

HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 2024 AT 7.15 p.m.
AT ARKWRIGHT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Cllr Bradshaw
 Bullas
 Cruickshank
 Straw
 Kennedy
 Massey - Chairman
 Paul
 Rhodes
 Murray
 Roberts

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth (DCC & AVBC)
Cllr Linsey Farnsworth (AVBC)

C Hedley (Clerk)

26/2023.24. APOLOGIES – None

27/2023.24 DECLARATIONS ON MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Bradshaw and Cllr Massey declared an interest in Items 32/2023.24 & 34/2023.24

28/2023.24: Public Speaking

- (a) No members of the public were present.
- (b) The police representative reported on crime statistics for the area. There had been six crime reports in three months - (to 31st December 2023). A number of other issues concerning road issues and fallen trees had also been reported. A quantity of drugs had been recovered. Councillors asked a number of questions regarding laws around the use of motor bikes and scooters, particularly on footpaths. A discussion took place outlining the difficulties involved in apprehending offenders on these vehicles. Cllr Cruickshank reported that signs from around the village were being repeatedly taken down. The police representative agreed to speak to the culprit should they be identified.
- (c) Cllr Farnsworth reported that the recycling bin had been removed. Also that the Cinderhill application was not yet on the planning meeting agenda. There had been reports of a recent scam where an individual was taking money for garden waste collections.

Cllrs advised Cllr Ainsworth that reported potholes had not been progressed. Cllr Ainsworth agreed to chase up. He advised that the grit bin at the top of Shaw Lane full of dog bags was actually a round yellow bin and not a grit bin. Unable to identify who the bin belongs to. Cllr Ainsworth agreed to investigate further. He advised that a traffic officer from DCC would be visiting the parish on Monday 12 February at 8am. Cllrs Kennedy, Bullas and Bradshaw agreed to meet with the officer to discuss the traffic issues reported. Cllrs raised concerns about the overgrown hedge at Mohan House on the boundary with council verge land. Cllr Ainsworth agreed to look into who was responsible for the maintenance. Also bus stop outside the Fox & Hound had been removed. Cllr Ainsworth agreed to investigate. Cllr Ainsworth requested that the quote for the SIDS post be forwarded to him for payment. Cllr Ainsworth confirmed that the Local Government Boundary commission proposals related only to electoral county boundaries..

29/2023.24: The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 29th November 2023 were **APPROVED**.

30/2023.24: Chairman's Announcements: Cinderhill – Cllr Massey requested to consider Item **35/2023.24** at this time.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- a. Send comments as identified in the agenda to AVBC. Provide one to Nigel Mills.
- b. Arrange for a meeting between Nigel Mills, Cllr Massey, Cruickshank and A N Other councillor to discuss concerns and seek support.
- c. For the clerk to enquire why the consultation letter had been sent to the wrong address.
- d. To consider again at the next council meeting in February

31/2023.24: Clerk's Report :- including action report from previous meeting.

(a) Mellors Lane Park – Council discussed the fact that training was desirable for playground inspections. Council **RESOLVED**:

- i. That all councillors be placed on inspection rota and that 3 of those attend the training.
- ii: That the clerk look at playground inspection courses carried out by DALC and ROSPA, the associated costs and report back to councillors.
- iii. That the decision for training provider and subsequent booking be delegated to Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk
- iv. Panel damaged – football club may have spare one. Cllr Rhodes to contact football club for details. Council to buy panel if necessary.

(b) Potterell Charity – Cllr Cruickshank reported that the building required re-wiring and had no electrical safety certificate. Inspection of premises taking place following weekend.

(c) Footpaths, highways, hedges and verges – Discussed at Item 28(c)/2023. Cllr Bullas to send location to clerk

(d) Environmental Issues – None at present

(e) Community Cinema –Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.

(f) Gorsey Piece –. Gorse had not yet been supplied to fill foliage gap but the matter is in hand.

(g) Tree Warden Update – Consultations: No problems reported with the applications.

(h) Footpath Officer Update – None

(i) Traffic Issues in the Parish & update on speed indicator signs – Stress test had been carried out and DCC notices had been displayed. Scheme was progressing.

(j) Cinderhill - As previously discussed at Item **30/2023.24**.

