

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.15 p.m. AT THE 'ARKWRIGHT' PARISH  
HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Massey (Chairman)  
Barker  
Bradshaw  
Mrs Briggs  
Bull  
Bullas  
Cruickshank  
Kennedy  
Rhodes  
Roberts  
H Owen (Clerk)  
Cllr Kevin Buttery (DCC)

**2018/10/1 APOLOGIES**

Cllr T Ainsworth (AVBC)

**2018/10/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Cllr Massey declared an interest in agenda item 8 Update of Village Hall, item 13 Precept 2019/2020 item 15 Finance. Cllr Rhodes declared an interest in item 8 Update on Village Hall, item 13 Precept 2019/2020 and item 15 Finance.

**2018/10/3 PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

**Cllr Kevin Buttery:**

New signage for Nether Lane has been agreed by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways Department. Cllr Buttery will update the Parish Council with more information in due course.

Cllr Buttery is due to have a follow up meeting with the Officers involved in the Autism Planning application and DCC Highways. He will update the Parish Council with the outcome of his meeting.

The bore hole investigative work on the fallen Church wall has been completed. The results are now being analysed and more information on the findings will follow.

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Cllr Massey informed Cllr Buttery about the DCC Highways officer who arrived in

Holbrook with notices to close the road on Portway a week early, Cllr Barker had informed the officer he was a week early. The officer proceeded but then returned later to remove the notices. Cllr Buttery will look into the matter.

Cllr Rhodes mentioned that the bus company had continued to use the diversion route even after the road had re-opened. Cllr Buttery suggested that the road closure information to the bus company may have suggested it could be closed for two days and that may be why.

Cllr Barker reported that numerous concerns had been raised to her regarding the unrestricted speed limit on Makeney Road. Cllr Buttery said he was happy to be contacted regarding the matter and take the comments to DCC Highways. The Clerk will put a section on the Village magazine encouraging all concerns to be sent to DCC via Kevin to ensure they understand how many people have concerns. The Parish Council will continue to raise concerns as well, Cllr Massey highlighted that the more complaints/concerns that are received the better.

Cllr Mrs Briggs informed the Council about an article read in the Derby Telegraph regarding fly tipping and litter being dumped at the cemetery in Alvaston. Cllr Mrs Briggs asked Cllr Buttery why action had been taken here but Portway was still left in such a mess from the debris from the church wall fall. Cllr Buttery assured the Parish Council that work will be done as soon as the relevant plan is put in place. The Parish Council are frustrated as the issue has been reported several times over the last 15 years and this could have been avoided.

Cllr Kennedy asked Cllr Buttery if there was any news on the proposed Traffic Lights at Coxbench. Cllr Buttery confirmed there were no further updates at this time.

#### **Cllr Bull – AVBC update**

Cllr Bull discussed a situation which has arisen in the wood area at Day Park Farm off Portway. The middle section of the wood has all been removed. AVBC have reported the matter as a licence for such work is required by the Forestry Commission. The Forestry Commission are investigating. The wood area itself is in the Duffield Parish and AVBC will have informed them so no action required from HPC.

#### **Other matters:**

Cllr Barker handed the clerk a document for reference, regarding access and the recent planning application at Rachdale Lodge. The Parish Council response to the application has been submitted to AVBC.

Cllr Bradshaw informed the Council that the JB Landscapes sign was no longer on Makeney Road. It was RESOLVED to contact JB Landscapes and inform Johnathan the sign is missing. During the meeting Cllr Bradshaw sent a message to Johnathan who replied saying he was aware it was missing.

Cllr Barker reported that she had been contacted regarding trees covered by a TPO at Lane Side on Portway. They may require work. We asked Cllr Rhodes to look at what needs to be done to report the matter. **Action- Cllr Rhodes**

### **2018/09/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018.**

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr Rhodes, Seconded by Cllr Bullas, unanimously agreed.

### **2018/10/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. Cllr Massey gave a quick update about the WI Planter. The WI are having a committee meeting in early November to discuss the relocation plans. The clerk has spoken to Janet Bott and reminded her that the Parish Council will provide support and if necessary organise the movement of the structure. The matter will be discussed further at the November Parish Council meeting.

### **2018/10/6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**(a) Mellors Lane Park –** The Clerk reported that the water leak on Mellors Lane has been repaired.

Cllrs Bullas, Massey and Rhodes are to remove the stumps.

**(b) Potterell Charity**

Cllr Massey reported that all was well and there were no updates.

**(c) Highways, Footpaths, hedges and verges–**

The Clerk has received a response from our MP Nigel Mills' office following the request for sound proofing on the A38 at Coxbench. It states that resurfacing work will be taking place but the sound proofing at Coxbench was a problem due to geographical issues. Nigel Mills has asked for an alternative solution and the matter is being looked at.

