

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.15 p.m. AT THE 'ARKWRIGHT' PARISH
HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

PRESENT:- Councillors Massey (Chairman)
Bradshaw
Mrs Briggs
Bull
Mrs Gruber
Kennedy
Roberts
Rhodes
Trevor Ainsworth AVBC
Mrs H Owen (Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

2016/10/1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Kevin Buttery (AVBC & DCC) and PC Cole.

2016/10/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 and Cllr Massey declared an interest in Agenda items 14 and item 15

2016/10/03 PUBLIC SPEAKING:-

Trevor Ainsworth AVBC: No further updates to give since the September meeting. The Core Strategy is slowly progressing and it is expected that areas included in the local plan are to be named by early December.

Cllr Rhodes: There is a blocked curb edge drain by the shop. Cllr Ainsworth said he would go and investigate at the end of the meeting and report the matter.

There has been an incident outside the shop with a HGV crossing the curb to go around the corner past the shop and hitting a car. Several incidents have occurred in recent times and the issue of badly parked vehicles remains a problem. It was agreed that the Parish Council would report the matter again, as will Trevor Ainsworth on behalf of AVBC and Kevin Buttery on behalf of DCC.

Cllr Bradshaw reported that a recent questionnaire in the village had so far had 119 responses. Out of the 119 completed questionnaires received to date, 93% stated they wanted a community hub at the Spotted Cow. 61% supported the suggestion of a Post Office being located there, 88% wanted the Spotted Cow to remain a Pub, 76% supported the idea of a restaurant on site and 80% felt including a tea room would be a good facility for the village.

Members of the Parish have offered their time, skills and financial support towards the project.

A financial consultant in the parish has offered their services for free.

The appeal against the issue of the Asset of Community value has been heard and the outcome will be announced shortly.

John Meggitt-Neighbourhood Watch: Concerns have been raised about Speeding throughout the village. Cllr Gruber is to look at the possibility of working with Duffield and neighbouring parishes to purchase a shared speed device.

Cllr Massey for HAHVCC: A suggestion was made that after the tree work is completed at the Hall, the Parish Council use the wood from the removed trees to provide the stumps for Mellors Lane Park.

Clerk: The Clerk read out an email from the Police with an update on recent incidents. "Attempted Burglary, Pond Road, Holbrook/. Offender has used unknown sharp instrument to try to prise open front facing bay window to a detached property, damage caused but no entry has been gained."

Other Business: Remembrance Day Parade. A request received to have police present has been made. This is one of several in the area and staffing is a major issue. No decision has been made at the moment but PC Cole will update everyone in due course.

2016/10/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr Roberts, this was seconded by Cllr Kennedy and all voted in favour.

2016/10/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined business for the evening. It was mentioned that the Barn Dance was taking place at the Hall on Saturday 29th October 2016.

2016/10/06 Casual Vacancies and Co-Option of new Councillors

Paul Vincent was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Bull informed the Clerk he has been approached with a view to joining the Council. Cllr Bull will pass the contact details to the Clerk and they will be invited to the next meeting. The Clerk has also received contact details of an interested member of the Parish and they too will be invited to the next meeting.

Action-The Clerk

2016/10/7 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Mellors Lane Park Improvements – inspection reports

The inspection reports have highlighted no current issues. The Clerk will work with Cllr Massey to organise the replacement of the wooden stumps at Mellors Lane Park following the tree work at Arkwright Parish Hall. It was agreed that the cost of removing the trees and replacing the stumps at Mellors Lane Park would be shared between the LTP funds for the Hall and facilities for young people.

The Clerk informed the Council that a 5th inspector was needed for the Playground inspections as when people are away it becomes difficult to ensure someone is available to carry out the inspection and relies on people to make several inspections. Cllr Massey agreed to join the inspection team and the Clerk will investigate when and where an appropriate training session is held.

Action- The Clerk

(b) Potterell Charity

Cllr Massey informed the Council all was well.

(c) Footpaths, hedges and verges. Cllr Massey and Cllr Gruber attended a meeting with the Principal of Holbrook School for Autism to discuss the dangerous parking on Portway.

It was confirmed that the School had applied for a new entrance to create a one way system and ease congestion. It has also been proposed to swap a classroom and create a car park within the grounds.

The School is at full capacity and there is a waiting list, so it is important that no teaching facilities are lost.

It was suggested that a petition be started to help the schools quest for the new access and parking facilities. The Parish Council are very keen to help and support the school on this matter.

