

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.15 p.m. AT THE 'ARKWRIGHT' PARISH
HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

PRESENT:- Councillors Massey (Chairman)
Banks
Mrs Briggs
Kennedy
Rhodes
Roberts
C Haynes (NHS-Public Speaking only)
M Burrows (NHS-Public Speaking only)
H Owen (Clerk)
2 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2016/01/1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Brocklehurst, Cllr Bull, K Buttery (AVCB&DCC), T Ainsworth (AVBC), Acting Sgt. N Hopwell and PCSO John Midgley.

2016/01/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Massey declared an interest in item 10 a) January, number 4.

2016/01/3 PUBLIC SPEAKING:-

Mick Burrows and Claire Haynes NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mick and Claire delivered a very interesting talk about the changes with Community Services in the NHS.

A document called Joined Up Care in Belper has been created and copies of the document can be accessed at www.southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk .

Some areas to be worked on include:

A shared information and care plan for patients.

Importance of living well.

Preventative care.

Community work to prevent accidents and falls.

26.6% of the residents of Holbrook are over 65 years of age, the national average is 16.3%. The work of the CCG is to look at better services for people in the community.

Claire will be visiting Holbrook Parish Council again in the Spring.

Message from PCSO John Midgley:

“Apologies for myself and Neil not attending tonight’s meeting. Anti-social behaviour is down 10.2 % year to date and month to date, not changed at 0%. Burglaries have been our recent priority in the Belper area. Two have occurred, one on Lower Hall Close on the 6/1/16 10pm- 7/1/16 7am where offender/s have attempted to remove beading from glazed door. Only thing stolen was a red and yellow mountain bike with bull handle bars. The other was at Holbrook Hall care home on the 6/1 4.30pm-6.30pm where they have got through a ground window, nothing stolen.”

Other:

Cllr Rhodes raised concerns about the Trees outside the Village Hall. Council Massey is to speak with HAHVCC and see if work can be carried out.

Action-The Chairman

Cllr Rhodes reported blocked guttering at Highfields Farm is causing flooding on Brown’s Lane. The Clerk is to report this to AVBC/DCC.

Action - The Clerk

Concerns were raised about the lack of affordable housing in Holbrook and about the number of properties which are left unoccupied.

The area at the back of the shop is in a mess and needs to be addressed.

A number of complaints have been made about the Buses cutting the corners in Holbrook especially at the bottom of Chapel Street and Moorside Lane. This issue has been raised with the police but the Clerk will contact the bus company to raise the issue.

Action-The Clerk

Concerns about the state of the roads and footpaths were raised. Cllr Massey informed the Council and members of the public that a survey was to take place again later this year.

A suggestion was made that the old railway line be opened as a cycle path. Cllr Briggs informed the Council that it is to be made a “Green Way” and will be open shortly.

Complaints were made about the state of the A38 with mess and litter. AVBC are running a cleaning event to tidy the A38 area in March.

2016/01/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th NOVEMBER 2015

Proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Briggs – unanimously agreed.

2016/01/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman outlined business for the evening.

2016/01/6 Overgrown Ivy and Trees at Coxbench

Over the last 6 months there has been an increased amount of fallen branches and over grown Ivy at Coxbench. The Clerk will contact Derbyshire County Council and ask for the Ivy to be removed and the trees be tidied and made safe. It was highlighted that the trees should not be removed.

Action-The Clerk

2015/11/7 CLERK'S REPORT

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

Wicksteed had contacted the Clerk and stated that the repair and replacement work would be taking place on 21st January 2016. Cllr Rhodes is to go and inspect the work and report back to the Clerk with any issues.

Action-Cllr Rhodes

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

(c) Footpaths, hedges and verges.

Complaints have been received regarding dangerous parking above the turning for the Centre for Autism. Reports have been made to the Police about the original problems with parking. The clerk is going to raise the issue with the Police again as the parking on the blind bend is very dangerous.

Dog fouling remains a problem. The Parish Council are encouraging members of the public to report any offenders. This can be done anonymously on the AVBC website.

(d) Trees at Sand Hollows

The Clerk asked Ross Pearson from AVBC to visit the trees at Sand Hollows and give advice as to what reducing could be done. Ross made a site visit and stated in an email that AVBC would not recommend Crown Reduction as he felt this was not an appropriate action.

(e) Spotted Cow

An email had been received from the buyers of the Spotted Cow. It asked if the buyer could attend the meeting to discuss future planning possibilities. The Clerk advised the buyers that they were welcome to attend the meeting but no comments could be made by the Councillors until an actual Planning Application had been received.

(f) Queens 90th Birthday

AVBC are running a "clean for the queen" initiative to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday. They have asked for any "grot spots" in the Parish to be nominated and cleaned by volunteers. It was decided not to take part in the event as our Parish Warden does such a good job with the litter picking and it was felt the Holbrook didn't have a "grot spot". It was agreed to look at ways to mark the Queen's birthday and this will be discussed at the February meeting.