It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to reply to Charlotte Cupit who has been sending the correspondence from Nigel Mills' office, asking for clarity and reasoning behind the comments that the geography of the land is a problem. Reiterate the problem of the noise and the effect it has on the properties below the A38 bridge level at Coxbench.

The Clerk will state that the recent new noise barriers placed on the M1 at Sawley are the ideal solution. The clerk will also query why something is being done at Kilburn and not at Coxbench.

A suggestion was made about looking at tree planting too which in time will provide further sound proofing. The Clerk will request Nigel Mills discusses this further.

It was agreed that the matter should be escalated and residents of Coxbench should visit Nigel Mills at his next surgery in Holbrook. The surgeries are not well publicised. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would ask Charlotte to provide dates of the surgery in advance so the Parish Council can list the dates on our website. It was also suggested the Clerk pass the details of the Village Magazine so the information can be sent there too for publication.

The Clerk will also send this to Highways England. To date the only response Highways England have sent is information stating that the resurfacing will be beginning shortly and will include the area from Little Eaton to the exit to the A610. **Action- The Clerk**

The Clerk had a discussion regarding the overgrown vegetation at Coxbench triangle and it was suggested that the request was put in once the leaves had begun to fall as it gave a clearer view of the problem. This has now been done and we are waiting for a response from Derbyshire County Council.

Councillors have noticed a black pole has been inserted into the verge outside 157/159 of Bargate road. The stump is not very visible. It was RESOLVED to report the matter to AVBC and DCC for investigation. **Action – The Clerk**

#### **(d) Adopted Phone Box–**

The Clerk updated the Council on the quote received from Community Heartbeat Trust. The price for the required equipment from CHT totals £1350 plus VAT.

The decision of Community Heartbeat Trust has still not been received. The Clerk will update the Council when a decision on match funding has been made.

Cllr Barker advised the Clerk that a resident is interested in sponsoring the defibrillator. The Clerk suggested that Cllr Barker asks the resident to discuss this matter further with her directly. Cllr Barker will pass contact details onto the resident.

**Action- Cllr Barker and The Clerk**

**(e) Village Flag**

The clerk has ordered the flag and is awaiting delivery.

**(f) Environmental Issues in Holbrook**

The Clerk has received a disappointing response from the Secretary of State for the Environment. The response says that Recycling is managed by District Councils who create their own policies to manage the projects. The government will not make any changes to district council policy. It was RESOLVED Cllr Bull will discuss the situation at the next AVBC meeting. The Clerk will give information to Cllr Bull in advance of his meeting.

It was RESOLVED to contact Nigel Mills and Kevin Buttery regarding the matter and ask for the matter to be supported.

The Environmental Team is meeting again in November. Julie Marshall asked the Clerk for any information on historical tree surveys the Parish Council may have. Cllr Briggs had supplied the Clerk with a document which listed a number of trees in the Parish. However the information dates back to 1976 and there is no further information. The Clerk suggested Julie contact David Cunningham, Tree Officer at AVBC to discuss further.

**2018/10/7 Accessibility of Gorsey Piece**

It was RESOLVED to hold a meeting at Gorsey Piece at 1pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. At the meeting ideas and a plan will be discussed of what work is required at Gorsey Piece. The Clerk will inform Richard Biggin of the meeting time and date.

**Action- The Clerk**

**2018/10/8 UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Massey updated the Councillors on the progress of the Village Hall refurbishment.

Councillors were very pleased with the progress being made. Suggestions were made about the lighting and installing dimmer switches. Also Councillors suggested looking at speaker options, installing a hearing loop and wifi

Cllr Kennedy suggested visiting Little Eaton Village Hall who have excellent facilities. Cllr Massey advised other village halls have been viewed during the research project.

Cllr Massey will discuss this at the upcoming meeting with NSJ builders.

The first phase 2 payment valuation has been received. The Trustees will confirm that valuation is accurate. It was RESOLVED for the payment to be made up to the £20,051.59.

### **2018/10/9 AUTISM CENTRE TRAFFIC CONCERNS AND DCC PLANNING-UPDATE**

Cllr Massey, Cllr Kennedy and the Clerk attended a site visit with representatives from Holbrook School for Autism, DCC Planning officers and Cllr Kevin Buttery.

The meeting was frustrating with no answers provided from DCC. It was felt the Officers had not researched the history of the application and they could provide no answers as to who changed the original application.

It was RESOLVED to contact all the parties who attended the meeting with the following information:

The starting point regarding this application is as follows. The Clerk found an application on the AVBC website when searching all planning in Holbrook. The Parish Council were not sent the consultation.

The Clerk submitted a response to the application which had an entrance at the bottom of the site and exit at the top of the site, via AVBC website stating the PC were pleased to see the matter was finally been addressed after years of requesting action. The Parish Council response is listed under documents of application AVA/2017/1010.

An application was approved at DCC, however the school informed the Parish Council that the entrance and exits had been swapped and this was not a workable or sensible solution.

