

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

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs A Hutchinson Mrs K Marples, 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 and PCSO Jonathan Flower

74/25-26 To receive apologies for absence

None

75/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

76/25-26 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

None

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies from District Councillor Pam Jones.

The written police report includes 5 crimes reported in October – none of the crimes reported in September or October are of concern to the wider public. There has been work ongoing on Shoplifting and recently prosecution/s have taken place.

Six parents from the School have expressed interest in volunteering for Speed Watch and potentially the School wish to get the pupils involved; all volunteers will need refresher training.

Derbyshire County Council are looking at improved signage for the weight limit through the village, although in four recent checks only three vehicles were found to be over the weight limit and letters have been sent to the businesses.

There have not been any further car meets, but public space protection orders have been placed on the car parks of the two pubs at Owler Bar including signage and CCTV.

Reported that there have been at least road traffic accidents on the B6054 in the village in the last month, including a fatality on the roundabout at the junction of Main Road and Cartledge Lane. Also a four car crash from Owler Bar toward the Peak District on the B6054 as well as incidents on the A621 towards Baslow.

Resolved: To ask Derbyshire County Council to investigate ways of making cars travelling through the village adhere to the speed limits.

The Police are putting pressure on for some traffic calming measures and are conducting regular speed checks, but the data from Speed Watch would strengthen the case for traffic calming measures.

A question was raised about the action taken with regards to threatening behaviour of a resident to hirers of the hall; it was reported that a home visit had taken place and the public protection order has been re-issued.

77/25-26 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2025

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

78/25-26 Planning

Applications Received

25/00460/FL - Mr W Calvert, Brookfields Farm Main Road Holmesfield - Section 73 application to remove condition 18 from approved

planning 19/00479/FL

Resolved: To raise no objection

25/00898/FLH – Booth, Rossett House, Cowley Lane, Holmesfield – Demolition of an existing single -storey rear porch, construction of a new ground floor flat roof rear extension and a first

floor rear extension above and alterations to the existing front porch entrance, relocating the door and modification to the roof.

Resolved: To raise no objection

Decisions

25/00570/FLH – Mr D Evans, 98 Main Road Holmesfield - Rear extension – APPROVED

25/00730/HRN – Mr P Gaunt, Land South of East Hollow, Holmesfield Road – Application to remove hedgerow, farming the two fields as one which is much more efficient – REFUSED

25/00777/CATPO – S Shepley, Woodthorpe Hall, Fanshaw Gate Lane, Holmesfield - Notification of intention to fell x1 Scots Pine tree, x1 Pear tree, x1 Oak tree and raise crowns of x1 Ash x2 Oak trees and x1 Sycamore tree – NO OBJECTION

Enforcement

District Councillor Pam Jones has passed Council's comments on to the Planning Department, further update is awaited.

A question was raised regarding the Christmas Tree Farm at Owler Bar and what the current situation is. The Peak District National Park Authority served an Enforcement Notice and an appeal has been lodged.

79/25-26 Meeting Reports

Christmas Tree Decorating in Church

The Parish Council would like to display a Christmas Tree in St Swithin's Church again this year.

Resolved: Councillors A Hutchinson, K Marples and S Reaney to lead on the project.

80/25-26 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

The Village Society are providing a Christmas tree for the Parish.

The renovation of the Millennium Garden gate and sign have not yet taken place.

Quotes have been sought for two replacement benches on the Millennium Garden. Holmesfield Market have offered funds towards the replacement.

Resolved: To buy two curved wooden benches from Sustainable Furniture.

(b) Playground

Councillor Hoare reported that the grounds maintenance contractor is carrying out the alterations outlined in the annual inspection to the play area.

The next requirements for the play area were considered, these include matting around the equipment, a swing set for children between 6 and 12 and additional seating / picnic bench.

Resolved: Councillors K and T Marples agreed to look at ground options / matting at local playgrounds.

