

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2022**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Dr M Blagden, Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby and Mr W Rosser

Also Present: Three members of the Dronfield SNT, Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

**38/22-23 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors Mr T Marples, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney and Dr D Ward.

**39/22-23 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**40/22-23 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The Police presented their monthly report. During September 2022 there have been three reported crimes in the Parish. These included 2 theft and 1 non dwelling burglary, all the incidents are linked to the ongoing building works on the Estate.

The recent Estate Walkabout was well attended and a number of issues were highlighted.

There has been a number of reports of anti-social behaviour on Fanshawgate Lane, including obstructive parking, music and nuisance.

There was an issue with sheep in a residential garden; noted that they really like flowers and shrubs.

The bench has been removed from the verge outside the school and speed enforcement has been requested.

There is a Holmesfield meet on Thursday 13 October between 4.00pm and 5.00pm at the Village Hall.

**41/22-23 Minutes**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 10 August 2022

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

**42/22-23 Planning**

Applications Received

(a) 22/00580/FLH – Mr J Stansfield, Wind Rose, Cartledge Lane, Holmesfield – Proposed front link extension between house and garage

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

Decisions

(a) 22/00217/FL - Mr and Mrs Booker, 2 Main Road, Holmesfield – Application for 1no Dwelling House with car parking (Conservation Area – GRANTED

(b) 22/00253/FLH - Mr and Mrs Fearnough, Green Paddock, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Two storey front extension to accommodate a wheelchair lift – GRANTED

(c) 22/00589/LDC – Mr Stephen Kimberley 11 Vicarage Close Holmesfield - Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a rear extension (revised scheme of 22/00279/FLHPD) CERTIFICATE ISSUED

(d) 22/00701/FLH – Mr P Lowe, Hill Mount, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield – Proposed two storey rear and side extensions with attached single garage - GRANTED

Appeal

22/00011/FL – Appeal against refusal for construction of an agricultural building for storage of agricultural equipment, hay and sheep at lambing time at Cowley Hall Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield

#### Public Inquiry

21/00020/EN\_OD – Planning Inquiry Appeal against the erection of 2 buildings at Brindwood House, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield 6 and 7 September 2022 10.00am at the Council Offices, Mill Lane, Chesterfield S42 6NG

21/00020/EN\_COU – Planning Inquiry Appeal against change of use of buildings to a dwelling at Brindwood House, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield 6 and 7 September 2022 10.00am at the Council Offices, Mill Lane, Chesterfield S42 6NG

**Resolved:** To contact the Planning Department, to enquire about the timescale for a decision on the two public inquiries.

#### Other

Caravan storage in Holmesfield

It has been reported that there have been a number of adverts for a covered caravan storage facility in Holmesfield. It is not known where this is located.

**Resolved:** To contact the Planning Department to enquire whether this would require a planning application for change of use of an agricultural building.

#### 43/22-23 Meeting Reports

None

#### 44/22-23 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – Reported that the race night was cancelled.

(b) Road Safety – Written report from Councillor P Reaney.

In August 2022, one Speed Watch was carried out. 509 cars registered travelling east past the school and 45 of those travelling over 35 mph past the school, including one local resident.

Two items of correspondence have been received from residents with regard to the volume and speed of traffic through the Parish.

The Parish Council have continued to report matters and make requests to the Highways authority to improve the situation on the roads in the Parish.

We have been trying to persuade Derbyshire County Council to do more to manage vehicle speeds through the roads in Holmesfield and Millthorpe and this includes:

- Request/s for reducing the 40mph zone between Holmesfield and Dronfield have been met with silence.
- Request/s for reducing the 60mph zone between Owler Bar and Holmesfield to 40mph have been met with silence.
- Request/s to put in chicanes at the start of the 30mph zones rejected outright because of the width of the roads.
- Request/s to put flashing 30mph signs in were refused as these were apparently against Derbyshire County Council policy, even though they have been put into Barlow village. The Parish Council offered to pay for the signs and even this was outright refused. However, Derbyshire County Council have now revised their policy and grants are being offered by the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to put in mobile flashing speed signs. The Parish Council applied for a grant in mid-August and we are still waiting to hear whether or not we have been successful. If we are successful then the Parish will need to match fund the grant and will be totally responsible for erecting, maintaining, and providing all information to Derbyshire County Council regarding the speeds.
- In addition we try to run a Speed Watch but there are not enough volunteers; we have been making regular pleas for help in the newsletter with only limited success. We get contacted by so many residents complaining about speed, but they will not provide the practical help that we need

- Our only success has been the removal of bench outside the school and the construction of hard standing to facilitate the standing of police speed camera vans - to date no such vehicles have used the hard standing, but we understand that the local SNT have requested the Speed Enforcement team to attend the site.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to reply to the resident and to place the above information into the newsletter.

