

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.15 p.m. AT THE 'ARKWRIGHT' PARISH  
HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Massey (Chairman)  
Banks  
Mrs Brocklehurst  
Mrs Briggs  
Rhodes  
Roberts  
K.Buttery (AVBC&DCC)  
PCSO J.Midgley  
H Owen (Clerk)  
One member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**2015/10/1 APOLOGIES:-** Cllr Bull, Cllr Kennedy, Trevor Ainsworth (AVBC) and Acting Sgt. N Hopwell.

**2015/10/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:-** Cllr Massey declared an interest in item 6b Potterell Charity, 8 Precept/Budget, 11 Finance and 12 Planning Appeal.

**2015/10/3 PUBLIC SPEAKING:-**

**Digital Derbyshire:**

Kerry Bailey from Digital Derbyshire attended the meeting to talk about the Government programme which is bringing Fibre connectivity to rural areas. Fibre broadband is a much faster speed of broadband allowing faster downloads, better streaming and a better quality for multi-user households.

The Digital Derbyshire project is upgrading the existing infrastructure to enable Fibre broadband. In Derbyshire there are 418 cabinets for broadband and 317 of these have already been upgraded for Fibre Broadband.

The majority of Holbrook has Fibre Broadband available, however there are 4 postcodes in the Coxbench area of the Parish which is under review and as yet Fibre Broadband is not available.

The 6 cabinets serving the Holbrook area are on Church Street, Makeney Road, Derby Road Denby, King Street Belper, Sandbed Lane Belper and Derby Road Milford.

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The postcode checker service can be found on Digital Derbyshire's new website, [www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk](http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk)

There are several internet service providers who offer Fibre Broadband and upgrading to the service will have a subscription fee. To find out what speed of service you would get in your household you can visit the BT Wholesale checker and enter your landline, this will give information about availability and speeds.

Kerry distributed some leaflets and posters and these will be put up around Holbrook. Information will also be placed on the Holbrook Parish Council website.

### **PCSO John Midgley:**

Overall it has been a good month with only one report of an attempted fuel removal. Fuel cap was removed but no fuel was taken. In the local area there have been 3 motorbikes stolen and some shed burglaries.

The police are patrolling the area regularly and there has been odd activity around Gorsey Piece. The police will be continuing to monitor the area and anyone who notices any suspicious activity is reminded to contact the police.

The speedwatch kits have been returned and are available for use, the police have some volunteers who will be able to help out. There is also a police van with a flashing sign which advises motorists when they are speeding. An offer for speed checks in Holbrook was made.

### **Kevin Buttery:**

Kevin confirmed that Steven Bates has been working with the owners of Highfields Farm. He also advised that Core Strategy 1 will recommence on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **Other:**

Cllr Rhodes reported the dog fouling signs which were replaced recently, have again, all been removed.

Cllr Rhodes raised the subject of the two large trees at the South East of the Arkwright Hall land which overhang the footway and are touching the Hall. As the Hall is owned by HAHVCC it was agreed to write to them to ask if they could speak to AVBC to seek advice. **Action - the Clerk**

Cllr Mrs Brocklehurst reported an incident where a cyclist had collided with a car pulling out on to Portway. It has been suggested there are cyclists trying to beat time challenges in the area and are riding at high speeds.

### **2015/10/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 30 September 2015:-**

Proposed Cllr Banks, seconded Cllr Briggs – unanimously agreed.

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### **2015/10/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman has written to Clerks and Councils Direct to highlight the service to the Parish Council of ex Councillor Richard Biggin and Glenys Briggs in her role of Parish Clerk for over 30 years.

The Chairman and Cllr Roberts held the appraisal for Hannah Owen and the Chairman and Cllr Roberts made the recommendation that the Clerk's probation period has been successfully completed and would like to offer the role on a permanent basis. Cllr Roberts Proposed, Cllr Massey seconded and all voted in favour.

### **2015/10/6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**(a ) Mellors Lane Park Improvements –** An email has been received requesting use of Mellors Lane Park to hold the annual village fete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. All Cllrs confirmed this was ok. Also agreed that Cllr Massey will be the licensee.

It has been decided not to increase the number of Inspectors for the Park play equipment at this time.

**(b) Potterell Charity –** Cllr. Massey informed the Council that all is well and no news to report.

#### **(c) Footpaths, hedges, verges and bus shelter –**

Community Action Holbrook have reported serious issues with Dog Fouling in and around Holbrook. CAH have requested new Dog Fouling Signs for them to put up. The Parish Council will provide these to the group. It was highlighted that the Parish Council recently replaced the stolen/damaged Dog Fouling signs and they have again been removed.

