

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 2019**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr M Banks, Dr M Blagden, Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mr R Rosser and Dr D Ward  
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

The Chairman welcomed Mr Rosser to the Council

**74/19-20 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**75/19-20 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

Councillor B Wheat Item 5 Planning - 19/00813/FL

Councillor D Ward Item 5 Planning - 19/00976/LDC

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

None

**76/19-20 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The Police report for August 2019 includes 10 incidents including other theft at New Road, 2 vehicle crimes on Cowley Lane, incidents of ASB and violence on Park Rise, ASB on Vicarage Close, criminal damage on Park Avenue and 3 burglaries on Fanshaw Gate Lane.

Also reported that within September an Amazon Van was hijacked in the Village and recovered minus parcels on Dobbin Hill.

Some residents seem unaware of the correct telephone numbers to report crimes.

**Resolved:** To put into the Newsletter that if a crime is taking place then 999 is the correct number, if reporting a crime that has already taken place and suspects have left the scene then 101 is the appropriate number.

**77/19-20 Minutes**

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

**78/19-20 Planning**

Applications Received

(a) NP/NED/0619/0652 – Mr B Strafford Stephenson, Bank Farm, Fox Lane, Holmesfield – Alteration and extension to outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation for dependant relative.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(b) 19/00813/FL – Mrs D Harrison-Smith, Lydgate Farm, Holmesfield – Application for change of use of an existing farm building to a cattery and extension of an agricultural barn.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(c) 19/00892/DISCON – Ms K Corker, Cowley Hall Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Application to discharge conditions 7 (Roofing materials), 8 (Roof light samples), 9 (Stone samples), 12 (Detailed elevations and stone survey), 15 (made ground removal / contamination investigation) and 16 (Remediation Study) pursuant of 17/01232/FL and 18/01140/AMEND.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(d) 19/00898/CATPO – Mrs K Whitlam, Rose Hill, Cordwell Lane, Millthorpe – Application to reduce the north side of the canopy of 1no beech tree within the Horsley Gate and Cordwell conservation area.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(e) 19/00976/LDC – Mr and Mrs Sturchfield, Castle Hill Barn, Main Road, Holmesfield – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed siting of a chalet / mobile home for ancillary residential use (affecting setting of a Listed Building) (Conservation Area)

**Resolved:** The term mobile home is considered misleading for a structure that is 11.24 metres by 5.28 metres. Because of the size and scale of the proposal, in the Conservation Area it is not considered appropriate for lawful development and it is asked that a full planning application be requested. There are concerns about the amount of garden that would be taken up and potential increase in traffic to the site.

It is also requested that the when the decision is taken, that application 12/00486/FL for the construction of an oak framed glazed extension and a double garage at the property is taken into account. This application was refused “as it would not respect the simple historic form or layout of the original agricultural building and would result in a discordant element to the principal elevation. To grant permission would have a harmful impact on the special architectural and historic interest of the Listed Building and would therefore be contrary to Policy BE7 of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan. Insufficient justification exists to allow the harm identified as a result of the proposed alteration, in terms of wider public benefits, contrary to the requirements of paragraph 134 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012. The site is within the Holmesfield Conservation Area where Local Plan Policies require new development to preserve the prevailing traditional built features with regard to the scale, form, siting, choice of materials and details. The proposal seeks to extend an existing building in a manner to which that bears no resemblance to the original plan form or setting of the agricultural group of buildings to which this building relates. The proposal will result in an extension that has a poor relationship with the existing buildings and as a result it will neither preserve nor enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area contrary to the requirements of Policy BE11 of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan”

(f) 19/00991/FL – Mr S Nazir, The Old School House, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Application for relevant demolition of existing dwelling and domestic outbuildings to the north, and the erection of replacement house and alterations to the vehicular access (Conservation Area)

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

#### Decisions

None

#### Other

Planning Committee 1 October 2019 - 18/01195/FL – Mr & Mrs Oates, Grange Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing house, attached barn, and outbuildings to the north and south and the erection of one replacement house (Amended Plans) (Revised Scheme) (Amended Title).

#### **79/19-20 Meeting Reports**

North East Derbyshire District Council (Dog Management) Public Spaces Protection Order No 1 of 2019 – Consultation of Draft Order.

It has already been raised with North East Derbyshire District Council that a number of locations highlighted by the Parish Council have been missed from the Order.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to re-contact North East Derbyshire District Council to ensure that the Millennium Garden, Cricket Pitch, Football Pitch and Park Avenue are included within the Order.

#### **80/19-20 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society – The Speaker Night on the Hope Valley Railway was well attended on the 25 September 2019.

(b) Road Safety – Two cars were witnessed racing and passing each other outside of the School at 7.00am one week day morning.

A notice is to be put in the newsletter for more volunteers to operate the speed gun.

