

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2026
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer and one member of the public.

125/25-26 To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs K Marples Mr T Marples and Mrs S Reaney.

126/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

127/25-26 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

A member of the public attended the meeting, he presented a file of information regarding the pooling of water at East Hollow, an independent assessment was made of the culvert under the B6054, the culvert is half concrete and half stone. The section made of stone has collapsed. Help is requested in getting Derbyshire County Council to investigate the matter and repair / replace the collapsed culvert.

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies District Councillor Pam Jones, Louise Jones MP

The written police report highlighted four crimes in March 2026, these included three incidents of violent crime against person and one criminal damage.

128/25-26 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2026

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

129/25-26 Planning

Applications Received

NP/NED/0326/0305 – Ferney Lee, Unthank Lane, Holmesfield – Build a small infill extension between the existing kitchen and utility room to provide an enlarged kitchen and an external door and lobby nearer to and more visible from the existing drive.

Resolved: No objection

Decisions

26/00134/AGD – T Shepley, Land East of Woodthorpe Hall Cottage, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield – Prior notification for a proposed agricultural steel framed building with metal cladding, with three roller shutter doors and one personal access door, to be built on a concrete pad for the storage of agricultural machinery – **PRIOR APPROVAL OF SITING AND APPEARANCE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT NOT REQUIRED**

Enforcement

District Councillor Pam Jones has been in touch with the Enforcement Officer and a response is awaited.

130/25-26 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

Work has been completed on painting the Millennium Garden Gate.

The relaying of stone work in the garden has been requested, once works have been undertaken the benches will be ordered.

The bench opposite the old Horns Inn has been removed for safety and the bench at the bottom of Fox Lane has been inspected and found to be sound.

(b) Playground

The bin has been replaced in the play area.

The deeds have been looked at for the play area. Further information is to be sought on some papers referring to Transco.

Further investigation is to take place on a further grant application offer from Finding Fitness.

Resolved: To note

(c) Road Safety Issues

Further to section 127/25-26 to contact Derbyshire County Council on the residents request to ask that the flooding and culvert issue at East Hollow is investigated and if necessary rectified Derbyshire County Council were asked if the installation of the white village gateway posts can be part of the works scheduled for the B6054; however, the refund for the faulty SID works has been authorised and is going ahead, but Highways will help with the installation.

A conifer hedge is again overhanging the pavement at Castle Hill impeding pedestrian access, this is worsened by cars parking on the pavement.

(d) Footpaths – No report

(e) Newsletter & Website

The Clerk has obtained a .gov email address free of charge from Parishes online.

Work has been taking place to make the website more accessible, text has been made larger italics removed and it has been tested via Wave at Webaim and is scoring 9.5 out of 10 for accessibility.

An accessibility statement has been added, asking if people to contact us if they need assistance in accessing documents and highlighting the work we have undertaken. In addition, a GDPR notice has been added; along with the IT policy from the meeting on 11 March 2026. Work is continuing reviewing and making the site as accessible as possible. All policies will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2026.

Resolved: To thank the Clerk and Nick Wheat for their work on this matter.

(f) Transport – No report

(g) Football Pitch – The lease has still not been received.

(h) Peak Park – No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report

(j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall

Gutters and Fascia – The quote has been accepted and works are due to commence the week commencing 20 April 2026

131/25-26 Finance

(a) Balances 31 March 2026

Business High Interest Account: £17143.39; Bonus Saver Account £15,851.14

(b) Income February 2026

Hall Hire	£3300.90
Adverts	£1700.00
Interest	£25.28

(c) Expenditure

Water Plus – Water 02/03	DD	£32.82
Water Plus – Water 30/03	DD	£18.38
British Gas – Gas 18/03	DD	£586.78
EDF – Electricity 24/03	DD	£119.77
NEDDC – Business Rates	DD	Zero
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£315.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
S17 Decorators – Millennium Garden Gate	BACS	£385.00
ICO – Data Protection Fee	BACS	£52.00
Wages	BACS	£2616.80
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£643.53
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£130.04

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

132/25-26 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News from Derbyshire County Council –09/03, 16/03, 24/03

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Consultation on the strategic approach to the Location of Development and Refined Schedule of Sites

Peak District National Park

- Advance Notice of Regulation 19 Consultation
- Publication of Settlement Character Analysis and Landscape Sensitivity Assessment

Severn Trent

- Hathersage to Worksop Pipeline
Severn Trent wish to have a meeting with the Parish Council; they have been invited to attend a meeting in June or July 2026

133/25-26 Information

None

134/25-26 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 13 May 2026

The meeting closed at 20.16pm

Chairman.....13 May 2026