

**MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.15.P.M. AT THE “ARKWRIGHT” PARISH HALL, MOORSIDE LANE, HOLBROOK**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Banks Biggin (Chairman)  
Mrs. Brocklehurst Bull  
Horrobin Massey  
Ms. Morral Rhodes

**2013/10/1 APOLOGIES:-** Councillor Holden, P.C. N. Hopwell. P.C.S.O. J. Midgley

**2013/10/2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:-** Cllrs. Biggin and Massey declared a Personal Interest in agenda items 7a and 7d as Trustees of HAHVCC and Cllr. Bull declared an interest in agenda item 8 as a Member of A.V.B.C. Planning Board. All remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion.

**2013/10/3 PUBLIC SPEAKING:- A.V.B.C./D.C.C. Cllr. Buttery** reported on proposals relating to the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue delivery service over the next 20 years. The Chief Fire Officer has been invited to attend the A.V. Crime & Disorder meeting on 7 November at Belper Football Club and invited all Parish Councillors to attend. Senior Police Officers will be in attendance to give a presentation on local policing issues. It was reported to Cllr. Buttery that the letter from D.C.C. to every household in the parish re reduction in street lighting between midnight and 5.a.m. did not appear to have been delivered in the Holbrook parish. **The Community Action Holbrook** group is very close to being set up, the paperwork is almost in place, after which the Parish Plan Group will be closed. The Group are presently helping with the refurbishment of the Playgroup building. Ron Brien expressed concern about the final paragraph of the Minutes of the P.C. meeting held on 28 August 2013. It was stated this related to the visibility of the Parish Councillors and the Clerk had taken advice from the Monitoring Officer regarding the legality of displaying photographs and telephone numbers of Councillors on the parish noticeboards. All parishioners are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and any concerns should be raised at the meetings or through the Clerk. **HAHVCC** – Planning Application for new hall has been re-submitted.

**13/10/4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2013:-** Proposed Cllr. Massey, seconded Cllr. Banks, unanimously agreed.

**2013/10/5 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

**Article for Holbrook Magazine** – A member of the Editorial Board of the magazine had informed the Chairman that three of the five members of the editorial team were against printing the report submitted for the October/November edition. The Chairman felt this was in the least very disappointing. After a lengthy discussion as

to how this should be counteracted, the Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr. Massey that “The Clerk should write to the Editor of the magazine asking for the criteria for why the report was not acceptable and stating that the Parish Council reserves the right to publish the reasons.” Agreed unanimously. **Action – the Clerk**

**The Dumble watercourse** – The Chairman had met on site with Ashley Dunn (D.C.C. Flood Officer) and the tenant farmer. It was felt that one spring had dried up or possibly been diverted due to ground movement, possibly the result of an earthquake. The tenant of the land will continue to monitor and return the watercourse to the Dumble.

**Resignation of Cllr. Stevenson** – due to leaving the area Cllr. Stevenson has resigned as a parish councillor. Notices of Vacancy to be displayed on the parish noticeboards as from 4 November 2013 - **Action – the Clerk**

#### 2013/10/6 REPORT OF THE CLERK ON:-

- a) **Mellors Lane Park Improvements – Barrier – The Chairman, Vice-chairman, Cllrs. Massey and Rhodes** are to widen the barrier slightly. - Cllr. Rhodes assisted by the Chairman has repaired the rubber sleeve on the Aerial Runway. **No Parking Signs** – Cllr. Horrobin has in hand. **Southern Boundary Fence** – wire keeps being cut. After some discussion Cllr. Bull proposed that the Clerk seek advice from Chris Beale (A.V.B.C.)  
**Action – The Clerk**
- b) **“Gorse Piece”** – some self-set sycamore saplings to be removed.
- c) **War Memorial** – in hand – **Action the Clerk**
- d) **Potterell Charity** – Nothing to report
- e) **Portway Footpath** – in the course of being thoroughly cleared by the D.C.C.
- f) **Traffic Action Plan** – Cllr. Mrs. Brocklehurst had circulated a very useful, well thought out report to all Councillors before the meeting. D.C.C. Cllr. Buttery has arranged a meeting with Mike Hawkins (D.C.C. Highways) on Thursday 7 November at 11.a.m. Cllrs. Mrs. Brocklehurst and Rhodes to meet with Mike Hawkins and Cllr. Buttery on the “Spotted Cow” car park. Cllr. Mrs. Brocklehurst suggested putting a petition supporting the Plan in the newsagents – agreed. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Mrs. Brocklehurst for all her efforts in producing the report. The meeting was suspended and D.C.C. Cllr. Buttery explained the difficulties being experienced by the D.C.C. due to lack of funding and staffing. He also pointed out that accident rates and casualty history for the previous 3 years will be taken into consideration by the Police. The Report to be forwarded to Cllr. Buttery, Mike Hawkins, and the Police – **Action – The Clerk**
- g) **D.C.C. Lighting Plan** - The Clerk had submitted details of the two lights agreed at the previous meeting which in the Parish Council’s opinion should remain lit. D.C.C. has agreed lamp 10566 on Portway is to remain on but lamp 49364 will not.
- h) **Community Action Holbrook** – Nothing to report.