It had been stressed to the Principal that the recent article in the Village Magazine regarding the issue had not been written by the Parish Council. This clarification was welcomed.

It was RESOLVED the council would put an article in the next Parish Magazine and make it clear that this was not the case and inform the Parish about the recent meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk, Cllr Massey and Cllr Gruber would draft an article for the magazine and for the Facebook page and website. The Principal of the school will also be contacted and asked to also submit an article on the matter.

Concerns were raised that the temporary contractors covering while the Parish Warden is off work are not covering Moorside Lane and Alfreton Road. The Clerk will contact them and ensure this area is covered.

Work has been completed very promptly at Highfields Farm. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would contact the management team and see if there are any future plans for the site.

Action- The Clerk

(d) Social Media

The Facebook page has been viewed several times this month and has received 12 new likes. The Clerk will continue to update the page. It was RESOLVED to remove the Profile Page for Holbrook PC and just have the Holbrook Parish Council page to avoid confusion.

Action-The Clerk

(e) Parish Warden

The Parish Warden has contacted the Clerk to say he will inform the Council as soon as possible and by 15th November as to whether he is fit to return to work.

(f) Christmas Tree donation request

The Clerk and Cllr Massey will contact the group and confirm the requested amount of donations. It was unanimously agreed to support the project up to the value of £50.

(g) Council Tax referendum consultation

Although the consultation doesn't directly affect Holbrook Parish Council, The Clerk has still emailed to stress how the suggestion of any 2% rises in precepts would trigger a referendum is unworkable for smaller parishes. Many Parish Council precepts increase by 2% in election years just by budgeting for an election.

2016/10/8 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Clerk informed the Council that the compulsory four week consultation period will end on Friday 28th October. Following on from a conversation with Noel Bell at AVBC, as of Wednesday 26th October no responses had been received. The Clerk will report back with the official end of consultation response at the next meeting. If there is no objections it will then be time to officially form a Neighbourhood Plan group.

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2016/10/09 Planning Application responses- The role of the Parish Council

The Clerk has contact Sarah Johnson at AVBC Planning department to ask for a training session for councillors on the role of the Parish Council in planning consultations.

Cllr Roberts highlighted the importance in consistency in planning responses and that we should have strong definitions and where possible use historical decisions and reports from AVBC.

It was agreed to reintroduce sending a letter to all affected parties of planning applications with information on the role of the Parish Council and encouraging them to raise any personal concerns to AVBC.

Cllr Bull informed the Council there is a manual with information about planning consultations and the clerk will ask for a copy of this and circulate to Councillors.

2016/10/10 Budget and Precept Plans for 2017/18

The Clerk circulated the suggested budget and precept for the 2017/2018 financial year. The proposed precept is £25794. This was proposed by Cllr Gruber and seconded by Cllr Kennedy. All unanimously agreed. Cllr Massey declared an interest.

The draft Article for the Village Magazine was approved and will be submitted. It will also be placed on the website and Facebook page. **Action- The Clerk**

2016/10/11 Spotted Cow Development

Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest as she is a member of the steering group for The Spotted Cow.

The Clerk informed the council of an email sent by Stephanie Limb advising that a group had been formed to make an offer to purchase the Spotted Cow.

2016/10/12 Assets of Community Value in Holbrook

It was resolved to look into registering the following areas as Assets of Community Value:

- Allotments
- Coxbench Wood
- Gas Light Gallery
- Conservation Area

This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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2016/10/13 Parish Council Policies

The Clerk circulated all current Parish Council policies and included a draft recording of meetings policy for everyone to read. The policies will be discussed and any amendments will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

2016/10/14 FINANCE:-

a) Accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Briggs, Seconded by Cllr Bradshaw and all unanimously agreed. Cllr Massey declared an interest in item 2016/10/14 number 5.

1) H Owen	£544.57	Cheque 000919
2) Tom Connors	£476.23	Cheque 000920
3) HMRC	£136.16	Cheque 000921
4) MS Accountancy (2 invoices)	£ 29.28	Cheque 000922
5) HAHVCC (Hire of Hall)	£ 23.25	Cheque 000923
6) Denby Construction	£ 681.60	Cheque 000924

It was RESOLVED to look at opening a separate account at RBS to hold future provision funds and the £21229 put aside for the provision of equipment for young people in the parish.