#### **d) Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk has spoken to the Clerks of Denby and Kilburn to discuss if the Parishes would like to work together and exchange volunteers to run the scheme in neighbouring parishes. Both clerks will discuss the scheme at their next meetings and report back to Hannah Owen.

#### **e) Ordering Grit**

It was RESOLVED to order 10 more bags of Grit. The Clerk will order this directly.

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#### **(f) Crime and disorder meeting**

A meeting at Ripley Town Hall will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 regarding Crime and disorder in Amber Valley. It was decided not to attend but circulate any feedback from the meeting.

### **(g) Spotted Cow Area**

Cllr Bull had confirmed to the Clerk that the Licence at the spotted cow had now lapsed and advised of the agent dealing with the sale. The Clerk contacted the agent and has been advised that the property is under offer and is currently with legal teams. They expect completion before Christmas and it is been bought for a redevelopment project.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact AVBC Planning Department to highlight the importance of the Spotted Cow being kept as a public house.

**Action-The Clerk**

### **Other:**

The Clerk has had a conversation with Ron Brien of Community Action Holbrook offering to host the CAH website. The offer was declined as other parties have offered to run the website. The Clerk said the offer would remain open if help was needed in the future.

### **2015/10/7 Co-option of Councillors**

Only one application has been received. The Clerk is going to contact AVBC and confirm the process and see if we can re-advertise to generate more interest.

**Action-The Clerk**

### **2015/10/8 Precept/Budget**

Cllr Massey, Cllr Roberts and the Clerk have put together a suggested Budget for 2016/2017 and have worked out the required Precept. The spreadsheet has been circulated to all Councillors and everyone agreed with the figures.. It was proposed by Cllr Rhodes, Seconded by Cllr Banks and all voted in favour.

Cllr Massey declared an interest in respect of the budget item Long Term Project and took no part in its discussion or the decision but remained in the room.

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### **2015/10/9 Missing Bus Stop Sign**

The bus stop sign from outside the Dead Poets has been removed. The Clerk will write to the bus company and ask for a replacement. A report will also be sent to the Police.

**Action- The Clerk**

### **2015/10/10 Highfields Farm**

The Clerk has received an email from Steve Bate at AVBC Planning Department confirming a meeting between AVBC and the Strutt estate has taken place. In the near future a planning application will be submitted for the redevelopment of the site including conversion of barns into residential. There appears to be finance in place which will include maintenance and improvement of the building.

The Clerk will inform Peter White who sent the open letter regarding Highfields Farm back in August.

**Action-The Clerk**

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

Accounts for payment proposed Cllr Banks and seconded Cllr Roberts. All voted in favour.

a) 1. H Owen	Cheque No. 000791	£543.77
2. T Connors	Cheque No. 000792	£467.95
3. HMRC	Cheque No. 000793	£136.96
4. H.A.V.C.C(Hire of Hall)	Cheque No. 000794	£23.25
5. Holbrook Parish Council (for Long term project for HAHVCC)	Cheque No. 000795	£7500
6. A. Hall	Cheque No. 00076	£102.00

Cllr Massey declared an interest in respect of items 4 & 5 and took no part in the discussion but remained in the room.

### **2015/10/12 Planning**

AVA/2015/0838: Holbrook Football Club, Makeney Road, Holbrook.  
Metal Storage Unit.

No observations from the Parish Council.

AVA/2015/0979-Venture Garage Ltd Belper Road.

Single Storey extension at rear to form store.

No observations from the Parish Council.

AVA/2015/0519 110 Belper Road Bargate. (This is a departure to the development plan) Cllr Massey and Cllr Mrs Briggs are going to look to see if any amendments have been made. Original Plan was supported by the Parish Council.

**Tree Work:**

TRE/0215/0131. 1 The Nook, Holbrook, Belper.  
Crown reduce Cedar Tree. Cllr Rhodes confirms request is acceptable.

TRE/2015/0135 Coxbench Hall, Alfreton Road Coxbench  
Remove Norway Spruce Tree. Cllr Rhodes confirms request is acceptable.

**Decisions:**

TRE/2015/0190 Greenacre, Makeney Road, Holbrook. Remove one pine and lower branch from second. PERMITTED.

AVA/2015/0792 The Vicarage, 30 Moorside Lane, Holbrook. Children's Tree House.  
REFUSED.

Cllr Massey declared an interest in respect of this item but remained in the room.

**Appeals:**

AVA/2015/0792 The Vicarage, 30 Moorside Lane, Holbrook. Children's Tree House.

Cllr Massey declared an interest in respect of this item but remained in the room.

**2015/10/13 Correspondence for information.**

AV Local Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Session.  
DALC Circular 23&24  
Came and Company Insurance Renewal Documents  
ROSPA Play Inspection Training  
Tesco local community scheme.

**2015/1014 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**