## 2013/10/7 FINANCE:-

- a) **Accounts for Payment** – Proposed Cllr. Horrobin, seconded Cllr. Rhodes – agreed.

The Clerk explained that the only way she had been able to purchase the Rock Salt to re-fill the Parish Council grit bins was by using her personal credit card. This action was endorsed by the Council and the Clerk was given authority to continue with this practice.

i) Mrs. G. Briggs	Cheque No. 000666	£345.16
ii) M. Blastland	Cheque No. 000667	£361.57
iii) HMRC	Cheque No. 000668	£148.60
iv) Grant Thornton UK LLP	Cheque No. 000669	£240.00
v) HAHVCC	Cheque No. 000670	£31.00
vi) Holbrook P.C. re HAHVCC	Cheque No. 000671	£5,012.21

b) **Income**

A.V.B.C. – Precept	£12,493.50
RBS Interest	£5.86
NATWest Interest	£29.12
NatWest Interest	£582.36

- c) **Audit** - Report received from Grant Thornton UK LLP with no comments.

- d) **Precept** – A draft proposal prepared by Cllrs. Horrobin, Massey and the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting. After some discussion Cllr. Horrobin proposed, seconded Cllr. Massey that the Clerk's salary should be increased to £4,000 as included in the Budget for 2013/14 and should be increased to £5,000 p.a. in the Budget for 2014/15 – unanimously agreed. Precept of £23,895 unanimously agreed. This is a 4% reduction on 2013/14. The Chairman was unanimously authorised to write to MS Accountancy advising that the Clerk's rate of pay should be at £4,000 p.a. for the remainder of the financial year ending 31 March 2014.

## 2013/10/8 Planning

a) **New Planning Applications**:-

- i) AVA/2013/0911 - Holbrook Bowls Club, Shaw Lane, Holbrook – New Pavilion.
- ii) AVA/2013/0928 - 49, Belper Road, Holbrook, Proposed rear kitchen extension.
- iii) AVA/2013/0940 – Dead Poets Inn, Chapel Street, Holbrook – re-submission of proposed extension to rear and kitchen extension to front elevation allowing for changes to rear elevation treatment and front elevation kitchen window.

iv) AVA/2013/0886 – 6, Belper Road, Holbrook – Vehicular access over pavement. Requiring 6 dropped kerbs and 2 tapered.

**b) Planning Applications Permitted:-**

i) TRE/2013/0105 Cornerfields, Portway, Coxbench – Remove sycamore and birch, crown reduce ash, reduce 7 no Leylandii by 50% and crown raise ash trees alongside Alfreton Road.

**c) Planning Application Withdrawn**

AVA/2013/0716 – 21, Pond Road, Proposed dropped kerb to create off road parking area – to enable the proposals to be reconsidered.

**2013/10/9 CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

E-mails:-

1. A.V.B.C. Draft Scrap Metal Policy – comments to A.V.B.C. by 20 November
2. A.V.B.C. Core Strategy
3. Invitation to the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church.

**POLICE REPORT**

Speeding motorcyclist on Belper Road – still ongoing. Mellors Lane parking on pavement seems to have improved. Break-in at Holbrook Sports & Social Club changing rooms – under investigation. P.C. Neil Hopwell and P.C.S.O. John Midgley will be patrolling in Holbrook for Halloween and also at Belper Fair.

**2013/10/10 Date of next meeting – 27 November 2013**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40.p.m.