

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 April 2024**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer,  
 One member of the public

**120/23-24 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Dr M Blagden

**121/23-24 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

None

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

None

**122/23-24 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

A member of the public raised concerns regarding various developments at Cowley Gore, including a new driveway access on the paddock.

The application 23/00754/LDC – four car garage stated “The existing access to the property will not be changed, and four new protected parking spaces will be provided. The proposed design is appropriate in scale and will complement the existing structure through the use of similar architectural attributes and materials.” Therefore there does not appear to have been permission granted for these latest works.

**Resolved:** To ask the Enforcement Officer to check whether the works are authorised.

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies received from PCSO Johnathan Flower and District Councillor Pam Jones

The written police report includes eight crimes including two violence, criminal damage, four burglaries and one other crime.

The burglaries are of major concern and people need to report suspicious activity, the burglaries are in the process of being investigated.

Residents are also encouraged to continue to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour and possible drug activity, so these items remain listed as high priority.

**123/23-24 Minutes**

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

**124/23-24 Planning**

Applications Received

(a) 24/00198/FLH – Mr N Wilson, Croft House Farm, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Formation of new driveway and access.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(b) 24/00250/FL – Mr J Merritt, Park Farm, Park Avenue, Holmesfield – Demolition of existing dwelling house, outbuildings and temporary structures and development to form three dwelling houses with associated landscaped private amenity space and parking (Adjacent Conservation Area) (Affecting setting of a Listed Building) (Affecting public footpath)

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

Decisions

APP/R1038/W.23/3328019 – Ms H Wordsworth, Land South of Little Chatsworth Cottages, Millthorpe Lane, Holmesfield – Appeal against NEDDC refusal to grant permission for change of use from agriculture to dog exercise and training facility – APPEAL DISMISSED

### Other planning matters

A meeting is to be arranged with the Chairman, Clerk and the new Assistant Directors for Street Scene and Planning. NEDDC are to be asked for a definition on what is now encompassed within the term lawful development.

### 125/23-24 Meeting Reports

A number of options for wifi for the village hall were considered.

**Resolved:** To go with the option of an EE Smart 4G Hub and an unlimited business plan pf 12 months at £30.00 per month and an £8.33 one off cost.

### 126/23-24 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society – Both the telephone box and the notice board have been fly-stickered.

**Resolved:** To ask the grounds maintenance contractor if he is able to clean up the mess.

Some interest has been expressed in arranging a litter pick

**Resolved:** The Clerk will pass on the contact details at NEDDC for arranging a litter pick.

(b) Road Safety Issues – Further to reports initially made in November 2023 the hedge in Millthorpe is overhanging the pavement, impeding access and also a hedge on Main Road in Holmesfield is now so overgrown that it is obscuring the 30mph repeater sign

**Resolved:** To send the Clerk photographic evidence for forwarding to Derbyshire County Council

Reported that the surface of Horsleygate Lane has been eroded down to sub base in a number of locations.

**Resolved:** To report to Derbyshire County Council

The gully of the B6054 opposite the junction to Horsleygate Lane is again blocked, because the channels were not cleared at the same time that the gulleys were cleared out.

**Resolved:** To report to Derbyshire County Council

(c) Footpaths – A copy of a residents' letter to Derbyshire County Council has been forwarded to the Parish Council. It highlights issues with the footpath from Carpenter House to Rose Hill, Cordwell Lane. Millthorpe and the damage caused to the safety bars at The Ford on Mill Lane, Millthorpe.

**Resolved:** To completely endorse the resident's points and also forward to Derbyshire County Council.

(d) Newsletter & Website – The editor has raised fees by 5% and the software price has increased from £51.98 per month to £56.98 per month.

Statistical information shows 179 visits and 2 leads from the website during March 2024.

**Resolved:** To note

(e) Transport – No report

(f) Playground – The paint has arrived for the play area; work is due to commence on the 23 April 2024 (weather permitting).

Eighteen emails of support have been received for the climbing wall, these will be passed to Finding Fitness.

The signs for the play area gates have been ordered.

**Resolved:** To note

(g) Football Pitch – Correspondence has been received from Fisher German regarding the proposed pipeline from Hathersage to Worksop, the Clerk is dealing with the correspondence, will notify the Football Club and request details on the areas on the route within the Parish and the proposed timescale of works.

**Resolved:** To note

- (h) Peak Park – An update was requested from PDNPA, it would seem that no progress has been made.
- (i) Neighbourhood Watch – At the last meeting of Neighbourhood Watch it was reported that Penny Acres School are participating with the speed watch and there are issues over a vehicle/s parking on the paved area at the bottom of Woodside View.
- (j) Environment – No report
- (k) Village Hall – Ivy is now encroaching on to the boards around the roof of the Village Hall.  
**Resolved:** To ask the grounds maintenance contractor to cut back.

### **127/23-24 Finance**

#### (a) Balances at 31 March 2024

Business High Interest Account: £30,723.43; Bonus Saver Account: £15471.97

#### (b) Income March 2024

Hall Hire	£1676.60
Adverts	£1600.00
Bank Interest	£51.43

#### (c) Expenditure April 2024

SSE – Electricity	DD	£233.47
EDF Energy – Gas	DD	£528.00
Water Plus - Water	DD	£9.17
North East Derbyshire District Council – Business Rates	DD	£0.00
Analan Supplies Limited – VH Consumables	BACS	£161.14
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd – Playground Paint	BACS	£550.68
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	BACS	£40.00
Pynot Publishing – Newsletter	BACS	£285.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£543.00
Dronfield Carpets and Flooring Ltd – VH Flooring	BACS	£3384.72
Npower – Telephone Box	BACS	£106.33
NEDDC – Trade Waste	BACS	£309.14
NEDDC – Elections 2023	BACS	£130.04
E Boswell – Playground Signs	BACS	£51.34
Wages	BACS	£1628.43
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£180.03
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£44.05

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

### **128/23-24 Circulars and Notices**

#### CPRE

- Countryside Voices

#### Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Pre-Election Advice

#### Derbyshire County Council

- Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 16 April 2024
- Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

#### North East Derbyshire District Council

- St. George's Day Concert at Chatsworth House – 21 April 2024
- Brass Band Bonanza – an evening with Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band
- Chairman's Civic Service - Sunday 28 April 2024
- Holmesfield Parish Council Maintenance 2024-2025
- Chair's Charity Appeal

#### Peak District National Park Authority

- Celebrating volunteers in the Peak District National Park

Police and Crime Commissioner

- Councillor Briefing - Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

Rural Action Derbyshire

- Paint to Paint Competition
- Village Halls Week ACRE Launch Event

**129/23-24 Information**

None

**130/23-24 Date of Next Meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 7.00pm

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The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman.....8 May 2024