2016/10/15 Planning

AVA/2016/0805 Garage on land to north of 97 Belper Road, Bargate. Amended plans-Response submitted. While the Parish Council supports the removal of the existing industrial unit and the safe remedial actions proposed for the land, the construction of a two storey building in such close proximity to the rear elevations of adjacent properties will lead to concerns over intrusion of privacy and loss of light of the habitable rooms associated with those houses.

Please see the below link to a document on the internet which upholds a complaint against AVBC regarding minimum distances between windows of habitable rooms - <http://www.lgo.org.uk/decisions/planning/planning-applications/14-001-464#point1>. As the Design and Access Statement makes clear, the proposal is not a definitive design so things might change for better or worse in the future when the definitive designs are submitted.

AVA/2016/1032- 71 Belper Road, Bargate. Double and Single storey extension. Response submitted. The Parish Council has no observations.

TRE/2016/1032 24 Bradshaw Drive, Holbrook. Walnut-crown reduce. Response Submitted. The Parish Council has no observations.

AVA/2016/1056 Land west of Portway- Removal of unauthorised structure and replacement with an agricultural building.- Holbrook Parish Council strongly objects to this application for reasons already covered in our response to AVBC/2016/0273 and AVBC's TCP 3 decision notice of refusal to AVA/2015/1220 dated 16 February 2016. In brief, our main objections are:

1. The open and, considered by many, beautiful landscape around the ancient Portway route leading to Holbrook, is an important part of the green belt. It is much appreciated by the local community. This application despoils that amenity and goes against the saved provisions of Policy EN1. When the illegal structure was erected, the AVBC planning officer witnessed and recorded it was clearly visible along 'Portway, Derby Road and Alfreton Road Coxbench'. From the Design and Access Statement, the applicant apparently does not realise that, while the small section of tall hedge may provide some seasonal shielding of the building (for about 7 months of the year) when looking immediately 'head-on', the building will always be clearly visible either side of this small length of hedge on the approaches up and down Portway and from roads and pathways elsewhere within the area. This was evidenced on 19 March 2016 by the caravan that was parked on the footprint of the recently demolished unapproved building and was still widely visible.

2. None of the requirements for agricultural development as stated by EN11 have been met, namely:

a.) This building is not essential for the purposes of agriculture on this small 1.84 acre strip of land. We note that the reference in the previous application to rare breeds of sheep and a pony. The revised application proposes a livestock operation of 55 sheep (including lambs) and 15 calves. With an operation of this small size, intensive though the future stocking level is, the council does not accept that a building of this scale or design is appropriate or required. We also note that the arrival of 18 sheep on site has occurred contemporaneously with the new application (including the provision of a holding number). To the council's knowledge there has been no significant animal movements (which are subject to licensing), in the past two years to / from this site. It therefore appears that this is a new development on a small plot with no justification for such a large building in the centre of the Holbrook green belt.

b.) It will have a significant adverse impact on the character of the locality and will fuel concerns over a 'shanty town' ribbon development that have been expressed by local residents in their objections to previous proposals. Indeed this development represents a step towards the elimination of the green belt between Holbrook and Coxbench and the merging of the two villages.

c.) The proposed buildings are not located within or adjacent to existing agricultural buildings to minimise visual impact.

TRE/2016/0166 10 The Paddock, Holbrook. Crown reduce Silver Birch. The Parish Council has no observations.

TRE/2016/0176 Holbrook Hal, Makeney Road Holbrook. Remove sycamore tree. The Parish Council has no observations.

Decisions –

TRE/2016/0141-Severen Trent Water Site- Tree work PERMITTED.

AVA/2016/0921 5 Browns Lane, Holbrook-2 Storey extension-PERMITTED.

AVA/2016/0860&0861 Lumley Cottage, Birchwood Farm, Portway Proposed single storey rear extension and listed building consent-PERMITTED.

TRE/2016/0147 Arkwright Parish Hall, remove two trees. PERMITTED.

2016/10/16 Correspondence for information.

DALC circulars, Spotted Cow emails, Pensions email, Clerks direct, Public sector emails, Derwent valley mills email, Furniture at work emails, online playground email, update to electoral roll, Civic Email, Defibrillator query email, Stamp and Deliver Email, Neighbourhood watch emails, Pensions emails, Women in Public Sector email, Networking launch email, Insurance documents, New vicar contact details request and Highfields Farm email regarding completed work.

2016/10/17 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30th November 2016