The Parish Council have requested information from DCC only to be repeatedly told planning has been approved.

The site visit took place and now the Parish Council want to know what is happening next and that we expect that the originally application is re visited and full details be shared with the school and parish council as to why the application was originally changed and if the original application for an entrance at the bottom and exit at the top is being reconsidered.

The Parish Council also want to be informed as to when these discussions will be completed. Also as the PC are not listed as consultees at DCC, we request that we are consulted and informed on the application.

### **2018/10/10 FALLEN CHURCH WALL UPDATE**

The Clerk has received no updates. Cllr Buttery informed the Council that the investigation work is ongoing.

### **2018/10/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018**

Cllr Rhodes will lay the wreath at the remembrance service on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Massey encouraged as many people as possible to attend.

**Action- Cllr Rhodes**

### **2018/10/12 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHONERS**

The Clerk has received an email listing a number of concerns regarding the lack of attention to issues in the Parish from Derbyshire County Council and AVBC. All the issues raised were issues the Parish Council has historically reported to the relevant Councils. The Clerk informed the resident that we continue to push DCC and AVBC to complete work in the Parish. However, the clerk encouraged the resident to also send these concerns to DCC and AVBC via the district and borough Councillors. It is important that as many residents as possible send their concerns directly so a number of voices are heard, not just those of the voice of the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED to put an article in the Village Magazine advising residents to contact DCC and AVBC to voice their concerns.

**Action- The Clerk**

### **2018/10/13 PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2019/2020**

Cllr Massey, Cllr Roberts and the Clerk held a meeting to discuss the budget and precept for 2019/2020. A suggested budget was circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Clerk discussed items of the budget and the Councillors all agreed that more money available to spend will see positive changes in the village.

It was proposed by Cllr Bullas to set the precept as £26525.12p this was seconded by Cllr Kennedy and unanimously agreed apart from Cllr Massey and Rhodes who had declared an interest and did not vote.

It was RESOLVED to place a note in the Village Magazine informing the parish that the precept was only increasing by 0.13% but the budget was exciting and would allow for many improvements and projects across the Parish.

**Action- The Clerk**

### **2018/10/14 CLOSURE OF RBS**

Following the recent announcement of the closure of RBS, the Parish Council have a document held at the bank which requires collecting. Cllr

Mrs Briggs bought some paperwork to the meeting which needs to be completed by three signatories. This can then be taken into branch by one councillor and the document collected. Cllr Massey, Cllr Rhodes and Cllr Mrs Briggs signed the document and it was RESOLVED Cllr Massey would visit the bank to collect the document.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Chairman of RBS to complain about the closure of rural banks and highlight the difficulty it is creating for residents of Holbrook, many of those (26.6%) who are over 65 are now required to go to Derby City Centre to visit the bank. Natwest has also closed in Belper. This is unacceptable and solutions need to be found.

**Action- Cllr Massey and The Clerk**

### **2018/10/15 FINANCE:-**

#### **Accounts for payment**

The Cheques were proposed by Cllr Bradshaw, Seconded by Cllr Roberts and unanimously agreed apart from Cllrs Massey and Rhodes, who declared an interest in the item and took no part in the discussion.

H Owen	Salary	£544.53
H Owen	Wreath Purchase	£22.98
J Mitchell	Salary	£381.03
HMRC	PAYE	£231.40
MS Accountancy	Payroll	£30.02
45 degrees	Flag	£93.60
Holbrook PC	LTP VAT	£89
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Simon Bullas	Flower expenses	£72.94

#### **Long Term Project**

Eccosheds	Parish Warden Shed	£510
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**2018/10/16 Planning**

**Applications:**

**TRE/2018/0369 The Station Bungalow, Alfreton Road, Coxbench.**

**Pollard 4 Willows to circa 14ft in height.** The Parish Council has no observations.

**TRE/2018/0376 Well Cottage, Well Yard, Holbrook DE56 0TB**

**Crown reduce cherry by 1m.** The Parish Council has no observations.

**Decisions**

**AVA/2018/0883 16 Moorside Lane, Holbrook. Single storey rear extension.**

**PERMITTED**

**AVA/2018/0867 41 Makeney road, Holbrook. Single storey rear extension.**

**PERMITTED.**

**AVA/2018/0814 Holbrook Primary School, Moorside Lane, Holbrook. Extension of temporary planning permission for temp classroom. PERMITTED.**

**2018/10/17 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

AVBC Emails, Committee papers, WI Emails, Community Heartbeat Trust emails, Pensions Regulator compliance, DCC Emails, AVBC Precept receipt, DALC Emails, Derbyshire constabulary email flyer, Play equipment information, Highways email, response from Nigel Mills office, Green Team emails, N-Watch emails, Hate Crime week information, Spotted Cow email, Mobile Library routes (None Holbrook related), Trent Barton letter, Road Safety concern emails.

**2018/10/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**