

HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

Once again the Parish Council has seen several changes. Following the resignation of six Councillors in May 2012 a by-election was held and the following five members were elected:- John Banks, Gail Brocklehurst, Stephen Holden, Bertha Morral and Keith Stevenson. Norman Bull was co-opted. Councillors Biggin, Horrobin, Massey and Rhodes remained in place. At the first meeting of the full Council Councillors Biggin and Horrobin were elected as Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively.

It was agreed to revert to the recommended practise of monthly meetings to be held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of December.

“ARKWRIGHT” PARISH HALL

As at 31st March 2013 £291,527.24 was held in the Long Term Project Fund including £288,806.08 in a Bonus Saver Account with NatWest and £2,584.90 in a current account also with NatWest.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS:-

MELLORS LANE PARK

The new path and re-building of the stone wall on the approach to the Park is much appreciated and the Parish Council is very grateful to the D.C.C. for the high standard of work carried out.

CHAPEL STREET PAVEMENTS

After requests over a number of years we are pleased that the pavements in Chapel Street have been repaired and resurfaced.

MOORSIDE LANE DRAINAGE

The problems of flooding in Moorside Lane have been alleviated by a new drainage system as requested by the Parish Council.

PARISH WARDEN

A new Parish Warden (Michael Blastland) has been appointed as from 20 May 2013. We wish him well in his new post.

FINANCE

The Parish Precept for 2013–2014 is £24,987 a decrease of £6,313 on year 2012-2013.

PARISH MAGAZINE

We continue to support the members of the magazine team who work hard to publish the magazine on a bi-monthly basis which is greatly appreciated throughout the Parish and further afield.

PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council has again been pleased to support the Holbrook Parish Plan Group in all their efforts this year particularly with the re-building of the stone boundary walls on “Gorse Piece” which is virtually complete and the continuing work on the Mellor’s Lane Park and the weekly inspections of the play equipment.

PARISH WALKS

All footpaths in the parish are walked annually to ensure they are all open with no obstructions. In addition, Councillor Biggin and other parishioners have organized walks around the parish and further afield which are enjoyed by a goodly number of parishioners.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We continue to support John Meggitt as Chief Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch and are pleased to receive reports from him on a regular basis .

ATTENDANCE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR THE YEAR 2012 - 13

Maximum possible number of attendances – Councillors Biggin, Horrobin, Massey and Rhodes **11**, Councillors Banks, Brocklehurst, Holden, Morral and Stevenson **9**, Councillor Bull **8**.

- 11 Councillor Biggin and Massey
- 9 Councillor Banks, Morral and Rhodes
- 8 Councillor Stevenson
- 7 Councillor Brocklehurst and Horrobin
- 4 Councillor Holden
- 3 Councillor Bull