(k) HPC Policies – No additional policies at present.

(l) Events – Request from Holbrook PCC to use Mellors Lane Recreation Area as the venue for the village fete on Saturday 13th July 2024.

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the request.

32/2023.24: The work on the Village Hall and extension were now complete. New tree had been planted.

33/2023.24: Holbrook church clock contract – Council **RESOLVED** to delegate the decision to the Finance Working Group

34/2023.24: Finance: Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

(a) (i) Accounts for payment: - **December** – Information only

MS Accountancy	Payroll December	33.30
Hannah Owen	Salary	64.60
Janice Jackson	Salary	80.80
Jonathan Mitchell	Salary £832 plus expenses	832.00
Catherine Hedley	Salary	320.30
HMRC	PAYE	96.40
D C Bradshaw	Shackles (Cradle swings)	8.99
Wicksteed Leisure	Cradle Swings	358.06
HAHVCC	Contribution	1000.00
Holbrook Village Store	Poppy Wreath	35.00

TOTAL 2829.45

(a) (ii) Accounts for payment – January

MS Accountancy	Payroll	£33.30
Jonathan Mitchell	Salary & Expenses Petrol £7.26	£839.26
Catherine Hedley	Salary	£320.50
HMRC	PAYE	£80.00
ARB & Grounds Equipment Ltd	Lawn mower	£349.00

(b) AVBC Form - Precept request - 2024/2025 – Council **RESOLVED to sign the precept form.**

35/2023.24: Cinderhill - Proposed letter to Nigel Mills MP requesting support to oppose planning application and report the actions of AVBC.

36/2023.24: Planning:

Consultation Responses:

AVA/2023/0182 - Cinderhill Planning Application – Previous submitted comments and report re-submitted.

CD8/1123/37 - Little Eaton Branch Line Greenway from the village of Little Eaton (south) to the village of Rawson Green (north). Part of the Key Cycle Network. Proposal: Development of part of the former Midland Railway Ripley Branch Line to construct a 3m wide, 5.6 kilometre long surfaced strategic greenway between Duffield Road, Little Eaton (south) and A609 Rawson Green (north). The route will form part of the Key Cycle Network.

HPC comments:

“Holbrook Parish Council has concerns about the proposed Greenway, between Holbrook Crossing South to approximately opposite the Fox and Hounds, and how this might increase the likelihood of flooding occurring to homes along Alfreton Road. These concerns have increased following the flooding resulting from Storm Babet which yet again demonstrated that floodwater from the Bottle Brook and run off from Portway and surrounding fields flows down the old railway track. The Council, therefore, seeks assurance from Derbyshire County Council that the design of the Greenway (e.g. track bed height and permeability) will not make the flooding worse in this area and that steps are being taken to improve drainage along the Greenway and the flow of water down Bottle Brook, between these points, to lessen the possibility of flooding.

The council believes that a considerable number of Holbrook residents will wish to use the Greenway. Their main access will be via Stoney Lane or Nether Lane, which combine into Watering Lane, maintained by DCC. Stoney Lane and Watering Lane are

both subject to obstruction from flood water and vegetation, plus water erosion causing crevasses and potholes which are dangerous for cyclists, walkers and horse riders “.

The council had no comments on the following decisions & applications:

AVA/2023/0809 – Raised patio at rear of house (may affect the setting and character of the conservation area. Sharon Cotterill 31 Town Street, Holbrook DE56 0TA

TREE WORKS

TRE/2023/0377

Proposal:

See attached ??? 231123 Mr Fountain schedule???. Works are to provide more space for a suppressed walnut which is grown underneath the ash???'s crown area.

Location: Rachdale Lodge Portway Coxbench Derby Derbyshire DE21 5BE

TRE/2023/0378

Proposal:

Please see attached map showing T1- Sweet Chestnut Located on the RHS of Lower Hall Close drive entrance. Reduce branch length on the eastern side by 1.5m to bring it away from the street light and the road. **Location:** Hillside 2 Lower Hall Close Holbrook Belper Derbyshire DE56 0TN

37/2023.24: Correspondence for information - Garden waste scam and Local Government Boundary proposals discussed at 28/2023.24

38/2023.24: Date of next meeting Wednesday 28th February 2024.

The meeting ended at 21.20pm.