now on Christmas Events

(b) Road Safety Issues – The verge from Holmesfield to Owl Bar has been cut, the waste grass is in the gullies; exacerbating flooding risk.

(c) Footpaths – The dog waste bin at the junction Holmesfield Wood and Fanshawgate Lane requires emptying. A hedge in Millthorpe is overhanging the pavement, impeding access and also a hedge on Main Road in Holmesfield.

(d) Newsletter & Website – No report

(e) Transport – No report

(f) Playground – The cradle swing has been replaced. It seems that the painter is no longer interested in carrying out works to the play area

**Resolved:** To seek alternative quotes for the painting of the play equipment

The benches at Millthorpe cannot be economically repaired.

**Resolved:** To seek a quote for durable replacement benches.

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – report regarding a potentially dangerous dog/s in the Parish

(j) Environment – There have been a number of flooding issues in the parish.

(k) Village Hall – Work has commenced on replacing the heating pipes, bookings are continuing.

**Resolved:** To note

Councillor Stuart-Bamford reported back on the village hall flooring.

**Resolved:** One plumbing works complete to accept the quote from Dronfield Carpets and Floors.

72/23-24 Finance

(a) Balances at 31 October 2023

Business High Interest Account: £49,626.47; Bonus Saver Account: £15,380.72

(b) Income October 2023

Hall Hire £1290.50

HMRC VAT Refund £466.81

(c) Expenditure November 2023

SSE – Electricity	DD	£117.33
WaterPlus – Water	DD	£27.90
PHS – Hygiene Services	BACS	422.09
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	BACS	£297.50
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£610.00
Analan – Cleaning Consumables	BACS	£123.71
HAGS – Replacement Swing	BACS	£294.00
Wages	BACS	£1777.75
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£268.69
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£56.54

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

73/23-24 Circulars and Notices

Countryside Voice

- Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- October Newsletter
- November Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Bus Shelter provision - mesh anti-vandal panels

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Informal Introduction to two new Assistant Directors

**Resolved:** To invite them to a meeting with the Clerk and Chairman

- Race Night in aid of the Chairman's Appeal for Ashgate Hospice
- Cheese and Wine Evening for Chairman's Appeal for Ashgate Hospice

Peak District National Park Authority

- Planning application decision notices
- Peak District National Park News: New National Park pay and display locations to go live

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- AGM Minutes

**74/23-24 Information**

Festive refreshments will be served following the next meeting.

**75/23-24 Date of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting 13 December 2023

**II Confidential Items**

**76/23-23 Staffing**

Thanks were given to Liz Boswell for her term as Clerk to the Council; she will continue in the role of Responsible Financial Officer and will support Lucy in her role as Clerk.

*Post Meeting Note 14 November 2023: Lucy has found that the Clerk role is not for her, Liz Boswell has recommenced duties.*

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Chairman.....13 December 2023