

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2022**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

Also Present: District Councillor Bentley Stafford-Stephenson, Two members of Dronfield SNT, Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

**60/22-23 To receive apologies for absence**

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

**61/22-23 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**62/22-23 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

A number of burglaries have occurred in Dronfield, residents are reminded to be vigilant.

A theft from an egg box on Cowley Lane has been reported. There is clear CCTV of the perpetrator and his vehicle; an update is requested.

Work is still on going with Derbyshire County Council with regards to speeding outside Penny Acres School.

There has been very little work with the speed watch due to weather and lack of volunteers.

The crime figures for November 2022 include a theft and two incidents of violence.

District Councillor Bentley Stafford-Stephenson attended the proclamation on the death of Queen Elizabeth II. There is information on the cost of living crisis and warm hubs on the North East Derbyshire District Council website.

We are still waiting for the results on the Inquiry on Brindwood House, this is expected in the next few weeks when the Planning Inspectorate issue their report. The dog exercise field application is likely to go to Planning Committee in February 2022.

There is application for an upgrade telecommunications base station at Woodthorpe Hall, there is an issue with the height of the proposal, which is twice as high as the current mast. The current mast is disguised as a tree, this will not be possible with this proposal.

**63/22-23 Minutes**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 9 November 2022

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

**64/22-23 Planning**

Applications Received

Proposed Base Station Upgrade – Land at Woodthorpe Hall, Fanshaw Gate Lane

**Resolved:** No Comment

Decisions

21/01195/FL – Holmesfield Cricket Club, Cordwell Lane – Application for the discharge of conditions 3 (Drainage) and 4 (Contamination Study) – DISCHARGED

APP/R1038/W/22/3296140 – Appeal against NEDDC refusal to grant permission for construction of an agricultural equipment, hay and for sheep at lambing time at Cowley Hall Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield - ALLOWED

Public Inquiry

21/00020/EN\_OD – Planning Inquiry Appeal against the erection of 2 buildings at Brindwood House, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield - Reconvening 1 and 2 December 2022 10.00am at the Council Offices, Mill Lane, Chesterfield S42 6NG – AWAITED

21/00020/EN\_COU – Planning Inquiry Appeal against change of use of buildings to a dwelling at Brindwood House, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield - Reconvening 1 and 2 December 2022 10.00am at the Council Offices, Mill Lane, Chesterfield S42 6NG - AWAITED

65/22-23 Meeting Reports

None

66/22-23 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – Christmas plans are all underway.

(b) Road Safety – The Parish Council have still not had any update with regards to the grant application for the mobile speed signs. The Clerk contacted the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and was informed that an update would be sent out shortly.

Councillor Reaney sent a written report, there has been a Derbyshire wide discussion on the subject of community speed watches and opinion that they are not helping develop a culture of keeping motorists to the speed limits and that a change of direction is needed by the County Council and the Police. It is thought that proper speed control with penalties.

With regard to the gullies on the main road Derbyshire County Council stated that they had carried out cleaning, they have been inspected and found that this was not the case. The matter has been re-reported to DCC for them to carry out the work.

(c) Footpaths – No Report

(d) Newsletter & Website – The Chairman reported that the long serving distributors of the newsletter are ready to retire. Thanks are given for their sterling service. An advert will be placed in the newsletter for someone to volunteer to distribute the newsletters to the 21 deliverers.

(e) Transport – No Report

(f) Playground – Councillor Hoare reported that he met with the grounds contractor. The willow and hedge will be cut, equipment painting and goal post replacement will be dealt with in the spring. The Clerk has placed an order for the repair to the basket seat.

With regard to the playground refurbishment the Clerk contacted Penny Acres School on the 26 November 2022 to see if they would like the children to take part in picking their favourite equipment. No response has been received.

**Resolved:** To contact the School again to see if they will help with the project.

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park –The Clerk has written to the CEO of PDNPA and invited him to a future meeting of the Parish Council. The issue the lack of action regarding the caravans at Owler Bar was raised, and we are promised a review by 20 December 2022.

A question has again been raised whether the sale of Christmas Trees at Owler Bar is allowed.

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

(j) Environment – A concern has been raised about the security of livestock fencing on Cartledge Lane, this is a matter for the landowner.

(k) Village Hall – Request for Clothes bank in the carpark

**Resolved:** To grant permission.

### **67/22-23 Finance**

(a) Setting of level of wages 2023/24

Members discussed the level of wages for 2023/24, considering the rate of inflation and the rise in the living wage.

**Resolved:** To grant a 10% raise for Caretaking staff

**Resolved:** For the Clerk to be paid in accordance with NJC rates for 2023/24

(b) Setting Village Hall Rates for 2023/24

Members discussed the level of hall hire in 2023/24, and the increase in costs to the Council.

**Resolved:** To raise all rates by £1.00 per hour

(c) Budget and Precept Setting 2023/24

Members discussed the budgets for 2023/24 in conjunction with the level of wages, hall hire fees and the taking into consideration the very substantial rise in fuel costs once the fixed contract ends in the summer of 2023

**Resolved:** To raise the precept to £41,500 to cover increased costs

**Resolved:** To include an article in the newsletter explaining the reasons for the rise and that this will be approximately £11 per annum extra for a band D property.

(d) Balances at 30 November 2022

Business High Interest Account: £42502.10; Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £15222.66

(e) Income November 2022

Hall Hire £1136.00

Football £200.00

(f) Scottish Water

Scottish Water have taken two direct debits from the Parish Council bank account. We do not have an account with them, no correspondence or invoices have been received. Customer services could not help and said they do not serve Derbyshire. As a result the direct debit has been cancelled and a letter has been sent to their Head Office.

**Resolved:** To note

(g) Expenditure December 2022

SSE – Gas	DD	£101.26
SSE - Electricity	DD	£72.06
Water	DD	£13.11
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£250.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£489.00
Hollinsend Fire Safety Ltd	BACS	£246.19
St Swithin's Church PCC – Lights and Wreath	BACS	£135.00
SGS Garden Services – Grit Bin	BACS	£85.00
Wages	BACS	£1614.42
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£168.05
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£42.05

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

### **68/22-23 Circulars and Notices**

CPRE

- Countryside Voices

Derbyshire County Council

- Let's Chat Online Resources

NEDDC

- NEDDC Leaders briefing, November 2022
- Warm Spaces' across North East Derbyshire - a request for information

- Invitation to Memorial Service for the late Queen Elizabeth II  
Peak District National Park Authority
- Nutrient Neutrality
- Golden eagle reintroduction - project research

**69/22-23 Information**

None

**70/22-23 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10 January 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman.....Date 10 January 2023