

HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2025
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Mr P Reaney (Chairman), Mr B Hoare, Mrs A Hutchinson Mrs K Marples, Mrs S Reaney, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr B Wheat
 Also Present: Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer and a member of the public

63/25-26 To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Mr T Marples and Mr W Rosser

64/25-26 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items

None

Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items

None

65/25-26 Public Speaking

(a) Members of the public

A representative of the Neighbourhood Watch attended the meeting, Councillors are invited to attend the first Monday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall.

A question was asked as to why the bus is stopping on Cartledge Lane and not on Main Road outside the site of the Horns Inn, meaning elderly residents have to cross the busy Main Road.

Resolved: The Parish Council will check the current status of the bus stop and depending on the outcome that bus stop is still in use will contact the bus company with the enquiry as to why it is not being used.

A question was again raised as to why the mobile speed indicator device has not been moved to the site above The Rutland on the Main Road.

Resolved: It was explained that moving the device would cost over £500 per time, therefore the Council are looking to purchase additional devices, but this will take time to raise the funds.

It was also discussed by Councillors that the SID seems to be having very limited effect, with motorists regularly overtaking vehicles travelling at the speed limit in the vicinity of the School.

(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor

Apologies from District Councillor Pam Jones and PCSO Jonathan Flowers

The written police report includes 8 crimes reported in September – some clarification has been requested on whether the 6 violent crimes against the person represent a threat to the public.

Advice has also been sought on how to attract volunteers to the Speed Watch as adverts in the newsletter are not working.

66/25-26 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 2025

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

67/25-26 Planning

Applications Received

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

Resolved: To raise no objection

Decisions

25/00651/LDC – Lark Rise, New Road, Holmesfield – Proposed side Extension - Certificate of Lawful use or development granted

25/00653/FLHPD – Lark Rise, New Road, Holmesfield – Notification under householder consultation scheme for a single storey rear extension - No objections received

Enforcement

Notification of Enforcement Appeal APP/M9496/C/25/3372929 – Land at Owler Bar – Creation of hardstanding and alterations to access

Resolved: To make no comment

A written update was received from District Councillor P Jones on two enforcement issues.

Cartref – Works have started on site to comply with the enforcement notice, the timber car port has been taken down. An application for retaining some alterations to the building is anticipated.

Resolved: It has been noted that compliance has begun.

Brindwood - Currently no compliance with the Enforcement notice has taken place. The planning officers anticipate that the garage will be demolished, but an application will be made to retain the “leisure building” and that there will be a revocation of a lawful development certificate for the dwelling house known as Sunnyside and its removal from the site.

Resolved: To express dissatisfaction that no compliance with the Enforcement Notice has taken place and to ask NEDDC to take appropriate action to ensure that the Enforcement Notice is complied with and the unauthorized buildings are demolished.

68/25-26 Meeting Reports

(a) Parish Council Laptop

The Parish Council records are currently stored on the Clerks personal PC and a separate hard drive. The PC is reaching the end of it's life

Resolved: To fund a Laptop for the use by the Parish Clerk and the storage of Parish Council records.

(b) Holmesfield Charities

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Councillor Rosser as Parish Council representative.

69/25-26 Councillors' Reports

(a) Village Society / Other Village Matters

Quotes have been sought for the restoration of the Millenium Garden Gate and Sign.

Resolved: To accept a quote for £385 for the restoration of the Garden Gate, the Sign and the cleaning of the Information Board.

An offer has been made by the Village Market to help pay for the replacement of the benches in the Garden.

Resolved: To seek quotes from local contractors.

(b) Playground

The annual Playground Inspection report has been received.

Resolved: To replace the bin next to the shelter at a cost of £380 plus VAT and fittings

Resolved: To ask the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to carry out the reported repairs and amendments and to report back on those he is unable to rectify.

Councillors received the results of the request for ideas for the play area. The response was limited.

Resolved: To carry out a site visit to the play area to make an assessment of equipment prior to grant application.

(c) Road Safety Issues

The School PTA are to be approached to see if they can assist with a speed watch before the end of the school day.

(d) Footpaths

Footpath 6 is currently impassible due to branches blocking the path following recent hedge cutting, and Footpath 31 impassible due to mud following potato picking machinery.

(e) Newsletter & Website – No report

(f) Transport – See public participation.

(g) Football Pitch

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

Resolved: To await the return of the signed lease

(h) Peak Park

Councillor S Reaney is booked on to the Annual Parishes Day at the Peak District National Park on the 11 October 2025.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – See public participation.

(j) Environment – No report

(k) Village Hall

Quotes were received for the cleaning of the gutters, gutter repairs and repairs to a manhole cover.

Resolved: To accept quote at £430 for gutter repairs and cleaning

Resolved: To accept quote of £100 for manhole cover repairs

Further quotes are to be sought for fascia repairs.

The Gardening Club have been unable to establish the storage needs for the trophies.

Resolved: To remove from the agenda until more information is available.

A report was submitted to Council on recent harassment of hirers of the hall by a resident.

Resolved: The Police are to be contacted to ask what action is being taken and how this appalling behaviour can be limited.

Resolved: The CCTV has now become a priority to further protect staff and hirers of the hall, a site visit will be arranged to look at where cameras can best be utilised, electric and wifi requirements and ongoing service charges.

70/25-26 Finance

(a) Internal Audit Quotation

Quotation received £80.00 plus travel

Resolved: To accept

(b) Balances 30 September 2025

Business High Interest Account: £35,107.55; Bonus Saver Account £15,776.35

(c) Income September 2025

Precept	£24,000.00
Hall Hire	£1585.70
Interest	£30.20

(d) Expenditure

British Gas – Gas 16/9	DD	£37.30
EDF – Electricity 23/9	DD	£92.92
Water Plus – Water 2/10	DD	£21.91
Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£424.60
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£537.00
PHS – Hygiene Services	BACS	£510.54
Wages and expenses	BACS	£2954.24
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£NiL
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£77.72

Resolved: To accept all the above accounts for payment

71/25-26 Circulars and Notices

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- September Newsletter

Derbyshire County Council

- Community News – 8/9, 15/9, 22/9, 29/9
- Correspondence received that funding is available in each division for the repair of the worst roads in the area

Resolved: To nominate New Road Millthorpe as it is a key link to Chesterfield, Sheffield and the Peak District, as well as being a bus route. Over the last two years a number of people have had vehicles and tyres damaged on this stretch of road

Also Jonnygate Lane is in an appalling state, and since the opening of Village PYO is receiving a vast increase in usage.

North East Derbyshire District Council

- Local Plan Presentation Slides from 18/9

Peak District National Park Authority

- Local lottery win means more for nature and young people in the Peak District

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Parishes Day 11/10 and the PDNPA Local Plan

Rural Action Derbyshire

- Community Fridges (and other funding)
- Razine Issue 3

72/25-26 Information

An invitation had been received to take part in a Radio Sheffield broadcast. It was reported that a number of villagers have come forward to promote local groups and businesses.

73/25-26 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 12 November 2025

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

Chairman.....12 November 2025