

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2026
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs A Hutchinson, Mrs K Marples
 Mr T Marples, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr B Wheat
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

95/25-26 To receive apologies for absence

None

96/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

97/25-26 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies District Councillor Pam Jones, County Councillor Angelique Foster, Louise Jones MP

98/25-26 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2025

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

99/25-26 Planning

Applications Received

No applications received.

Decisions

No decisions received.

Enforcement

No update

100/25-26 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

The wording had been received for the plaques on the Millenium Garden benches and it is understood that the £1000.00 from Holmesfield Markets is on the way.

Resolved: To fit the benches in the spring when the weather has improved.

(b) Playground

An estimate of £5250.00 for the installation of a new swing set has been received.

A plan of the project needs to be drawn up, so the exact costs can be ascertained.

Resolved: Councillor Hoare to discuss ground profiling works with a contractor.

(c) Road Safety Issues

Roads that may meet any future rounds of highway funding for the minor urban residential roads were discussed and included:

Park Avenue with 7 houses, access to the Angel, the Church and Carpark, the Millennium Garden, the community market and The Easy Access Trail.

And The Crescent with a greater number of houses.

There is a lack of response and/or action on reports being made to Derbyshire County Council highways.

Resolved: To ask for an update on a number of reports submitted.

A Speed Watch training session on teams is scheduled for 28 January 2026 at 6.00pm

A request has been made for the grit bin on Fox Lane to be filled.

Resolved: To make the appropriate arrangements for it to be filled.

Complaints have again been received about the parking on the double yellow lines or on the pavement at the top of Cowley Lane, the problem is particularly bad early evening on Thursdays and Fridays as well as at times over the weekend.

Resolved: To report to the Police.

(d) Footpaths

An application for public rights of way minor maintenance grant for works on BW20 Cowley Lane to Kitchen Wood for £495 has been prepared.

Resolved: For the Chairman to sign and for the application to be submitted.

(e) Newsletter & Website

Discussion took place as to whether the newsletter is still cost effective and relevant to and read by parishioners as there are a number of what's app groups and facebook pages with local information. It was discussed that older residents may not have access to these sources of communication.

Resolved: To continue with the newsletter and review the publication on a regular basis.

(f) Transport

Bus Stop at Old Horn's Inn reported that some buses are still picking up at the stop. Further update on a request stop is awaited.

(g) Football Pitch

The Football Club have still not returned the lease

Resolved: Councillor T Marples to again chase the signed lease.

(h) Peak Park – No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – Next meeting of Neighbourhood Watch is scheduled for 2 February 2026 in the Village Hall, Councillor T Marples will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

(j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall

CCTV Policy – The Clerk has been sent the ICO guidance by DALC for CCTV usage. The safe storage and use of data is paramount.

Resolved: Councillor Hutchinson to put together a working document.

Gutters and Facsia – The three quotes obtained are not like for like

Resolved: Contractors to be invited to requote so a fair assessment can be made.

Water Meter – the Boiler contractors have padlocked the water meter cupboard

Resolved: To ask them to send the key so that we can access.

Water Leak- There has been a water leak, and a contractor was called on an emergency call out to inspect the roof, he has been out several times. At the moment it is not possible to ascertain if it is a roof problem or a burst pipe from the decommissioned boiler.

Resolved: To monitor the situation.

Parcel Delivery Lockers – Discussion took place on the installation of parcel delivery lockers in the car park. This would make some additional income whilst providing a service to residents.

Resolved: Councillor K Marples to look into infrastructure requirements.

101/25-26 Finance

(a) Setting Village Hall Rates for 2026/27

Detailed discussion took place on the village hall rates and comparison with other local venues. Along with increased running costs and planned works.

Resolved: To raise the rates from 1 April 2026 as follows:

Parish Association

Main Hall £11.50 per hour

Small Hall £10.00 per hour

Committee Room £7.50 per hour

Kitchen £7.00 per hour

All other Hirers

Main Hall £19.50 per hour

Small Hall £14.00 per hour

Committee Room £13.00 per hour

Kitchen £8.50 per hour

The extra cleaning charge of £40 for late night events is to be removed.

(b) Budget and Precept Setting 2026/27

Discussion took place on funding works to the village hall and playground, whilst keeping some reserves in place for future. Planned additional works are estimated at £29,000. A PWLB loan and a grant application for the playground are to be considered

Resolved: To increase the precept to £53,000 for 2026/27, along with increased hall revenue this is calculated to provide £8700 towards the planned works, or any emergencies that arise throughout the year.

(c) Balances 31 December 2025

Business High Interest Account: £24,689.34; Bonus Saver Account £15,815.02

(d) Income December 2025

Hall Hire	£1235.10
Interest	£36.81

(e) Expenditure

Water Plus – Water 1/12	DD	£19.18
British Gas – Gas 16/12	DD	£301.16
EDF – Electricity 23/12	DD	£117.89
Robert Barnes Construction – Gutter and Drain Repairs	BACS	£816.00
Robert Barnes Construction – Toughened Glass for inner doors	BACS	£441.60
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£295.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
N Power – Unmetered Supply	BACS	£33.57
Wages	BACS	£2021.29
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£293.27
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£71.35

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

102/25-26 Circulars and Notices

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- January Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Road Closure - Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield

Resolved: To raise a concern that the suggested diversion is via Dobbin Lane

- Community News from Derbyshire County Council –8/12, 15/12, 22/12

Peak District National Park Authority

- Nature Futures Event: Co-Creating a Vision for Nature in the Peak District Dales (24 January 2026)

103/25-26 Information

None

104/25-26 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 11 February 2026

The meeting closed at 9.33pm

Chairman.....11 February 2026