

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 p.m. AT THE 'ARKWRIGHT'  
PARISH HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Massey (Chairman)  
Banks  
Mrs Brocklehurst  
Mrs Briggs  
Bull  
Kennedy  
Rhodes  
Roberts  
K.Buttery (AVBC&DCC)  
T Ainsworth (AVBC)  
H Owen (Clerk)  
1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**2015/11/1 APOLOGIES:-** Acting Sgt. N Hopwell and PCSO John Midgley

**2015/11/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:-** No declarations of interest were made.

**2015/11/3 PUBLIC SPEAKING:-**

**Kevin Buttery**

**Amber Valley Borough Council:** The large planning development of 120 houses and the Danesbury Rise planning decisions were still on going and an update should be given in the New Year,

**Derbyshire County Council:** A deal is looking to be reached to have a new combined authority of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. For the deal to go ahead a Core City must be included which is why Derbyshire would need to be combined with Nottinghamshire. (Nottingham being the Core City as stated.)

Kevin stated that having a combined authority would give more National and European funding options, depending on the EU Referendum in 2017.

Trevor Ainsworth highlighted that he believed this deal was a long way off being reached but it was confirmed that it was unlikely to need all Borough Councils to vote in favour for the deal to go ahead.

A Mayor for the new combined authority would be elected and concerns were raised about how this would benefit both areas.

Concerns were also raised about how this would affect the Police Commissioners. The Public will have an opportunity to pass comment on this in the near future.

**Message from PCSO John Midgley:**

“Apologies for myself and Neil not attending tonight’s meeting.  
Not a great deal to report that has happened in the village.

1. Theft from motor vehicles on Sandbed Lane, sat navs and power tools stolen.
2. Vehicle reported in a ditch on Portway. Not a great deal more that had been put on the incident. Local driver, no injuries.
3. Anti-social behavior is down 6.8% year to date and 6.1 month to date.
4. Next police surgery date in Holbrook is Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> at Holbrook stores 1045-1115 am.”

**Other:**

Cllr Roberts raised concerns that the room where the Parish Council meeting is held does not have a Carbon Monoxide detector alarm. The matter will be raised with HAHVCC.

**Action-The Chairman**

Cllr Roberts reported that he had reported a blocked drain using the County Councils “fix my street” web page. A response was received with a reference number but since then there has been no work done on the blocked drain, nor any further response. The Clerk will contact the County Council using the original reference number and ask for the matter to be resolved. Kevin Buttery will be copied into the email.

**Action - The Clerk**

Cllr Rhodes informed the Council that a request for a new Grit Bin near the Pond area on Pond Road had been made. The Clerk will look into the cost of new Grit Bins. Consultations will have to be made regarding the positioning and locations of any new Grit Bins.

**Action-The Clerk**

Cllr Rhodes suggested that the Trees at Sand Hollows were in need of Crown reducing. This has been done periodically over the years. The Clerk will speak to Amber Valley Borough Council and look for quotes for the work.

**Action-The Clerk**

**2015/11/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28 October 2015:-**

Proposed Cllr Rhodes, seconded Cllr Kennedy – unanimously agreed.

## **2015/11/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded the Councillors that whilst information can be shared and passed amongst Councillors by email, no decisions can be taken outside of the Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Massey attended a meeting regarding joined up care in Belper. The Clerk is to invite a representative from South Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group to the January meeting.

**Action- The Clerk**

## **2015/11/6 Interview for Casual Vacancy**

Steven Kennedy recently applied to the Parish Council for the current vacancy. The Parish Council asked for him to attend the meeting and answer some questions and inform the Council why he wished to be considered for the Vacancy.

Steven lives outside of the Parish, in Duffield, which is just inside the legal catchment area to be considered for the vacancy.

Following the interview a discussion was held and following a vote it was decided not to offer Steven the vacancy. 5 Councillors voted against, 1 Councillor voted in favour and 2 abstained from voting.

It was decided that by not living in the Parish it would be very difficult to make informed decisions that often take place at the Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to inform Steven and thank him for his application.

**Action-The Clerk**

## **2015/11/7 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **(a) Mellors Lane Park Improvements –inspection reports and AVBC Report.**

Amber Valley Borough Council has carried out its annual inspection of Mellors Lane Park. It was found that there were rotten posts by the swing basket and the zip wire equipment. Both have been removed until the posts are replaced. The Clerk has forwarded the report to Wicksteed who have raised the complaint and will be replacing the items. This is an issue which will be covered under the guarantee.

