

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2021
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Dr M Blagden, Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr T Marples, Mr P Reaney (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser and Dr D Ward

Also present 1 member of the public and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council.

73/21-22 To receive apologies for absence

None

74/21-22 Declaration of member's interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

75/21-22 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

A retrospective planning application has been submitted for some work at Brindwood House; however this does not cover the work that is being carried out on the two new buildings.

30mph signs in Millthorpe are obscured by over growth.

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Police Report

PCSO Jonathan Flower sent a written report.

The crimes for October 2021 include 1 theft and 1 public order.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team are continuing to work within the community in respect of inappropriate parking. They attended the youth provision at the church, which has commenced with some success and are working to hopefully provide Xtreme wheels provision. This time of year is often in previous years has seen increase in burglaries and the Safer Neighbourhood Team remind residents that security starts at home and are happy to visit residents and offer further support or advice

District Council Report

Apologies for absence and a written report were received from Councillor Bentley Stafford-Stephenson

No new planning issues brought to my attention in Holmesfield Parish; but Holmesfield Cricket Club reached out to me regarding funding opportunities for their proposed new development (planning application submitted). You will also note that the case brought to the attention of the council at the last meeting has now also had a formal planning application submitted to NEDDC. Reference: 21/01222/LDC.

The next round of community action grants are available for application with up to £500 per project being able to be awarded. More information can be found here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/community/community-action-grants>

On the social side, in aid of the Chairman's fundraising appeal for Ashgate Hospice, there are the following events coming up:

- Quiz night on Tuesday 16th November at Chesterfield FC. £10pp includes pie & pea supper
- Christmas market on Saturday 27th November being held at Chesterfield FC

You will have also seen that I published a short introduction in this month's Parish newsletter. Thank you to Nick Wheat for facilitating.

As promised, I also reached out to Cllr Angelique Foster to see if she would be able to attend an upcoming Parish Council meeting in order to discuss the various crime and county council matters that you raised. I haven't had confirmation if she is attending tonight or not but I also extended the invitation to attend December's meeting in person with me.

County Council Report

Apologies for absence received from County Councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster.

Written responses have been received regarding issues raised.

“My office made some enquiries with Casualty Reduction Enforcement Manager, Darren Roberts to give us a Force perspective on the matter. He has advised that speeding concerns in Holmesfield are currently under the responsibility of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). The local SNT should be working with the Parish Council and the local community to look at ways to resolve the issues raised. They will attend to enforce or assess the situation themselves first hand and escalate to the appropriate division(s) and agencies.

I am pleased to hear that the local Community Speed Watch (CSW) continues to meet on a regular basis, but I’m disappointed that you are finding it difficult to recruit new volunteers and that some residents have negative views on the scheme. Be assured that vehicles that are found by CSW volunteers to be driving in excess of the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speed. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences are noted, enforcement and prosecution may follow. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending. Through partnership with the community it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Improve driver behaviour through education
- Expand public knowledge of the dangers of inappropriate speed”

She has also confirmed that the current Derbyshire County Council policy does not allow permission to grant the Parish Council permission to fit speed signs or cameras. She has been campaigning for a number of years for a review of the policy to make it more flexible.

Feedback from Trading Standards has not been received and she will chase this up.

Resolved: A further invitation to be sent.

76/21-22 Minutes

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Resolved: To approve the Minutes for signature by the Chairman

77/21-22 Planning

Applications Received

(a) 21/01195/FL – Mr T Brown, Holmesfield Cricket Club, Cordwell Lane, Millthorpe – Application for the installation of single storey timber clubhouse (Private Drainage System).

Resolved: To raise no objection

(b) 21/01222/LDC – Mr R Hadfield, Brindwood House, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of dwelling.

Resolved: To raise an objection for the retrospective application to convert a garage into a dwelling. This application does not address the issue highlighted to the Planning Authority of the two additional buildings that are being constructed on the site. These do not appear to have had applications submitted nor approval granted.

(c) 21/01229/FL – Mr W Calvert, Brookfields Farm, Main Road, Holmesfield – Retrospective application for farm engineering operations to alter land levels on land adjacent.

Resolved: To raise an objection as the plans submitted do not adequately represent what work has been carried out on the site.

(d) 21/01285/FLH – Mr and Mrs Kenny, High Gate House, Holmesfield – Application for the siting of a timber storage shed (revised scheme of 21/00168/FLH)

Resolved: To raise no objection

Decisions

(a) 21/01077/CATPO – Mr and Mrs Williams, Franklin House Horsleygate Lane Holmesfield - Notification of intended works to trees within Horsleygate and Cordwell Conservation Area – WITHDRAWN

(b) 21/01087/AMEND – Mr and Mrs Butcher, Kesteven, Cordwell Lane, Millthorpe – Application for a non-material minor amendment to planning approval 18/00243/FLH for a front porch, a two-storey rear extension and a detached carport – APPROVED

(c) 21/01167/AGD – Mr and Mrs Lowe, Unthank Hall Farm, Unthank Lane, Holmesfield - Prior notification for the construction of a modern agricultural storage building for hay, straw and machinery – NOT REQUIRED

Appeals

(a) NED/20/01143/FL – Mr and Mrs Hinchliffe, Little Orchard, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Residential development for 1 dwelling including demolition of existing building and tennis court, reduction in hardstanding and provision of associated landscaping.

