

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2025
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mr T Marples Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mr W Rosser. Mrs H Stuart-Bamford.

Also Present: 1 member of the Police and Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

112/24-25 To receive apologies for absence

None

113/24-25 Vacancy

To invite Mrs K Marples to be co-opted at the April or May Meeting.

114/24-25 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

115/24-25 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

PC Julian Matthews attended the meeting, there is some discrepancy with the crime figures, clarification will be sent through.

Various speed checks have been taking place with both the camera and the crest videoing. Tickets have been issued outside Penny Acres School.

Various matters were discussed including that traffic ticketing on the double yellow lines at the top of Cowley Lane is under the jurisdiction of Derbyshire County Council.

The issue of pollution being caused by cars idling outside the school and pavement parking not being illegal as long as there is reasonable room for pedestrians.

The issue of speeding in the village was raised, especially on Fox Lane and the Cordwell Valley. There is a way of sending dashcam footage through to the Police and this will be included in the newsletter.

There is continuing issues with off road bikers intimidating walker, horse riders and cyclists. There were issues with a group of 8 bikers in Holmesfield woods at the weekend.

Speed Watch has five volunteers, four are required for a successful watch and it is proving difficult to get enough people at any time for a watch. The requirement for volunteers continues to be put in the newsletter.

116/24-25 Minutes

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

117/24-25 Planning

Applications Received

25/00111/FL – Mr N Horsley, Springwood Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Retention of an agricultural building (affecting a public right of way)

Resolved: To make no objection

Decisions

24/01031/FLH – Mrs K Woods, Gooseberry Farm, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing porch, conservatory and two storey bedroom and single garage side extension. Construction of new porch, new two storey bedroom and double garage side extension and single storey rear extensions – Refused.

Appeals

NED/21/01310/FLH - Appeal against North East Derbyshire District Council refusal to grant permission to Mr W Calvert – Brookfields Farm, Main Road, Holmesfield for a single storey garage building to provide secure vehicle and ancillary storage for the main residential dwelling and additionally a basement storage garage to provide secure accommodation for ancillary agricultural equipment required for the maintenance of the wider site area.

Enforcement

Further correspondence has been received from the Enforcement Officer at North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the notice/s on Brindwood House.

Resolved: To request a meeting with the Enforcement Officer so that it can be clarified what is being proposed.

118/24-25 Councillors' Reports

- (a) Village Society and other village matters - No Report
- (b) Playground - No report

- (c) Road Safety

The computer is being prepared for the SID data.

Derbyshire County Council do not have a concern about the encroachment of walls and concrete beds on the verges on the dangerous bend on Millthorpe Lane.

- (d) Footpaths – The gully and footpath adjacent to the Cricket Pitch have been reported. Information is to be made available to residents on how to report issues.

- (e) Newsletter & Website –The advert renewals are well underway.

- (f) Transport – No report
- (g) Football Pitch – No report
- (h) Peak Park – No report

- (i) Neighbourhood Watch – Discussion took place at the last meeting regarding residents continuing to take their dogs through the play area despite the Public Spaces Protection Order in place and owners who fail to clean up after their pets.

Resolved: To repeat the article on how to report fouling and dog related infringements in the newsletter.

- (j) Environment – No report

- (k) Village Hall

Curtains – work on the curtains is well underway; it will cost an additional £100 for the tracking man to help with putting the curtains up. It is wise to have an additional pair of hands for this heavy job.

Resolved: To note

Doors – It was discussed that the door situation has become more urgent following an attempted break-in.

Resolved: To approve the expenditure in principle and for the decision regarding which contractor is used to be made between meetings to speed up the process as much as possible

CCTV – the CCTV quotes received

Resolved: To prioritise the door and then look at the CCTV quote.

Facias –quote awaited.

Long-term cars using Car Park – two vehicles are currently parked long term in the carpark.

Resolved: To place notice in the newsletter a reminder that only hall users are insured during the term of that hire, the land is private and these vehicles are parked without permission on private land which may invalidate their insurance.

119/24-25 Finance

- (a) Balances at 28 February 2025

Business High Interest Account: £25912.63; Bonus Saver Account £15,673.06

- (b) Income February 2025

Hall Hire	£1231.53
Adverts	£400.00
Interest	£43.80

(c) Expenditure March 2025

EDF – Gas 19/2	DD	£1218.28
EDF – Electricity 21/2	DD	£139.08
Water Plus – Water 25/2	DD	£13.73
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£303.60
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£543.00
Stonelow Garden Services – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£120.00
DALC – Subscription	BACS	£643.23
HAGS SMP – Swing seat and Climbing wall	BACS	£845.74
Analan Supplies – Consumables	BACS	£142.77
Wages	BACS	£1683.63
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£199.80
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£49.12
HMRC VAT Error	BACS	£855.54

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

**The Clerk apologised that a HMRC VAT error has occurred. An amount was put in the wrong box resulting in a payment due rather than a refund, the return could not be recalled and despite a notification of error form being completed, HMRC have demanded the payment. Also, for some reason the direct debit would not go through resulting in interest being added to the amount demanded. The Clerk will attempt to rectify the situation on the next VAT return*

120/24-25 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- February Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News 10/2, 17/2, 24/2
- Temporary Road Closure – Unthank Lane – 28 April 8.00am to 5.00pm To facilitate manhole cover and frame renewal works.
- Public experiences of local pharmacy services wanted

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Consultation on Revised Local Validation List for Planning Applications

Peak District National Park Authority

- Active Travel Consultation
- National Park Authority approves restructure under unprecedented financial pressures
- Host of Peak District organisations in springtime call for care

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Meeting minutes (and vacancy for PPPF Secretary)

121/24-25 Information

None

122/24-25 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 9 April 2025

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

Chairman.....9 April 2025