

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 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, Mr W Rosser. Mrs H Stuart-Bamford.

Also Present: County Councillor A Foster, District Councillor P Jones, and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

88/24-25 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs C Huckerby has tendered her resignation as she is moving area to live closer to her son. Best wishes were given for her move and thanks given for her many years service; the vacancy will be reported to the District Council and the appropriate procedures undertaken to advertise the vacancy.

89/24-25 Vacancy

A number of candidates have expressed interest in joining the Parish Council. They are invited to attend the next meeting to see if they wish to pursue becoming a councillor.

90/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

91/24-25 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

PCSO Jonathan Flowers attended prior to the meeting and then was called to an RTA.

There have been 8 reported crimes. Members of the public are asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour

Resolved: To ask for approximate locations for the crimes

County Councillor Foster reported that there are more Warmer Place grants available this year.

Resolved: To let local groups know.

With regards to Highways issues Councillor Foster has chased the 20mph sign outside Penny Acres School; the electrician attended in September 2024, the sign needs to be replaced and is currently on order. The double yellow lines at Cowley Lane have not been completed due to an issue with the contractor and is being followed up.

District Councillor Jones reported on the flooding at Millthorpe, repairs have been made to a culvert and the pipe under the road has been investigated.

It was discussed that various flooding issues have occurred in Millthorpe for many years and is not a new issue. There are a number of culverts that get blocked and it would be helpful if a scheme of regular maintenance could be established so that the effect of blockages could be minimised.

Councillor Foster offered to get a plan of culverts in the area from Derbyshire County Council and then the perceived problem areas can be marked up and investigated.

There has been a recent call for land for development potential, the Parish Council are advised to look at the sites that are suggested for inclusion in the Local Plan over the next three or four months.

The planning enforcement issues in the village were raised. The latest correspondence from the Planning Department is to be forwarded to Councillor Jones.

Councillor Foster and Jones were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at this point.

92/24-25 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2024

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

93/24-25 Planning

Applications Received

No applications received.

Decisions

No decisions received

Other

Update from the Enforcement Officer at North East Derbyshire District Council has been regarding the two ongoing enforcement issues.

Resolved: To state disappointment that the enforcement notice has not been carried out and to ask for clarification on what is meant by the term “significant planning gain”.

94/24-25 Meeting Reports

(a) Policy Documents

The Clerk has commenced work on a number of policy documents for the Council, she will liaise with the Caretaker / Letting Officer and submit the policies for Council approval in 2025.

Resolved: To note

95/24-25 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society and other village matters

The defibrillator has arrived, according to the terms of the grant the Council has four weeks within which to install, but the Clerk is having difficulty in securing a contractor to install within the time limit.

Resolved: Councillor Marples to attempt to arrange a contractor to install

Resolved: Councillor P Reaney to take the cabinet and defibrillator so that they are stored within the village ready for installation.

It has been reported that the bench at the top of Cowley Lane requires repair or replacement.

Resolved: To replace with a recycled bench at cost in the region of £450.00

(b) Playground

The drainage quote has been accepted, the seat and climbing board ordered and the repairs to gate and climbing apparatus passed to the grounds maintenance contractor.

(c) Road Safety

The clerk has again chased up the grant monies for the Speed Indicator Device and assurances have been made that payment is on the way. This will be followed up until the monies are received. The installation of the sign should be undertaken soon.

The damage to the directional sign on the Owl Bar roundabout has been reported.

The 20mph sign outside Penny Acres has again been reported.

The order for the double yellow lines was made in May 2024; Derbyshire County Council are chasing up as to why the job has not been carried out.

The blocked drains on B6054 with junction of Horsleygate Lane and Moorwood Lane have been reported.

The wording for the flouting of weight restrictions has been altered for the newsletter.

(d) Footpaths – No report

(e) Newsletter & Website – A summary of the Annual Report highlighting the projects undertaken by the Council is to be put in the newsletter following the Annual Meeting.

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

(j) Environment – There is a problem with vehicles accessing and exiting Fanshawe Gate Lane, the road is struggling with surface water, which in cold weather is creating an issue with ice.

Resolved: Councillor Rosser to provide photographic evidence so that this can be taken up with Derbyshire County Council

(k) Village Hall

Work is underway to get quotes for new doors. The work on the curtains is continuing.

96/24-25 Finance

(a) Setting of level of wages 2025/26

Members discussed the level of wages for 2025/26, considering the rate of inflation and the rise in the living wage.

Resolved: To grant a 4% raise for Caretaking staff

Resolved: To grant a raise to the national living wage for the Playground Inspector

Resolved: For the Clerk to be paid in accordance with NJC rates for 2025/26

(b) Setting Village Hall Rates for 2025/26

Members discussed the level of hall hire in 2025/26 and the increase in costs to the Council.

Resolved: To raise all Parish Association rates by 50 pence per hour

Resolved: To raise all other rates by £1.00 per hour, with the exception of the kitchen which is to remain at the current rate.

(c) Budget and Precept Setting 2025/26

Members discussed the budgets for 2025/26 in conjunction projections of income and expenditure and projects planned for the forth coming year.

Resolved: To raise the precept to £48,000, this represents a rise of approximately £6.00 per annum for a Band D property

(d) Balances at 30 November

Business High Interest Account: £40036.84; Bonus Saver Account £15,621.93

(e) Income November 2024

Hall Hire	£671.98
Advert	£20.00
Interest	£63.62

(f) Expenditure

EDF – Electricity	DD	£104.19
EDF – Gas	DD	£416.48
WaterPlus – Water	DD	£12.37
E Boswell – Expenses	BACS	£26.03
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£285.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
Holmesfield Village Society – Christmas Tree	BACS	£220.00
PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	BACS	£2400.00
PCC – Lighting	BACS	£135.00
Wages	BACS	£1809.81
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£240.32
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£55.84

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

97/24-25 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire County Council

- Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Decisions
- Road Closure - Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – 6 January 2025

- Road Closure - B6054 Holmesfield Rd, Dronfield Woodhouse -10 January 2025
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Bus franchising
- 20's Plenty
- Horse riders road safety event

98/24-25 Information

Due to timing of next meeting the paper will be emailed and a hard copy available in the meeting.

99/24-25 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 8 January 2025

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Chairman.....8 January 2025