

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2026
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mr T Marples, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr B Wheat
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer,

39/26-27 To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs K Marples.

40/26-27 Councillor Vacancy

No update.

41/26-27 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

42/26-27 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

The written report contains four crimes for the month of August.

It was reported that the estate was closed to traffic entering and leaving last Thursday evening. Users of the hall had to leave their cars in the carpark and make alternative arrangements to get home.

43/26-27 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 July 2026

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

44/26-27 Planning

Applications Received

26/00577/FL – Lark Rise, New Road, Millthorpe - Demolition of existing property. Erection of new-build three bedrooomed single storey dwellinghouse (bungalow) with double garage, widened driveway (unaltered drop kerb), solar panels and provision of heat pump to the rear.

Resolved: To raise no objection.

26/00604/LDC – Dun Dige, Main Road, Holmesfield - Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed garage conversion to ancillary domestic use.

Resolved: To raise no objection.

NP/NED/0826/0788 – Pewitt House, Unnamed Section of B6054 from Owler Bar, Holmesfield – Extension and alterations to existing house

Resolved: To raise no objection.

26/00653/FLH - One Ash Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Erection of ground mounted solar panel.

Resolved: To raise no objection.

Appeal Application

Appeal against refusal to grant permission – Rose Cottage, Unthank Lane, Holmesfield – Single storey side extension (Conservation Area) (Affecting Public Right of Way)

Decisions Received

26/00398/FL - Fanshawe Gate Barn, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the existing agricultural building (Conservation Area) (Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building) (Affecting a Public Right of Way) - Granted

26/00426/FLH – One Ash Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension – Granted

Appeal Application Decision Received

Appeal Ref: APP/M9496/C/25/3364767 Agricultural field situated immediately adjacent to the highway B6054 to the East of Owler Bar, Holmesfield S17 3BP – Dismissed

45/26-27 Meeting Reports

Insurance Policy

Councillors reviewed the insurance renewal documents.

Resolved: To approve the renewal of the insurance policy

Resignation of Clerk

Due to a change of circumstances the clerk has given three months notice to leave her position.

A draft advert including the job description and person specification was reviewed.

Resolved: To go ahead with the advert and advertise via DALC, Indeed, and other relevant local publications.

Resolved: To interview any potential candidates on 14 October 2026

46/26-27 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

The village week went well, and the cricket match raised £400.00

The Market Group have offered to fund a replacement bench on Main Road; but have asked that the Council arrange the purchase.

Resolved: To accept the kind offer of funding for the bench, to check the timeline for receiving this and to arrange purchase.

(b) Playground

The grant application for planning equipment has been submitted and the outcome awaited.

(c) Road Safety Issues

Quotes are still being sought for the Village Gateway posts.

(d) Footpaths

A member of the public reported a disturbing printed poster making threats to anyone who uses Footpath 12.

Resolved: This has been reported to the Rights of Way Department at Derbyshire County Council.

The grant application to the Rights of Way scheme has been rejected as the proposed works fall outside the narrow scope allowed.

(e) Newsletter & Website

There has been some change in newsletter distributors.

Resolved: To thank those who have given many years' service and those who have taken on the routes.

(f) Transport

The overgrowth at the bus stop on Millthorpe Lane has been resolved.

(g) Football Pitch

The football rent has been received.

(h) Peak Park
No report

(i) Neighbourhood Watch
No Report

(j) Environment
No Report

(k) Village Hall

The Council has received details from NEDDC that the Inpost locker will require planning permission. Inpost insist that planning permission is not required. The company want the Council to sign up for the locker before the release of their terms and conditions.

Resolved: The Parish Council will not install the locker without planning permission.

Resolved: The Parish Council will not sign up for the locker without seeing the full terms and conditions.

The National Grid have been in touch to ask if the village hall could be used in case of severe weather as part of their emergency planning.

Resolved: To agree in principle that the hall could be used as a venue in case of emergency.

Resolved: To check the insurance provision.

Some of the double-glazing windows in the Main Hall have blown and will need to be replaced in the future.

Resolved: Councillor Stuart-Bamford to obtain quotes.

47/26-27 Finance

(a) Balances 31 July 2026

Business High Interest Account: £21,411.91; Bonus Saver Account £15,896.22

Balances 31 August 2026

Business High Interest Account: £19818.14; Bonus Saver Account £15906.59

(b) Income July 2026

Hall Hire	£1862.20
Adverts	£210.00
Football Rent	£200.00
HMRC Vat Refund	£2053.49
Interest	£26.65

Income August 2026

Hall Hire	£2285.51
Interest	£23.52

(c) Expenditure August 2026

Waterplus - Water 2/7	DD	£22.05
Scottish Water – Waste Water 15/7	DD	£57.22
British Gas – Gas 15/7	DD	£73.29
EDF – Electric 16/7	DD	£97.04
Waterplus – Water	DD	£19.09
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£538.00
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter Aug	BACS	£315.00
Steve Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£620.00
NEDDC SLA	BACS	£294.37
Wages	BACS	£2020.15
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£250.38
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£63.89

Expenditure September 2026

British Gas – Gas 18/8	DD	£24.78
EDF – Electric 18/8	DD	£90.86
Zurich – Insurance	BACS	£1698.68
PPL / PRS – Music Licence	BACS	£1121.76
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£538.00
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	BACS	£387.00
Steve Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£240.00
PHS – Hygiene Services	BACS	£113.09
Wages	BACS	£2254.45
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£407.05
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£91.04

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

48/26-27 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- July Newsletter
- August Newsletter
- Local Government Reorganisation for Derbyshire
- 2026/27 Salary Awards
- Employment Law Update 15/09/26

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News - 6/7,13/7,20/7, 28/7, 3/8,10/8, 18/8, 24/8, 1/9
- Mobile Library Routes
- Public Footpath Diversion Order
- Bus Shelter Communications
- Road Closures
 - Cowley Lane 14 - 16 September - to facilitate ducting repair works
 - Horsleygate Road 5 -18 October – to facilitate drainage and carriageway remedial works
 - The Crescent 9 -10 November - to facilitate water apparatus renewal works

North-East Derbyshire District Council

- Chairs Appeal

Peak District National Park Authority

- Draft Local Plan 2026-2045 for Regulation 19 consultation

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Newsletter
- Minutes of July 2026 Meeting
- New Secretary required for the PPPF

49/26-27 Information

By the ford at Millthorpe the river has eroded the road way, this is currently being underpinned with a stone wall.

50/26-27 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 14 October 2026

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Chairman.....14 October 2026