

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2026
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs K Marples Mr T Marples, Mrs S Reaney, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr B Wheat
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

115/25-26 To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs A Hutchinson and Mr W Rosser

116/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

117/25-26 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies District Councillor Pam Jones, Louise Jones MP

The written police report highlighted two crimes in February 2026, these included an incidence of violent crime against person.

118/25-26 Minutes

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

119/25-26 Planning

Applications Received

26/00134/AGD – Mr T Shepley – Land East of Woodthorpe Hall Cottage, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Prior notification application 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.

Resolved: No objection

Decisions

25/00938/FLH – Mr T Martin, 47 Main Road, Holmesfield - Demolition of a single storey rear extension and the rebuild of a larger single storey rear extension - GRANTED

26/00037/FLHPD – Rossett House, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Application under the neighbour notification scheme for erection of a single storey rear extension – NO OBJECTIONS

Enforcement

Reported that works have been undertaken at Cartref. An update is to be requested from North East Derbyshire District Council on enforcement progress at Brindwood House.

Other

Update on planning application 25/00128/FL – revised documents were available from 18 November and the Parish Council submitted an objection on 12 December 2025.

120/25-26 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

Report from Councillor Hutchinson that the Village Society do not have a meeting planned, but the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place.

Work has started on the Millenium Garden Gate.

The pavers in the Millenium Garden have been jet washed and look much improved. The clearance of moss has revealed three areas that need attention to prevent trips.

Resolved: To ask the grounds maintenance contractor to rectify.

The bench opposite the old Horns Inn still needs to be removed and a bench at the bottom of Fox Lane needs to be looked at.

(b) Playground

Grounds Maintenance prices for 2026 were received by the Council

Resolved: To accept the prices for 2026/7

Various proposals for the play area were discussed.

Resolved: To look at the deeds for the play area to look at future potential for the site.

(c) Road Safety Issues

The meeting took place with representatives from highways.

Yellow Lines at Top of Cowley Lane, we discussed the issue of parking on the pavement. Various measures were discussed, but Highways have agreed that enforcement is the best answer and are to send officer/s out on Tuesday and Thursday evening/s.

Flooding at East Hollow – Highways to send to appropriate department to investigate the cause.

On B6054 from Owl Bar at entrance to village – we discussed the issues of speeding.

Discussion took place on the recent road closure and the diversion via Highlightly and Dobbin Lane, and the lack of notice of bus cancellations in the village, Stage Coach are to be asked if notices could be placed on the bus stops in future if services are to be cancelled, as this caused a lot of disruption for residents.

Highways already have plan in place for resurfacing and painting of lines. As part of this project it was discussed that damage signage would be replaced and the damaged reflector posts are to be renewed and set further up to highlight the village entrance.

The pavement overgrowth was looked at from Penny Acres School to Gooseberry Farm and it was agreed that this should be cleared.

Highways are minded to return the £535 charged for the additional visit of the SID engineer.

We asked about white gateways to highlight the entrance to the village (like in Barlow).

Highways have suggested that the position would be perfect for them and would look to install them on our behalf in return for the £535 for the faulty post installation. We said that we would discuss this at the PC Meeting.

Resolved: To ask if the installation of the white village gateway posts can be part of the works scheduled for the B6054

(d) Footpaths

Footpath 7 from Park Avenue to Holmesfield Park Woods is not currently accessible due to a drainage channel.

A bridge on Footpath 48 is in need of repair.

The pavement adjacent to the cricket pitch has been reported by the Cricket Club. They are concerned that there are now far more people using the cricket pitch throughout the week and the worsening condition of the pavement is a real trip hazard to their members and spectators.

Resolved: To report to Derbyshire County Council

(e) Newsletter & Website

Newsletter content

Resolved: To include the following:

Invitation for residents to submit births, deaths and marriages in the newsletter

Information from Stage Coach regarding bus cancellations.

Also wherever possible to reduce the free adverts to half a page due to cost of printing

Assertion 10 (SAPPP 2025) – a simple explanation for parish & town councils - The Smaller Authorities' Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP) has released the updated 2025 edition of the Practitioners' Guide, offering essential updates to support local councils and smaller authorities in managing governance and financial duties with greater clarity.

In addition to confirming councils must follow existing compliance (GDPR & DPA for security and privacy, FOI & Transparency Code for document publishing), the 2025 edition of the Practitioners' Guide states (Assertion 10: Digital and Data Compliance):

- Councils must operate from a council-owned domain-based official email addresses and website
- The website must continue to meet accessibility regulations (currently WCAG2.2AA)
- Councils must have an IT policy

Quotes have been sought for a replacement website.

Resolved: To obtain a .gov email address

Resolved: To make the current website as accessible as possible

Resolved: To ensure that an up to date access statement is on the current website

Resolved: To implement an IT policy as per the draft presented at the meeting

- (f) Transport – No report
- (g) Football Pitch – The lease has still not been received.
- (h) Peak Park – No report
- (i) Neighbourhood Watch – discussions took place on the play area.
- (j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall

Gutters and Fascia – the mid quote company was contacted and they are unable to discount the price. Reviews were looked at for the work of the lowest quote provider; they appear to be excellent. Discussion took place on how the works can be funded.

Resolved: To fund the works out of reserves

Resolved: To ask FSG Roofing Solutions to carry out the works.

121/25-26 Finance

(a) Balances 28 February 2026

Business High Interest Account: £17942.40; Bonus Saver Account £15,838.90

(b) Income January 2026

Hire	£624.00
Adverts	£250.00
Interest	£25.35

(c) Expenditure

Water Plus – Water 02/02	DD	£19.18
British Gas – Gas 13/02	DD	£664.20
EDF – Electricity 24/02	DD	£135.73
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£295.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£503.00
DALC – Subscription	BACS	£664.48
Hollinsend – Fire Extinguishers	BACS	£167.52
Sheffield Pressure Washing - Garden	BACS	£180.00
Steve Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£190.00
NBB – Litter Bin for Playground	BACS	£510.00
Wages	BACS	£1942.05
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£209.92
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£58.15

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

122/25-26 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- March Newsletter
- Vacancies

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News from Derbyshire County Council –09/02, 16/02, 02/03
- Holiday Activities and Food Program.

123/25-26 Information

None

124/25-26 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 8 April 2026

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

Chairman.....8 April 2026