(g) Grit Bins

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the cost of Grit bins which varied depending on size. The Clerk is to undertake a Grit Bin inventory and see if the missing bin on Pond Road was an AVBC bin. The Clerk will report back to the council in February and it can be decided if any new bins are needed.

(h) Pond Road Flooding

Reports of flooding on Pond Road were received by the Clerk. This was reported to DCC who made a site visit. However no flooding was found and they reported that it was sheer volume of rain that had caused the excess water.

2016/01/8 Holbrook Village Plan

The Clerk had met with Gary Spendlove from Belper Town Council. He informed the clerk of useful websites to visit and provided some literature on Neighbourhood Plans. He advised the clerk that there were specialists who visited meetings to discuss how to get the ball rolling. It was agreed the Clerk would make arrangements for representatives from Rural Action Derbyshire to attend the February meeting.

Concerns had been raised that projects (e.g Gorse Piece and Bus Shelters) in the Parish may get left if we wait until there is a Neighbourhood plan in place.

Action-The Clerk

2016/01/9 Introduction of Social Media

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Kennedy would look into the creation of a Parish Council Facebook page to help encourage interaction with members of the Parish. It was agreed that this would need to be closely monitored and not a place for inappropriate messages. The Clerk and Cllr Kennedy are going to look at security and posting settings and report back to the Council in February.

Action- The Clerk and Cllr Kennedy

2016/01/10 FINANCE:-

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

a) December Cheques (For information only)

1. T Connors	Cheque No. 000802	£451.97
2. H Owen	Cheque No. 000803	£543.57
3. HMRC Only	Cheque No. 000804	£137.16
4. 4UH Ltd	Cheque No. 000805	£37.69

Accounts for payment (subject to confirmation at the meeting)

Cllr Massey declared an interest in the Cheque 4 HAHVCC.

January Cheques

1. H Owen	Cheque No. 000806	£543.57
2. T Connors	Cheque No. 000807	£451.97
3. HMRC	Cheque No. 000808	£137.16
4. HAHVCC	Cheque No. 000809	£15.50
5. AVBC	Cheque No. 000810	£42.00

b) Spread of Bank deposits to minimise risk.

The task of opening new accounts has been problematic. Holbrook Parish Council have completed the documents for a new account with Barclays and this should be open shortly. The Clerk handed out paperwork from Unity Trust Bank for the signatories to sign. This account needs to be opened with a cheque for £500. This was unanimously agreed and a Cheque for £500 from the NatWest account was signed. Cheque 000104 from the Holbrook PC HAHCT account.

Cllr Massey had spoken to Lloyds bank via telephone as they would only speak to a Signatory. This account has been set up and paperwork will be arriving with the Clerk shortly.

The Clerk is to ring HSBC and make an appointment to go into branch to open an account. This is after several phone calls and online attempts at opening the account under the instruction of HSBC.

C) Auto Enrolment for pensions.

MS Accountancy have contacted the Clerk and offered the use of their services for a small increase to £125+VAT per year to also manage the pensions.

Cllr Massey proposed this, Cllr Roberts seconded and all voted in favour.

D) Financial statements for Parish Council Website.

The Clerk and Council Roberts will be updating the website with financial information in line with the new transparency code.

2016/01/11 Planning

AVA/2015/1130 8 Church Street, Holbrook. The erection of a detached dwelling on the land adjacent to 8 Church Street.

The Parish Council object to this application. They wish to raise concerns about increased pedestrian and vehicular hazard and road congestion. Safe pedestrian access is already poor in this area. The proposed new access point is in a blind spot and very dangerous. Also concerns are raised for loss of village heritage in the conservation area. Although not listed, this building was the old smithy, which operated up to about 1940 and is based on a site of ancient smithies going back, according to Duchy of Lancaster Records, to 1482. The Council feel that the demolition and the building of the new property will fundamentally change the character of the conservation area.

AVA/2015/1200 Boothswood Farm, Moorside Lane, Holbrook. Portal framed shed.

The Parish Council have no objections to the planning proposal but wish to raise concerns regarding traffic flow between the two farms in the Parish.

AVA/2015/1220 Land west of Portway, Holbrook. Proposed stable for animal and feed store.

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The Parish Council had no objections to the application but stated that if the structure was no longer to be used as an animal and feed store then it should be taken down.

Decisions:

AVA/2015/0980 110 Belper Road, Bargate. Approval for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning application. **Permitted.**

AVA/2015/0979 Venture Garage, Belper Road, Holbrook. Single storey extension at rear to form store. **Permitted.**

AVA/2015/1088 33 Moorfield Road, Holbrook. Proposed 2 storey extension and rear extension. **Permitted.**

2016/01/12 Correspondence for information.

Dalc Circular 27/15 and 01/16, Clean for the Queen email, Get fit with Wicksteed, The pensions regulator law change email, Have your say in Codnor email and Environment Agency heating oil tank campaign email.

2016/01/13 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th February 2016

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