Resolved: To reiterate the comments made at the meeting of 10 February 2021.

“The application is opposed as the site is situated in the green belt and outside the Holmesfield settlement area. Approvals have only been given in such areas for conversion of redundant agricultural buildings and not new developments.”

(b) NED/21/00330/AFULD - Mr N Lee, Fanshawe Gate Barn, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Application for agricultural building to be used as machinery store

Resolved: To raise no objection

78/21-22 Meeting Reports

(a) Revised Code of Conduct

North East Derbyshire District Council have adopted a new code of conduct.

Resolved: To adopt the new code subject to Holmesfield Parish Council replacing North East Derbyshire District Council and the omission of Appendix C which relates to in house training.

(b) Boiler Replacement

A further quote has been received which relates to the small hall.

Resolved: The heating system in the small hall is relatively recently installed and so not deemed prudent to replace this at the current time.

(c) Lighting and electrical works

Quotes were received for the car park lighting and electrical works

Resolved: To accept the first quote from Oak Electrical Ltd.

(d) Request for Village Hall discount on Hiring Fees

A request from a local hirer for additional discount on the Village Hall hiring fees was considered. This would be in addition to the ten percent offered to local hirers.

Resolved: To not set a precedent of additional discounts for any hirers.

(e) Playground upgrade and Annual Inspection

A meeting has been held with a playground provider. The project will be a long-term plan; but in the short term some works are required.

Resolved: For the Clerk to calculate approximate reserves for the end of the year.

Resolved: For the grounds maintenance contractor to be asked to tidy or remove wood work items, trees and the willow arch and for the horse to be removed.

(f) Notice Board at Millthorpe

Quotes for a replacement notice board were submitted to the meeting.

Resolved: For interim repairs to be carried out to the board / or for a more cost effective solution to be found.

(g) Defibrillators for the Parish

The Village Society are looking to increase the number of defibrillators around the village. The defibrillator on the Village Hall was obtained via a British Heart Foundation Grant.

Post meeting note: a donation of £400 was made to the British Heart Foundation, the cabinet cost £395.00 and the installation was £270.00

Defibrillator training is to take place on the 24 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It is advertised in the newsletter and the Clerk will add to Facebook.

Resolved: To note

79/21-22 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – The insurance company have come back over the query of insurance for Village Society activities. The Parish Council policy only covers activities by the Parish Council and the policy can only be extended to cover these events if they were administered by the Parish Council and this would include full risk assessments being carried out.

Resolved: The Village Society needs to arrange their own insurance and ask the Parish Council for a S137 grant to recover the monies.

No correspondence has been received from the occupiers of the house that used to provide the electricity supply for the Christmas Tree.

Resolved: Councillor Ward will approach other neighbouring properties.

(b) Road Safety Issues – A resident has raised a parking hazard on the pavement at the top of Cowley Lane, this has been reported to the Police. Both Councillor Reaney and the Clerk have reported the danger of the lack of road markings for the roundabout at the top of Millthorpe Lane and Main Road; further reports will be made.

(c) Footpaths – Electric fencing has been erected on FP4; Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way Officer has been notified.

(d) Newsletter and Website – No report

(e) Transport – No report

(f) Playground – See 78/21-22 (e) above

(g) Football Pitch – Councillors to forward pictures of any issues with the football ground to the Clerk to address with the Football Club.

(h) Peak Park – There is still no satisfactory update on the issue of caravans at Owler Bar.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch is scheduled for January 2022.

(j) Environment – Fly tipping has been reported in Fanshawgate Lane.

It is thought that large parts of the Parish will benefit from improved broadband, but speeds in more outlying areas will continue to be poor.

(k) Village Hall – See 78/21-22 (b), (c) and (d) above.

80/21-22 Finance

(a) Balances at 30 September 2021

Business High Interest Account: £42,582.46; Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £15,199.22

(b) Income September 2021

Hall Hire £1652.50

(c) Expenditure

SSE – Gas	DD	£79.20
SSE - Electricity	DD	£67.05
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£245.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£396.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£660.00
PCC – Lights and Wreath	BACS	£132.00
Wages	BACS	£1504.17
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£205.32
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£38.04
VH Bonds x 2	BACS	£40.00

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

81/21-22 Circulars and Notices

Bolsover District Council

- Extreme Wheels and Pleasley Vale Outdoor Centre - Young Peoples Offer

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- November Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Snow Warden Scheme

Holmesfield Church

- Details of Remembrance Service 14 November 2021

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Chairs Charity Appeal
- Invitation to Chairs Charity Quiz night

82/21-22 Information

Councillor Wheat is to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

The grit bin outside the Village Hall to be checked.

83/21-22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman.....Date.....