(c) Footpaths – Written report received from Councillor P Reaney.

Derbyshire County Council have finally responded re issues raised with them over the last 6 months Hob Lane gates a review is taking place to take out the gates to enable wheelchair access. For the issue of cyclists using footpaths, the County have sent metal discs for me to fix to footpath signs; clarifying that footpaths are for pedestrians only that cyclists are prohibited. For the footpath around Grange farm on Cowley Lane, the County Council have reiterated the actual designated official route.

(d) Newsletter & Website – Discussion took place on the distribution and delivery of the newsletters.

(e) Transport – Stage-Coach is now running the buses through the Parish, there have been some concerns over the reliability of the service.

The bus that runs through the Parish to the Peak District on Sundays is to be advertised in the newsletter.

(f) Playground

Emergency Repair following annual inspection

During the annual inspection the Clerk was contacted to say that a piece of equipment had been vandalised. This was repaired within 24 hours.

Other items on the report were discussed.

**Resolved:** Councillor Hoare to contact grounds maintenance and arrange for minor repairs to be carried out.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to contact Hags to request repair of a link on the basket swing.

NED UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Quality Parks and Play Areas

There is funding available for playground projects in the district, the closing date is rather tight at 31 October 2022 for the first round. The Clerk had prepared a consultation paper to be taken into Penny Acres School; for the children to pick their favourite pieces of equipment. It was hoped that this would be taken into the school and back in time for tonight's meeting so that the Council could approve the grant application.

**Resolved:** To note that the application will now not be ready in time for the closure of the first round of funding.

A request has been received to put a goal post in the play area.

**Resolved:** To consider this as part of the refurbishment project.

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – There has been no further update on the caravans and various vehicles parked in a field at Owler Bar. An article has been put in the newsletter asking people to contact Peak District National Park direct, as we do not seem to be able to progress the matter.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch / Estate Walkabouts – No report.

(j) Environment – A noise abatement notice has been issued for a cockerel crowing in a rural location, a herd of sheep got into a residential garden and caused considerable damage.

(k) Village Hall

Defibrillator Recall

We have received information that the software on the defibrillator requires update; this is being dealt with. Also new pads have been purchased as they had expired.

**Resolved:** To note

Village Hall Carpark

It has been reported that along side the two trucks that have been permanently parking in the car park; a written off car has also been abandoned by a resident.

#### **45/22-23 Finance**

##### (a) External Audit Report

Councillors received the external audit report and notice of conclusion of audit.

**Resolved:** To note that the external audit report was clear and did not highlight any issues or concerns.

##### (b) Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments

Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

**Resolved:** To not opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

##### (c) Balances at 31 August 2022

Business High Interest Account:£34756.84, Current Account:£0.00; Bonus Saver Account:£15,206.20

##### (d) Income August 2022

Hall Hire £2176.50

##### (e) Income September 2022

Precept £18,000.00

Hall Hire £475.95

##### (f) Expenditure September 2022

SSE – Gas	DD	£14.05
SSE - Electricity	DD	£50.48
WaterPlus – Water	DD	£9.83
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£250.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£495.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£630.00
Runner Bean – Car Park Hedge	BACS	£200.00
PHS Group	BACS	£95.76
PFK – Audit	BACS	£360.00
NEDDC – Dog Bins	BACS	£64.51
Holmesfield PCC – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£848.00
Wages	BACS	£1740.51
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£197.37
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£48.98
Village Hall Bond Return	BACS	£20.00
E Boswell – Re-imburement of defibrillator pads	BAC	£47.94

##### (g) Expenditure October 2022

SSE – Gas	DD	£12.00
SSE - Electricity	DD	£46.31
Water	DD	£20.48
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£250.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£594.00
Bailey Johns – Replacement in gents toilet	BACS	£1801.23
Analan Supplies Ltd – Consumables	BACS	£158.83
Stonelow Garden Services – Grounds maintenance	BACS	£370.00
PHS – Hygiene Services	BACS	£379.92
NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£261.04
NEDDC – Play Inspection	BACS	£54.00
Wages	BACS	£1524.60

HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£147.14
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£48.98
<b>Resolved:</b> To accept all the above accounts for payment		

#### **46/22-23 Circulars and Notices**

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- July Newsletter
- NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Policy Consultation Briefing To All Member Councils

Derbyshire County Council

- Cancellation of the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 6pm Tuesday 26 July 2022

North East Derbyshire District Council

Peak District National Park Authority

- Parishes Day invitation Saturday 1st October 2022

Road Safety Meeting

- Coal Aston 1 September 2022 at 7.00pm

#### **47/22-23 Information**

The telephone box at Millthorpe requires some maintenance.

Item for next agenda - Village Hall Tables

#### **48/22-23 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Chairman.....