

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2025**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser. Mrs H Stuart-Bamford.

Also Present: 1 member of the Police and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

**123/24-25 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor T Marples

**124/24-25 Vacancy**

No update

**125/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**126/24-25 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

Apologies from District Councillor Pam Jones

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The written police report includes five reported crimes.

There are concerns raised over the continuation of parking on the top of Cowley Lane, despite the double yellow lines now being in place. The issue will be reported to PCSO Jonathan Flowers and concerned member of the public are encouraged to also make reports.

**127/24-25 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2025

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

**128/24-25 Planning**

Applications Received

(a) 25/00128/FL – Mr and Mrs Machen, Cordwell Barn, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing barn and erection of one single storey dwelling with attached garage, parking and amenity areas, and a private drainage system (conservation area) (setting of a listed building)

**Resolved:** The Parish Council are concerned that this application is to demolish rather than convert the existing barn. It is considered that if the barn is to be converted it should be done on the original footprint rather than the building of a new property. It is considered that the new property would not be in keeping with the rural location in the greenbelt, conservation area and within the setting of a listed building.

(b) 25/00161/FLH – Mrs K Woods, Gooseberry Farm, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing porch, construction of new porch and internal alterations.

**Resolved:** To make no objection

(C) CS11412421 – Land at Woodthorpe Hall, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Proposed base station installation upgrade.

**Resolved:** To make no objection

Decisions

25/00031/FLH – Wilson, Croft House, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement outbuilding on the same footprint - Granted

**129/24-25 Meeting Reports**

(a) Memorial Carving and Unveiling – request for the Parish Council to seek permission to place the memorial next to bench on Main Road

**Resolved:** To contact Derbyshire County Council on behalf of the Holmesfield Support Group to establish the process, to ask them to carry out the application due to the time constraints and details of the memorial and location need to be exact. To offer to pay any costs of the application process.

(b) Letter from PCC regarding Maintenance Costs

**Resolved:** To apologise that the budgets were set in November / December 2024 and funds have been allocated to other projects. The request will be considered in November / December 2025.

**130/24-25 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society and other village matters - No report

(b) Playground – Drainage works are scheduled in for the end of April 2025.

(c) Road Safety– There have been further complaints over the planter replacing the verge on Millthorpe Lane and it looks as if at least one vehicle hit the planter.

(d) Footpaths – Footpath 5 is not currently delineated as potatoes are being grown and walkers are required to walk over the potato ridges.

Derbyshire County Council are to be asked for an update on the diversion of Footpath 16

(e) Newsletter & Website – No report

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report

(j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall

Curtains – Work on the curtains has been completed.

**Resolved:** To note

Doors – Four quotes have been received. Discussion took place on which best matched the brief, value for money, whether deposits of between 25% and 50% were acceptable and the potential timescale of works.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote from Robert Barnes Construction.

**131/24-25 Finance**

(a) Review of Caretaker / Letting Officer Wages

**Resolved:** To raise by 4% from 1 April 2025

(b) Balances at 31 March 2025

Business High Interest Account: £21982.88; Bonus Saver Account £15,689.70

(c) Income March 2025

Hall Hire	£961.00
Adverts	£1050.00
Interest	£41.55

(d) Expenditure April 2025

EDF – Gas 18/3	DD	£946.06
EDF – Electricity 21/3	DD	£121.56
Water Plus – Water 26/3	DD	£39.61
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£295.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£508.00
Peak Park Parishes Forum – Subscription	BACS	£6.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	BACS	£52.00
S Palmer – Curtains	BACS	£750.00 - Paid
S Turner – Curtain Hanging	BACS	£150.00
Meadowhead Plumbing – Toilet Repair	BACS	£110.00

NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£317.72
Wages	BACS	£2379.89
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£714.62
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£116.99

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

### **132/24-25 Circulars and Notices**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- March Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, 31/3
- Liaison Forum Presentation Slides
- Smoke Free Derby and Derbyshire
- Mobile Library Routes

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Conference 7 April 2025

Peak District National Park Authority

- Local Plan Review - Call for Sites
- Landscapes Unlocked – historic image archive offers glimpse into the Peak District's past

### **133/24-25 Information**

None

### **134/24-25 Date of Next Meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 12 May 2025 at 7.00pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 12 May 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman.....12 May 2025