Resolved: The Clerk to obtain quote/s for a swing and picnic bench

(c) Road Safety Issues

The finger directional post at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane has been knocked over.

The Give Way sign from Millthorpe Lane heading on to the B6051 is very close to the junction, and overshadowed by over hanging trees meaning that drivers unfamiliar with the area are given limited notification of the junction.

Resolved: To report to Highways at Derbyshire County Council.

A hedge on the B6054 is overhanging the pavement and forcing families with pushchairs into the road.

Resolved: To report to Highways at Derbyshire County Council.

There has been significant parking issues on Cartledge Lane whilst work is taking place on a property. This has been reported and Councillors will continue to monitor.

The application for funding to repair New Road and Johnnygate Lane has not been successful as the roads are not considered eligible.

Resolved: To seek clarification on eligibility

(d) Footpaths

Footpath 3 from Fanshaw Gate Lane to Storth House is currently impassible and Footpath 5 from Gooseberry Farm has lost any delineation due to ploughing.

(e) Newsletter & Website – No report

(f) Transport

Bus Stop at Old Horn's Inn, Councillor P Reaney reported that he had been directed to Derbyshire County Council, the bus companies and North East Derbyshire District Council and back to the County Council. He had been given the details of three officers in the Public Transport Department at Derbyshire County Council and had not yet received any response to phone calls or emails.

(g) Football Pitch

The Football Club have intimated that they are happy with the lease.

Resolved: Councillor T Marples to chase the signed lease.

(h) Peak Park

Councillor S Reaney reported on the Annual Parishes Day at the Peak District National Park on the 11 October 2025. Main items of discussion were affordable housing and thriving communities.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – Councillors reminded that the Neighbourhood Watch meet at 8.00pm on the first Monday of the month.

(j) Environment – Flooding reported on Horsleygate Road and Horsleygate Lane

Resolved: To report the issues to Highways at Derbyshire County Council.

(k) Village Hall

Further quotes are to be sought for fascia repairs / replacement.

Resolved: Councillor P Reaney to contact a local company.

A site visit has taken place with a CCTV provider, to put in place five cameras around the hall and to put in a block on any neighbouring properties to prevent complaints over privacy. A revised quote is awaited.

81/25-26 Finance

(a) Balances 31 October 2025

Business High Interest Account: £33,308.01; Bonus Saver Account £15789.94

(b) Income October 2025

Hall Hire	£760.25
VAT Refund	£3166.00
Interest	£42.25

(c) Expenditure

British Gas – Gas 15/10	DD	£68.94
EDF – Electricity 21/10	DD	£96.34
Business Stream – Waste Water 16/10	DD	£45.25
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£327.99
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£640.00
Wages	BACS	£1998.01
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£NIL

Nest Pensions – Pension

DD

£67.71

PCC – Christmas Tree

BACS

£10.00

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

82/25-26 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- October Newsletter
- News Bulletin

Derbyshire County Council

- Police & Crime Commissioner response to issues raised at Forum
- Road Closure 7th December 2025, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield opposite Durbrook House.to facilitate telecom work. Alternative Route - Horsleygate Lane, B6054, Millthorpe Lane, B6051
- Community News – 6/10, 13/10, 20/10, 27/10
- Parish Council Liaison Forum 8/12

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Invitation to Parish Council Focus Group – NE Derbyshire Local Plan – 24/11 or 27/11
- Informal Engagement with Parish and Town Council during the Local Plan Process – Western Parishes – 17/11, 4/12, 8/12
- Wingerworth Lido Consultation

Peak District National Park Authority

- 2024-25 Impact Report
- 75th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park
- Local Plan Consultation

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Papers from Meeting

83/25-26 Information

It was reported that Roger Webb had sadly died, he served on the Parish Council for many years and delivered newsletters in the Parish.

84/25-26 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 10 December 2025

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Chairman.....10 December 2025