**(b) Potterell Charity** – Cllr. Massey reported that all is well.

**(c) Footpaths, hedges and verges.**

There is a hole in the hedge on Portway which is believed to have been caused by the road traffic accident mentioned in PCSO Midgley's report.

The wall on Moorside Lane between opposite the school and Pond Road is unstable. The Clerk will be contacting Derbyshire County Council to report the matter.

**(d) Community Speed Watch.**

The neighbouring Parishes have not come forward with any proposals regarding working together for community speed watch. It was decided to look at this matter again in the Spring.

**(e) Authorisation for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to deal with any urgent matters during December including payments of accounts, salaries etc.**

It was unanimously agreed that The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk can deal with any urgent matters during December.

**(f) Derbyshire County Council Winter Weather Scheme.**

It was unanimously agreed that Holbrook will not join the snow warden scheme.

**(g) AVBC-assets of community value information**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council about the Asset of Community Value register. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the document to register the Spotted Cow Pub as an asset of community value.

**(h) Website Domain Renewal**

It was agreed to renew the Website Domain name for the next 9 years, which is the maximum available with 4UH.

**(i) Bus Shelters**

The Clerk reported to the Council that Derbyshire County Council offer a 50% grant towards the cost of new bus shelters. The funding for this year has been spent but applications will be welcome again in the new financial year. The Councillors have been asked to look at potential areas where bus shelters could be placed. This will be discussed at the January meeting and a decision on how to proceed will be made.

### **2015/11/8 Holbrook Village Plan**

The Clerk informed the Council about what a Village/ Neighbourhood plan is. This is a long term project which looks at all aspects of a neighbourhood, from planning to public spaces and all aspects of village life.

A Neighbourhood Plan is not a Parish Council project but is to involve other groups and parish members to create a clear vision for the future of the village.

Cllr Bull suggested the Clerk invites Gary Spendlove from Belper Town Council who has been heavily involved in the Belper Neighbourhood Plan work. The Clerk will contact him and ask for him to attend the February Parish Council.

The Clerk will investigate what is involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan and report her findings to the Council in the January meeting.

**Action-The Clerk**

### **2015/11/9 Autistic Centre Traffic Flow**

Concerns were raised regarding the traffic and parking at the Autistic Centre. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Acting Sergeant Neil Hopwell to ask for advice on what could be done to improve the situation.

**Action- The Clerk**

### **2015/11/10 FINANCE:-**

Accounts for payment proposed Cllr Kennedy and seconded Cllr Briggs.  
Unanimously agreed.

a) 1. H Owen	Cheque No. 000797	£543.57
2. T Connors	Cheque No. 000798	£451.97
3. HMRC	Cheque No. 000799	£137.16
4. MS Accountancy	Cheque No. 000800	£16.20
5. JGS Construction Ltd	Cheque No. 000801	£60

b) Spread of Bank deposits to minimise risk.

Cllr Massey had been in touch with the Clerk at Filey Town Council to find out more information about spreading bank deposits between a number of bank accounts to safeguard against any banking issues where money could be lost. As money up to £75,000 is protected should any bank collapse, it was agreed Holbrook Parish Council should look into doing this with the Long term Project Village Hall fund. The Clerk and Cllr Massey will research the available options and report back to the council.

## **2015/11/11 Planning**

AVA/2015/0967 45a Shaw Lane, Holbrook-Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling. No observations made.

AVA/2015/1088 33 Moorfield Road, Holbrook-Proposed two storey extension and rear extension. No observations made.

AVA/2015/1089 46 Shaw Lane, Holbrook-Extensions and alteration to existing garage/workshop. No observations made.

### **Decisions:**

AVA/2015/0858 Rosel Dene, Portway, Holbrook. Two storey rear extension and single storey side and front extension. **Permitted.**

### **Update:**

The Structure on Portway has been visited by Amber Valley Borough Council Planning enforcement team and the work has been put on hold. An application will be made for the planning shortly.

There has been no new applications for any new housing developments in the Holbrook area.

The appeal for application AVA/2015/0792 is being looked into and any further comments must be submitted by 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

## **2015/11/12 Correspondence for information.**

Village SOS Community Retail seminar

Pocket Park Flyer

Derbyshire County Council Winter Weather email

Amber Valley Local Plan part 1 Core Strategy-resumed hearings in Dec.

Have your say on Council Budget Email

**2015/11/13 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**