

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 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, Mr B Wheat  
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

**105/25-26 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs H Stuart Bamford

**106/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**107/25-26 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

**108/25-26 Minutes**

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

Councillors Mrs K Marples and Mr T Marples joined the meeting at this point.

**109/25-26 Planning**

Applications Received

No applications received.

Decisions

25/00999/AD – The Moorlands Crown Carvery, Baslow Road, Owlter Bar - Application for advertisement consent for Installation of replacement signs to include 2x illuminated totems signs to existing frames, 2x illuminated single sided post mounted corex signs to form 'V' shape, 3x illuminated sets of individual house name letters, and 3x illuminated roundels - GRANTED

25/01038/CATPO – Horsley Gate Old Hall, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Notice of intention to prune x 1 Sycamore Tree within conservation area – No Objection.

Appeal Application

Appeal against refusal of a householder application for a single storey lightweight glazed porch to the front of the property at Little Orchards Farm, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield.

Enforcement

No update

**110/25-26 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

Councillor Hutchinson to enquire what plans there are at Easter in the village.

There is no update on the gate or benches as works are to be undertaken in the spring.

The Millenium Garden requires jet washing, a quote has been received, but a source of water is required.

The bench opposite the old Horn's Inn is in a poor state of repair.

**Resolved:** To remove for safety.

## (b) Playground

A site visit has taken place today, the weather has been very wet and this has caused challenging conditions in the playground.

Discussed that there needs to be a detailed plan of action and then a plan for raising funds via grants, donations and events. Councillors discussed Pounds Park in the centre of Sheffield that has been installed as part of a regeneration project in conjunction with Henry Boot Construction and Timber Play Ltd.

**Resolved:** Councillors to contact the organisation involved in the project.

## (c) Road Safety Issues

Two people trained in the last round of Speed Watch training.

A meeting has been arranged with highways on the 27 February to look at options for the top of Cowley Lane to prevent parking on the double yellow lines and what traffic calming could be installed outside the School on the main road.

## (d) Footpaths

The footpaths are very wet at the moment and many impassible.

## (e) Newsletter &amp; Website

Following the last meeting further discussion took place on the newsletter what information residents need, the cost of putting the adverts in the publications and comparison with a neighbouring parishes publication.

**Resolved:** To try and reduce four pages of print to save cost.

**Resolved:** To look at the costs including adverts in September.

## (f) Transport

Correspondence has been received that responsibility for public transport has been passed from Derbyshire County Council to the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

It seems as though the bus stop has been moved on the main road.

A complaint has been received that during the recent road closure that the buses were cancelled and there was no notification.

## (g) Football Pitch

The lease has still not been received.

## (h) Peak Park – No report

## (i) Neighbourhood Watch

At the last meeting of Neighbourhood Watch thanks were given on works in getting the bus stop moved.

Complaints again about dogs in the playground, members are advised to contact the dog warden at NEDDC and make the reports direct, the details are in the newsletter.

Issue with parking on the pavement at the top of Cowley Lane, the Chair and Clerk are meeting with highways to discuss what can be done to resolve.

And a request for a SID at the entrance to Millthorpe from Barlow, explained that this is not possible, highways have visited the site and the verge is not wide enough. The Parish Council also does not currently have funds available to purchase an additional speed indicator device.

## (j) Environment – No report

## (k) Village Hall

There is no water leak at the village hall, the roof has been re-checked and there has been no further water ingress despite the weather.

Councillor Hutchinson was thanked for her works on the draft CCTV policy.

**Resolved:** Clerk is to put together a revised copy so it is ready when the Council decides to go ahead with the installation.

Three quotes have now been received for the gutters and fascia, they vary by over £10,000

**Resolved:** To ask the mid quote from a local company if they are able to discount and to look at reviews and work from the lowest quoter.

A site visit is to take place with the postal locker people to look at location, costs and planning permission.

The dance hirers have asked if the hall can be used for four hours every Saturday morning and if this could booking could be charged three hours, rather than four.

**Resolved:** The hall can be booked on Saturdays when village events are not taking place, but the village events must take priority. However, the discount is not approved as the Council needs to meet rising utility and wage costs.

### **111/25-26 Finance**

#### (a) Balances 31 January 2026

Business High Interest Account: £20632.76; Bonus Saver Account £15,827.37

#### (b) Income January 2026

Hall Hire	£990.40
HMRC – VAT Refund	£199.74
Holmesfield Markets – Donation	£1000.00
Interest	£30.04

#### (c) Expenditure

Water Plus – Water 06/01	DD	£18.91
Scottish Water – Waste 15/01	DD	£47.83
British Gas – Gas16/01	DD	£468.45
EDF – Electricity 22/01	DD	£120.14
Steve Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£1100.00
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£315.40
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
Wages	BACS	£1970.63
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£212.61
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£58.61

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

### **112/25-26 Circulars and Notices**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- February Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Correspondence regarding diversion route for Millthorpe Lane closure
- Public Transport Service transfer to EMCCA (East Midlands Combined County Authority)
- Community News from Derbyshire County Council –12/01, 19/01, 28/01, 02/02

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

- Report Fraud Service Launched

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Parish Council conference 15/04/2026

Peak District National Park Authority

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peak District National Park

Rural Action Derbyshire

- Fraud Victim Support

### **113/25-26 Information**

Reported that the Council need to look at .gov.uk email address/es and website compliance with ICO regulations.

### **114/25-26 Date of Next Meetings**

Wednesday 11 March 2026

The meeting closed at 20.50pm

Chairman.....11 February 2026