

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020**  
**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: PCSOs Jonathan Flowers and Laura Furmidge and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council

**107/19-20 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors Mr B Hoare and Mrs C Huckerby

**108/19-20 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**109/19-20 Public Speaking**

PCSOs Jonathan Flowers and Laura Furmidge addressed the meeting. They are enthusiastic to get a Community Speed Watch reset up in Holmesfield and have had success in getting volunteers in neighbouring Parishes. Short term the PCSOs would assist with the view that the groups will be able to operate without assistance in the longer term.

It was explained that Holmesfield Parish have their own speed gun and have previously had a successful group, adverts have been placed in the last two editions of the newsletter without any interest and also each time a member of the public complains of a traffic issue they are invited, without success, to take positive action and join the Speed Watch.

The PCSOs reported that the Head Teacher at Penny Acres is keen to be involved, and an invitation letter is to be sent to all parents and a further development is that now the results of each Speed Watch is entered on to a County wide database and therefore warning letters can now be sent to motorists who have been found to be speeding in different parts of Derbyshire.

Councillors raised the issue that the flashing 30mph signs as used in neighbouring villages would be useful in slowing traffic down in both Holmesfield and Millthorpe, but applications to Derbyshire County Council had been regularly rejected.

The issue of reporting HGVs flouting the weight limits and the continual lack of action was also discussed. There is now a facility on the Derbyshire Constabulary site to report these breaches as traffic incidents.

The final item raised was the issue with parking on Main Road outside the converted Church Hall whereby vehicles are blocking the pavement and also causing a visibility issue for drivers. Despite representations from the MP and County Councillor the highway authority is not disposed to take any action including the use of yellow lines as there have not been any fatalities. It was discussed that if the pavement is blocked causing pedestrians and pushchairs into the carriageway then this should be reported immediately via 101 as this is putting members of the public into danger. It was also discussed that the Parish Council could legitimately write to the residents requesting that they be socially aware when parking to ensure that pedestrians can comfortably pass and that there is safe visibility for motorists. The PCSOs are to provide some leaflets to be put on car windscreens.

(b) Members of the public

None

(c) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The Police website reports that during November 2019 crimes in the Parish included 4 offences including incidents of violence on Vicarage Close and The Crescent, criminal damage in the vicinity of Moorwood Lane and Baslow Road and anti-social behaviour on Moorwood Lane. A further report

for December has been received highlighting 1 theft and 1 attempted dwelling burglary, no further information is currently available.

### **110/19-20 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2019

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

### **111/19-20 Appointments and Portfolios**

Councillor appointment for the Village Hall

**Resolved:** To appoint Councillor Ward

### **112/19-20 Planning**

#### Applications Received

(a) 19/01177/FLH – Mr S Heald, Pennon Lea, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey rear and side extensions with formation of a new gable end to roof and balcony

**Resolved:** Whilst there are no objections in principle to the application, concerns are raised about the inappropriately large area of flat roof, which it is considered would benefit from a pitched roof to match the existing bungalow.

(b) 19/01197/FL – Mr & Mrs Corker, Cowley Hall Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Application for American barn style stables and manege (revised scheme of 19/00325/FL)

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(c) 19/00786/FL – Mr M Jacques, Cartledge Hall Fam, Cartledge Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of a range of existing buildings (formerly used in association with the livery business and riding school); conversion of existing buildings (formerly used in association with the livery business and riding school) to form a single dwelling; restoration and retention of ancillary building: and erection of four new dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and access (conservation area / affecting a public right of way)

**Resolved:** To comment that whilst the Parish Council appreciate the need to renovate the existing agricultural buildings now that there is insufficient working land associated with the property. There are concerns that the proposal is over development of the site in the conservation area with a number of new buildings. It would be preferred if more use could be made of the format of the existing buildings. Also, the access is a long and very narrow track, with a poor visibility splay on to Cartledge Lane, which may be deemed unsuitable for increased traffic.

#### Decisions

None

#### Other Planning Matters

The re-submission of the planning application for the Scout Headquarters is now ready; letters of support have been received from the Parish Council, the County Councillor and the MP have been received and the Planning Consultant suggests that further letters from parishioners and interested parties would help to strengthen the application.

**Resolved:** Interested persons to be invited to submit letters of support.

### **113/19-20 Meeting Reports**

None

### **114/19-20 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society – No report

(b) Road Safety – No report

(c) Footpaths – The stile at Holmesfield Footpath 31 still requires attention, the Footpath and Bridleways Society is due to meet next week.

- (d) Newsletter & Website – In February 2020 the newsletter will have reached the 500<sup>th</sup> edition. There have been a couple of new adverts.
- (e) Transport – No report
- (f) Playground – No report
- (g) Football Pitch – The fence still requires repair and rubbish removing from the site, plus the rent is overdue.
- (h) Peak Park –The Caravan at between Horsleygate Road and Main Road is still in situ, the matter to be re-reported to the Peak District National Park Authority.
- (i) Neighbourhood Watch / Estate Walkabouts – The Neighbourhood Watch is due to meet again next week.
- (j) Environment – Concerns have been raised over the speed of internet in parts of the Parish, a letter has been drafted to be sent to BT to see what improvements can be made.

### **115/19-20 Village Hall**

To note that quotes for the jet washing and white lining of the car park still need to be obtained.

### **116/19-20 Finance**

#### (a) Balances at 31 December 2019

Business High Interest Account: £33,184.80; Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £5,191.94

#### (b) Income

Village Hall Lettings –November 2019 £1271.70

#### (c) Expenditure

004473	Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	£357.00
004474	Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	£175.00
004475	Stonelow Garden Services – Grounds Maintenance	£100.00
004476	Steve Reaney – Floor Repairs	£100.00
004477	Village Hall Bond Return	£20.00
004478-80	Wages – Paid December 2019	£1393.03
004481	HM Revenue and Customs	£224.06
DD	NEST – Pension	£36.34

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

### **117/19-20 Circulars and Notices**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 13/2019 - DALC Annual General Meeting, Spring Seminar – New Venue – 12 March 2020, Grant Funding Training Course, Website Accessibility Regulations, Good Councillor's Guide to Transport Planning, Local Councils tackling loneliness, Vehicular Activated Speed Signs: Guidance from NALC, Legal Briefing – pre-election publicity, HR Matters: New Employment regulations, Law and Good practice reminder: Confidential minutes, What's in the pipeline?: Code of conduct for councillors
- 14/2019 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2020/2021, Grant Funding Training Course Guidance from NALC: Discrimination cases –protected characteristics, New Grievance and Disciplinary advice and policies, What's in the pipeline? Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance, DALC Christmas office closure

Derbyshire County Council

- Salt Collections 2019/2020
- Road Closure Cowley Lane – 17 to 19 March 2020

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Street Naming and Numbering Mulberry Farm, Cowley Lane
- Council Tax Support Scheme

Peak District National Park Authority

- Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Minutes Peak Park Parishes Forum 9 December 2019

**118/19-20 Information**

The “missing” Post Box at Lydgate is still being investigated. The Clerk is now to write to Royal Mail to see if box can be re-instated at the site.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

Chairman.....12 February 2020