

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 11th March 2024 at 7:30 pm

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

Present: Cllr Chris Ward (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Feltwell, Cllr Fiona Jordan
Cllr Paul Merkens

District Cllr Geoff Bond, County Cllr Steve Bull

Peter Bambury (Clerk)

There were no public attendees

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Public Speaking

No members of the public present

4. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024 were approved.

5. Exclusion of the public

No matters on the agenda were identified that would necessitate exclusion of any member of the public that were to join during the course of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

(a) No progress reported on filling of vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

(b) Speed Indicator Device Signs

Grant funding of £5000 had been approved by the Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner's Speed Indicator Device Scheme. This was subject to information

regarding the costs of the project being supplied to the DPCC together with a statement of the Parish Council's accounts for 2022-23. The Clerk to provide copy of statement to Cllr Ward. Action: Clerk

Cllr Ward to provide required information to DPCC as appropriate. Action: Cllr Ward

(c) Biodiversity and Nature Action Planning

Cllrs Jordan and Merkens had attended a meeting of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) on 4th March 2024.

Parish Councils had been clearly identified by the government as key players in delivering the biodiversity agenda. There still lacked a clear legislative framework to support this and DWT would be working to clarify this.

Parish Councils were to be encouraged to draw up action plans/policies of their intended actions. Objectives that could be considered are the planting of trees that are provided free of charge by DWT, the reinstatement of pasture land whenever possible, volume monitoring of specific species and hedgehog protection initiatives. The underlying principle should always be that biodiversity assets that are lost due to undertakings that have a different focus should always be replaced by measures having equivalent or greater biodiversity value.

(d) Website

No progress to date pending advice from DALC on situation with 2Commune Ltd. Clerk to make further enquiries. Action: Clerk

7. Litter Pick

Confirmed for Saturday 13th April 2024 starting at 10:00am.

Cllr Feltwell to place poster on village phone box. Action: Cllr Feltwell

8. Highways

(a) Condition of local roads

Concern was expressed at the increasing number of potholes that had recently emerged. County Cllr Steve Bull advised that 40,000 have been reported in Derbyshire since Christmas and that in the previous year, 90,000 had been repaired. It was agreed that it would not be feasible for members of the Parish Council to undertake stopgap repairs due to inherent liabilities.

Cllr Bull urged that identified highway damage such as potholes should in each case be reported to the Derbyshire Highways Authority via the online portal. Cllr Jordan has however previously done this in respect of several cases. Cllr Bull advised that he will chase these up if he is given the relevant details. It was therefore agreed that

details of all outstanding reports, including reference numbers, would in future be sent to the Clerk who will then collate and forward to Cllr Bull for follow up as appropriate. Action: Clerk

It was also suggested that, although the application deadline has now passed, the Parish Council could contact Derbyshire Highways Authority to request inclusion in the minor road survey for 2024 and thereafter. Agreed that the Clerk would write to Paul Beckett at Derbyshire County Council, with copy to Cllr Ward, to enquire.
Action: Clerk

(b) Dog fouling

The problem was particularly prevalent at the current time and it was agreed that this was probably due to the irresponsible behaviour of a relatively small number of dog owners.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake a campaign in an attempt to address this and that as a start, Cllr Jordan would create a leaflet informing residents of the issue. Action: Cllr Jordan

Means of distributing the leaflet and of the matter in general will be considered at future meetings.

9. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The next meeting will be on 22nd April 2024, which will be attended by the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service to give advice on fire prevention initiatives.

10. Planning

- (a) Demolition of stable block and erection of garage;
Meadow Croft, Hoargate Lane, Hollington.

There was uncertainty regarding the height of the new structure. It was agreed that the formal response to the consultation received should state this and request that the height be in keeping with the characteristics of other buildings in the neighbourhood. Action: Clerk

- (b) Discharge of conditions to application 21/00235/FUL;
Erection of detached dwellinghouse Land to East of Laburnham House, Main Street, Hollington.

No objection

11. Correspondence received

- (a) Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – fire prevention posters

It was agreed that one of the posters offered would be placed on the village noticeboard and that Cllr Merkens will attend to this. Action: Cllr Merkens

- (b) Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner – ANPR pilot scheme

The option to participate in the scheme was not supported. The Clerk was asked to respond to the DPCC thanking her for the offer and to advise of this.

Action: Clerk

12. Finance

- (a) The Parish Council's accounts at Barclays Bank were now closed and the transfer of all funds to Lloyds Bank had been completed.
- (b) Completed payments outlined on the agenda to the meeting were approved.
- (c) District Cllr Geoff Bond advised that grants up to £300 under the DDDC Local Projects Fund will be available for the next Financial Year from April 2024. Applications will need to identify a specific Parish Council project(s) in making any submission for grant funding.

13. Other Matters

Cllr Bond referred to the excellent facilities of the Derbyshire and District Astronomical Society and recommended that anyone interested in its work should visit its website or make a visit to the site.

14. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 20th May 2024 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm