

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2023
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Dr M Blagden, Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser, Mr T Marples
 Also Present: Two members of Dronfield SNT, Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

71/22-23 To receive apologies for absence

Reported that Dr D Ward has resigned as he is unable to attend the next two meetings and this brings him to the six-month limit for attendance.

The post will not be advertised as we are within six months of the elections in May 2023.

72/22-23 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

73/22-23 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Reported that an attempted burglary was interrupted by a large dog.

Thank you to Councillors Wheat and Rosser for attending the open session at the Village Hall.

There have been issues with parking on Fanshawgate Lane.

Speed checks have taken place on the layby outside the school, a ticket was issued to a motorist speeding at 48mph in the 30mph zone. A further project is planned with the school children handing out information to motorists.

The crime figures for December 2022 include a theft, a non-dwelling burglary one incident of violence and one other crime.

The Police were informed about the grant that we have been offered for the Speed Indication Device.

74/22-23 Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 14 December 2022

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

75/22-23 Planning

Applications Received

21/01474/FL – Mr and Mrs Henderson, 34 Main Road, Holmesfield - Conversion of existing stone barn to ancillary accommodation and holiday let (Conservation Area) (Amended Plans)

Resolved: No Comment

22/01234/FLH – Mr and Mrs Monaghan, Mulberry Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield - extension, alterations and recladding of existing dwelling including raising roof heights, demolition/remodelling of ground floor elements including juliet balconies on rear elevation at first and second floor level.

Resolved: No Comment

Decisions

(a) 22/00576/FL – Mr J Waugh, Moorwood Hall Farm, Oowler Bar – S73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved Drawings) to amend design of main farmhouse pursuant to planning approval 22/00024/FL - GRANTED

(b) 22/00931/FL – Mr Shepley, Woodthorpe Hall Cottage, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield – S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on 20/01202/FL (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building / Conservation Area) – GRANTED

(c) 22/01015/FLH – Mr and Mrs Oates, Grange Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Retrospective application for the construction of rear retaining wall (Affecting setting of a listed building – GRANTED

(d) 22/01027/CUPDMB – Mrs K Woods, Gooseberry Farm, Holmesfield – Notification of prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn to dwelling - REFUSED

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 – APPEAL DISMISSED (*therefore the two buildings must be taken down*)

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 - APPEAL WITHDRAWN (*therefore the property is to be converted back to a garage*)

76/22-23 Meeting Reports

Members discussed the annual subscription to CPRE

Resolved: To not renew this year.

77/22-23 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – All Christmas events seem to go well

(b) Road Safety – The Parish Council have now been offered a grant for a Speed Indicator Device. The grant offer has been accepted.

Resolved: Councillor Reaney to get updated quote and check on specifications with Malatite

Resolved: Councillor Reaney to get map marked with location, approximately 100m within the 30mph zone travelling from Owler Bar to the Holmesfield.

Resolved: The Clerk will forward these items to Derbyshire County Council and begin the licence application.

Resolved: The Clerk will undertake the utilities check for a post to be installed in the verge.

Resolved: A local contractor will then be asked to install a suitable post.

Resolved: The Clerk will provide, at minimal cost, a laptop that can be used to collect data.

Potholes at Millthorpe have been reported and various gulleys have been re-reported for clearing, there is an area at the junction of the Main Road and Moorwood Lane that has been flooded on a regular basis this year, noted that there is no gully in that location.

(c) Footpaths – A letter has been received from the Rights of Way asking the Parish Council to withdraw their objection to the proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 9 (Part)– Parish of Holmesfield

Resolved: The Parish Council are adamant that they oppose the re-routing of Footpath 9 and wish the historic route of the path to remain.

The Parish Council are frankly dismayed at having been consulted and then asked to withdraw comments in what is deemed to be in a rather threatening manner,

(d) Newsletter & Website – A volunteer has not come forward to distribute the newsletters to the 21 deliverers.

Resolved: To offer the Caretaker additional hours each month to undertake the task.

(e) Transport – No Report

(f) Playground – There has been no contact from Penny Acres School

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park –An unsatisfactory reply has been received regarding the caravans at Owler Bar. It has been established that the Christmas Sales are permitted, but an area of hard standing on the site requires a retrospective planning application.

The CEO of PDNPA is scheduled to attend the March meeting of the Parish Council.

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

(k) Village Hall – Reported that the clothes bank has been put in the carpark. The Caretaker has been painting the floor in the areas where tiles have had to be lifted, this reduces dust and makes the area much neater.

The Clerk has today received quotations for the electricity and gas contracts when they expire in July 2023. The costs, as anticipated, are a huge increase.

Resolved: Electricity to accept quotation from Scottish and Southern for a one-year contract at unit rate of 43.694 and standing charge of 43.390; this represents an anticipated increase of 166.99%

Resolved: Gas to accept quotation from EDF for a two-year contract at unit rate of 15 and standing charge of 25; this represents an anticipated increase of 314.19%

Resolved: To inform residents of this situation via the newsletter.

78/22-23 Finance

(a) Balances at 31 December 2022

Business High Interest Account: £39974.66, Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £15232.67

(b) Income December 2022

Hall Hire £857.00

(c) Reported that the direct debits taken by Scottish Water related to Business Stream waste water collection, they have changed the details appearing on the statement and the bills have been sent to a different property on Vicarage Close, this has now been resolved, all paperwork has been received and the DD re-instated.

Resolved: To note

(d) Expenditure January 2023

SSE – Gas	DD	£285.55
SSE - Electricity	DD	£83.00
Water	DD	£13.32
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£250.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£474.00
Stonelow Garden Service – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£120.00
AJ Solutions – Tables	BACS	£718.80
Wages	BACS	£1478.42
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£127.51
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£32.95

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

79/22-23 Circulars and Notices

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited

- Notification of external auditor appointment for the 2022-23 financial year for the 5-year period until 2026-27 – PKF Littlejohn LLP

80/22-23 Information

None

81/22-23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

Chairman.....Date 8 February 2023