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

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, 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, PCSO Jonathan Flowers.

51/26-27 To receive apologies for absence
None

52/26-27 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items
None
Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items
None

53/26-27 Public Speaking
(a) Members of the public
None
(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor
The written report contains five crimes for the month of September 2026, there were witnesses to an incident, but this is not of wider public concern.
The Police are attempting to attend each meeting, this is not always possible, but if required they are happy to make time for an additional meeting in the Parish.
An application has been submitted for some smart-water, to help residents protect their property and increase the chance of the retrieval of items.
Regular speed checks have been taking place outside the School, in marked, unmarked and the speed van. Derbyshire County Council is to be contacted about an update for the proposed works in the vicinity.
There have been reports of cyclists in balaclava head wear in the Parish, if they are on property or causing concern then 999 should be rung. Please report to the Police and don't just report on WhatsApp. Reports can be made via Facebook.
Issues of parking at the top of Cowley Lane continue, some tickets have been issued. Also on Castlhill the issue had been resolved, but cars are now returning to parking in this location, it may be that the relevant signage is missing, PSCO is to check with Derbyshire County Council about the signage.

54/26-27 Councillor Vacancy
No update.

55/26-27 Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2026
Resolved: To approve the Minutes for signature by the Chairman.

56/26-27 Planning
Applications Received
26/00653/FL - Birch and Sivil - One Ash Farm Cowley Lane Holmesfield - Erection of Ground Mounted Solar Panel Array
Resolved: To raise no objection.

26/00714/FL – Mr and Mrs Pearson – Bradmill Cottage, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Section 73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of approved application 23/00356/FL to incorporate integrated photovoltaic (PV) panels within roof slopes of the approved dwelling
Resolved: To raise no objection.

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26/00577/FL – Mr and Mrs Childs - Lark Rise, New Road, Millthorpe - Demolition of existing property. Erection of new-build three-bedroomed single storey dwellinghouse (bungalow) with integral double garage, widened driveway (unaltered drop kerb), solar panels and provision of heat pump to the rear. - APPROVED

26/00604/LDC – Mr Crookes – Dun Dige, Holmesfield - Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed garage conversion to ancillary domestic use. at Dun Dige Holmesfield – Certificate Issued.

Other Planning
Anonymous report received regarding "The field on Dobbin Lane just past Westwood farm on the right hand side has a building being erected which has a concrete foundation. I don't believe it has planning." – advised to contact Planning Enforcement Team.

57/26-27 Meeting Reports
Playground Inspection Report
The document was discussed by Councillors.
Resolved: To pass the report to Steve Hewins to carry out the works required.

Clerk Interviews
Four candidates were shortlisted, two attended the interview. The Panel unanimously recommend an offer to be made.
Resolved: Subject to references to offer the post to Elizabeth Carruthers.

58/26-27 Councillors' Reports
(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters
A pumpkin trail is being organised around the village.
Discussion took place on the provision of a grotto for Santa; and that it should perhaps be tied into the next market.

(b) Playground
See 57/26-27 above.

(c) Road Safety Issues
Quotes are still being sought for the Village Gateway posts.

(d) Footpaths
The wall were the stile for FP11 at the Cartledge Lane / Millthorpe Lane is sited has loose stones.

(e) Newsletter & Website
To put in an article about BBQ's in the Peak District not being allowed.

(f) Transport
None

(g) Football Pitch
None

(h) Peak Park
Councillor Reaney attended the Parishes Day at PDNPA. A number of topics were discussed including the Local Plan that should be approved by the end of next year; local housing targets, for all new builds it is planned that there should be a bio-diversity net gain either on site or close by, and the connection of habitats and a nature recovery plan.

The issue with wildfires and BBQs was of wide concern, rangers and volunteers have found that 25% of people did not know that BBQs were not allowed whilst 75% reacted aggressively when challenged.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch
The gennel running alongside the site of the Old Horns Inn was reported to be uneven with tree roots.

(j) Environment
No Report

(k) Village Hall
Inpost Locker no update
An issue with a village hall neighbour has again been reported to the police.
A pipe was dripping outside the village hall; this has been fixed to prevent any damage.
Quotes are being sought for the double glazing.

59/26-27 Finance
(a) Term of Engagement for next audit
The audit terms of engagement were presented to Council.
Resolved: To approve the appointment for 2026/27

(b) External Audit Report
The external audit report was present to Council.
Resolved: To note the report and that no items of concern have been raised.

(c) Balances 30 September 2026
Business High Interest Account: £40858.24; Bonus Saver Account £15,918.81

(d) Income September 2026

Precept	£26,500.00
Hall Hire	£2084.91
Interest	£27.45

(e) Expenditure October 2026

Water Plus – Water 1/9	DD	£22.05
British Gas – Gas 14/9	DD	£26.95
EDF – Electric 16/9	DD	£74.97
Analan Supplies – VH Consumables	BACS	£149.74
PFK Littlejohn LLP – External Audit	BACS	£378.00
NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£327.86
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£538.00
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	BACS	£315.00
Steve Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£550.00
Bailey Johns – Boiler Service	BACS	£653.92
Wages	BACS	£2072.84
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£303.99
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£72.94

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

60/26-27 Circulars and Notices
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
- September Newsletter
- Annual Report and AGM Agenda

Derbyshire County Council
- Community News – 7/9, 21/9, 28/9, 5/10

- Stoptober events
- Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum: 3 November 2026
- Update on the Local Government Re-organisation Program

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue

- Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2027-2032 consultation

North-East Derbyshire District Council

- Stop Loan Sharks Newsletter & Free Stop Loan Sharks Online Training
- Local Plan Consultation Update
- Consultation on the North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2024 – 2044): Publication Draft (Regulation 19 of The Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations, 2012)
- Update regarding consultation on the North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2024 – 2044): Publication Draft

Peak Cluster

- Newsletter: September 2026

Peak District National Park Authority

- Your Invite to Parishes Day 2026 at Peak District National Park Offices

Sheffield City Council

- Sheffield Plan – Further Main Modifications Consultation - notice of extension to consultation period

61/26-27 Information

Due to the change of hands of the George and Dragon, the defibrillator is currently out of action, there are discussions that it should be moved to the front of the building or re-located depending on the future of the building.

The funeral of Tommy Pearson is this week. The Parish Council send their regards to his family and wish to note their gratitude for all the work that he has done in the village and surrounding area.

62/26-27 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 11 November 2026

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

Chairman……11 November 2026