

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 19th June 2023 at 7:30 pm

At: The Red Lion Public House, Hollington DE6 3HA

Present: Cllr Paul Merkens, Cllr Fiona Jordan
Cllr Malcolm Feltwell, George Upson (former Clerk)
Peter Bambury (Locum Clerk)

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Merkens

There were no public attendees

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Ward

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023 were approved subject to correction of the incorrect date in the heading of the minutes.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

None

5. Ongoing Matters

(a) Co-option of Councillors

Cllrs Jordan and Feltwell had been co-opted at the last meeting of the Council.
Attempts would continue to fill the remaining councillor position.

Action: All Councillors

(b) Road Signage and mobile speed indicators

Nothing to report

(c) Website Changes

The Council's website was provided by the Web Designer and Marketing Consultant, Jill Studholme. It was apparent that the website was not compliant with the legal requirements for accessibility and transparency, but it was not clear how the website could be customised to suit. Cllr Jordan expressed the view that the village photograph on the website is not representative of the village itself. George Upson handed a copy of the administrator guide for the website to the Locum Clerk in order for him to assess when he has the login details to the account.

Agreed that:

- (i) Cllr Jordan will provide appropriate photos for consideration at the next meeting.
Action: Cllr Jordan
- (ii) The Locum Clerk will contact Jill Studholme to seek options and a quote for compliant upgrade of the website. Action: Locum Clerk
- (iii) George Upson to supply the Locum Clerk with details of login and password.
Action: George Upson

6. Village Project

(a) Litter pick

Nothing to report. The point was made that the operation would be easier later in the year when there had been natural die back of vegetation.

Agreed: To reconsider for October 2023.

(b) Footpaths

Cllr Jordan has now inspected all relevant footpaths and has reported various defects to Derbyshire County Council. The County Council has not responded. It was suggested that Cllr Jordan sends details of the issues to County Councillor Steve Bull in order to move the matter forward. Action: Cllr Jordan

(c) Neighbourhood Watch

The group now consists of 25 members and meets every fourth Friday. CPSO Elaine Porter had been invited to attend previous meetings in order to provide an opportunity for residents to express specific concerns but had not responded. The next meeting of the group will be Friday 30th June 2023.

7. Finance

- (a) Update on Barclays Bank Request for Information

Deferred until next meeting Action: Cllr Ward

- (b) Financial position

Deferred until next meeting Action: George Upson

- (c) Proposed budgets 2023-24

Deferred until next meeting Action: George Upson

- (d) Other

Reimbursement payment of £71.94 to Cllr Merkens for the purchase of new pads for the village defibrillator was approved.

Cllr Merkens to deliver accounts for 2022-23 to Cllr Ward for submission to the Council auditor, Michael Monk. Action: Cllrs Ward & Merkens

8. Other business

- (a) No contract of employment, nor payroll starter forms, had yet been provided for the appointment of the new clerk. Peter Bambury was therefore acting in the capacity of Locum Clerk to the Parish Council until the situation was resolved. George Upson advised that Cllr Ward was to make enquiries with DALC. Action: Cllr Ward

- (b) Cllr Merkens proposed a vote of thanks to George Upson for his much appreciated service to the Council over several years. Seconded by Cllr Jordan and agreed unanimously.

9. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 21st August 2023 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington. Cllr Jordan gave advanced notice of apologies for absence from this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm