

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 August 2024**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer, PCSO Jonathan Flowers

**41/24-25 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs Mr T Marples, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford

**42/24-25 Vacancy**

The vacancy has been advertised; as no calls for an election were made before 8 August 2024 the Council is now able to co-opt a new member.

**43/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**44/24-25 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies from District Councillor Pam Jones.

PCSO Jonathan Flowers addressed the meeting. There have been 2 reported crimes. There have been a lot of vehicle thefts in Dronfield and throughout North East Derbyshire. The dog issue has been resolved as the owner has moved area. The issue/s of anti-social behaviour and drugs on the Estate remain, residents are asked to continue to report and monitor. The issue of the speeding black vehicle has been resolved and the vehicle has been impounded by Derbyshire Police. A speed gun session has taken place outside Penny Acres School this morning. Speeding remains an ongoing problem. Sessions involving Penny Acres School will take place as will speed checks in other areas of the Parish.

Questions were raised as to when the double yellow lines will be implemented at the top of Cowley Lane, it is understood that this is in progress and the change has been advertised at the site.

It was also asked if parents dropping off and picking up children from Penny Acres School could be asked to turn off their engines as they are causing unnecessary pollution for children and residents.

PCSO Flowers left the meeting at this point.

**45/24-25 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2024

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

**46/24-25 Planning**

Applications Received

(a) 24/00551/FL – Mrs C Lowe. Unthank Hall Farm, Unthank Lane, Holmesfield – Conversion of barn to dwelling retaining walls and temporary siting of static caravan (Listed Building) (Private Drainage System)

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

Decisions

(a) 23/00356/FL – Bradmill Cottage, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and the erection on one replacement two storey detached dwelling with rear balcony and roof lights (Conservation Area) (Amended Plans) - GRANTED

(b) APP/R1038/W/24/3339572 – Appeal against NEDDC decision to refuse permission for change of use of land for keeping of horses, erection of timber frame stable block on concrete base, plus solar panels on roof at Land opposite Greenfield Cottage, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Appeal Dismissed

Other planning matters

An update has been received in relation to enforcement issues at Brindwood House and Cartref. The planning authority are aware of the issues and are following up the lack of compliance.

**47/24-25**

Councillors considered the request for a dog bin at the garage site on the junction of Vicarage Close and Park Rise

**Resolved:** To ask for assistance from Rykneld Homes as the landowner responsible.

**48/24-25 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society and other village matters

Request for support in obtaining two further defibrillators in the village have circulated in the newsletter and on social media, there has been limited response thus far.

**Resolved:** Councillors to ask neighbours, family and friends to support the initiative

(b) Playground

The application for funding for a climbing wall has been successful and £6700.00 has been received from the National Lottery. The installation is due on Monday 16 September 2024. A site visit has taken place this evening to establish the location for the installation.

Whilst in the play ground it was also found that a number of works are required.

Urgently a bolt needs to be replaced in the basket swing.

Other works to be looked at include:

Re-tying of no dog sign on to the Estate entrance gate

Quotes for a replacement bin at the Estate entrance

Quote for a replacement bench next to the willow (plaque to be retained and placed on new bench)

Cutting back of the willow

Cutting back of Hedges

Replacement of older cradle swing

Replacement of climbing frame climbing wall

Replacement of the springy, ball rocker and pedal roundabout with new items of equipment.

**Resolved:** To see if the Amenity Fund could help provide funds for works.

(c) Road Safety

Speed Indicator Device - The Grant Agreement form has been sent off to the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The questions regarding batteries and downloading data were answered by the preferred contractor and the order has now been placed. The three poles for installation have been erected by Derbyshire County Council.

On the B6054 the reflector posts for the 30mph sign at Hob Lane are missing / or damaged.

The 20mph flashing lights for Penny Acres School have still not been repaired.

(d) Footpaths

Byway 63 is closed for emergency repair.

The Footpath Sign needs replacing at the Road side for Footpath 31 and the roadside stile is in a poor state of repair.

The Easy Access Trail has now been cleared

The diversion of Footpath No 16 has been reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Derbyshire County Council with plan, aerial view and a number of photographs.

(e) Newsletter & Website – one advert remained outstanding and due to non payment after four reminders has been removed from the newsletter.

(f) Transport – Information regarding the community bus services has been passed to all Councillors and will be put in the newsletter.

(g) Football Pitch – No report

(h) Peak Park – Councillor Reaney has again contacted officers at the Peak District National Park regarding the unauthorised development at Owl Bar. The site owner is either to apply for retrospective planning or enforcement will be undertaken. The deadline has passed but because the owner still wants to apply for planning permission, an extension has been applied.

**Resolved:** To express the Councils frustration at the lack of action or any sense of urgency over this matter.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

(j) Environment

The bench on The Crescent has been replaced.

The shooting noise was reported to the Dronfield SNT and the complainant advised to contact Environmental Health.

The danger of cyclists and walkers wearing headphones was raised as they have no awareness of vehicles or other dangers around them.

(k) Village Hall – DALC have been contacted regarding any advice for local councils regarding terrorism and other attacks on users of village halls. Guidance is awaited from NALC and Emergency Services at Derbyshire County Council.

**Resolved:** To look at ways that the interior front door can be latched or similar for security of hall users and the provision of a key box within the building.

#### **49/24-25 Finance**

(a) Balances at 31 July 2024

Business High Interest Account: £44,747.87; Bonus Saver Account £15,548.94

(b) Income July 2024

Hall Hire	£1402.78
Adverts	£250.00
HMRC VAT Refund	£975.15
National Lottery Grant	£6700.00
Interest	£71.04

(c) Expenditure

SSE – Electricity	DD	£136.70
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Scottish Water – Waste Water	DD	£25.55
Water Plus – Water	DD	£23.00
J B Wheat – Chairs Honorarium	BACS	£175.00
Lee Rowley - Advert Refund	BACS	£41.67
Finding Fitness Limited – Climbing Wall (pmt due after installation)	BACS	£8040.00
NBB Recycled Furniture – Bench on The Crescent	BACS	£582.60
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£285.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
Bailey Johns – Boiler Servicing	BACS	£765.32
PPL/PRS – Music Licence	BACS	£497.67
S Hewins – Footpath Works	BACS	£120.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£700.00
Wages	BACS	£1909.06
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£324.03
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£69.49

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

#### **50/24-25 Circulars and Notices**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- July Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Mobile Library Routes

- Temporary Closure of Byway 63

Peak District National Park Authority

- National Park Management Plan - Annual Progress Report
- New Co-Working Space Opens in Bakewell, Peak District National Park
- Peak District National Park is pioneering in the Race to Zero
- Peak District National Park archaeologist WINS national award
- Police and Crime Commissioner and Peak District National Park reaffirm commitment to Derbyshire communities
- Celebration as conservation project sees historic copper mine no longer at risk
- Peak District village regeneration scheme wins planning excellence commendation

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- (1) The new Local Plan and (2) Planning training for councillors

Police and Crime Commissioner

- Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation

**51/24-25 Information**

None

**52/24-25 Date of Next Meetings**

Wednesday 11 September 2024

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

Chairman.....11 September 2024