The Clerk is approaching other Parish Councils where illuminated speed signs are in situ to see what processes they went through to get them in place. The Clerk is also attending a Grants Open Evening at the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to see if a grant can be obtained. Discussion took place that if the sign was solar powered and semi-moveable then one sign could be utilised around both Millthorpe and Holmesfield

(c) Footpaths – Reported that Gary Fantom has kindly offered to trim Holmesfield FP4 and the Easy Access Trail at Park Avenue.

Work on resurfacing Hob Lane had started and then following the heavy rains the work has had to be re-assessed for longevity.

The stone stile on the start of Holmesfield FP31 is in a dangerous condition.

(d) Newsletter & Website – Two adverts were removed from the October edition of the Newsletter for non payment. Payment has now been received for one of them and so will be re-instated in the November edition.

(e) Transport – No report

(f) Playground – Much of the equipment is looking tired and could do with repainting and re-staining.

**Resolved:** Councillors Hoare and P Reaney to meet with contractors on site

(g) Football Pitch – The litter on site is much improved, the fence still requires some repair where wire has been cut.

(h) Peak Park – No report.

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

(j) Environment

**Resolved:** To appoint Councillor Rosser as the Councillor responsible for the Environment

### **81/19-20 Village Hall**

The railings have been painted and works undertaken to the garden area.

It has not yet proved possible to find anyone to take the wardrobes, two charities have looked at them, they have been advertised on Freecycle and Trash Nothing Websites and are currently advertised on E-bay for one-pence.

Councillor Reaney suggested that the Council needs to be mindful of Climate Change Issues including the Village Hall heating system and provision of a charger in the Car Park for Electric Vehicles.

### **82/19-20 Finance**

(a) External Audit Report

The External Audit Report reads “The smaller authority has disclosed that it made proper provision during the year 2018/19 for the exercise of public rights, by answering ‘Yes’ to Section 1, Assertion 4. However, as was reported last year, we are aware that it failed to do this and therefore should have answered ‘No’ to this assertion. It has also disclosed that it took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit, by answering ‘Yes’ to Section 1, Assertion 7, which, on the basis of the above, is not correct.”

In summary because the date was incorrectly calculated for the Exercise of Public Rights in 2017/2018 the Council should have answered no to Assertion 4 in Section 1

**Resolved:** To note

(b) Balances at 30 September 2019

Business High Interest Account: £43,256.73; Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £5,189.33

(c) Income

North East Derbyshire District Council – Precept and Grant	£16,250.00
Village Hall Lettings – August 2019	£505.00

(d) Expenditure

DD	SSE – Electricity	£49.69
DD	Water Plus – Water	£37.33
004430	PHS Group – Village Hall Hygiene	£91.80
004431	CPRE – Subscription	£36.00
004432	Alix Contracts – Churchyard Maintenance	£1536.16
004433	PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit	£240.00
004434	Ashgate Garden Care – Grounds Maintenance	£100.00
004435	Analan Supplies Ltd – Village Hall Consumables	£145.53
004436	Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	£368.00
004437	Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	£175.00
004438	S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	£390.00
004439	S Reaney – Painting	£325.00
004440	NEDDC – Trade Waste	£225.42
004441-2	Village Hall Deposits	£130.00
004443-5	Wages – Paid October 2019	£1387.30
004446	HM Revenue and Customs	£192.06
004447	J B Wheat – Chairman’s Allowance	£175.00
DD	NEST – Pension	£31.46

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

**83/19-20 Circulars and Notices**

Clerks and Councils Direct

- Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Temporary Road Closure Cowley Lane – 11 to 15 November 2019
- Temporary Road Closure Moorwood Lane – 21 November 2019
- Snow Warden Scheme 2019/2020
- Stoptober

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

- Grants Open Evening – 10 October 2019 (Clerk to attend)
- Listening to You Survey

Friends of the Peak District

- Newsletter

Holmesfield Local Market

- 12 October 2019 – permission give
- 7 December 2019 – to check Christmas Schedule

North East Derbyshire District Council

- District Parish Liaison Group Meeting 24 September 2019

Peak District National Park Authority

- Planning Services Bulletin 29

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Management Committee Meeting Minutes 9 September 2019
- The Glover Report
- AGM 12 October 2019

**84/19-20 Information**

Lee Rowley MP is holding a surgery on Friday 11 October 2019 between 6.00pm and 8.00pm in Holmesfield Village Hall – this has been advertised in the Newsletter.

Councillor S Reaney reported on the following items

- The Dog Waste Bin on Park Avenue has not yet been replaced.
- There is a black wheely bin in the Millennium Garden
- The sign for the Rotary Walk is now collapsing, making the area of Park Avenue looking shabby

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

Chairman.....13 November 2019