



It was with great sadness that Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council announced the death of Councillor Norman Wragg on 9th December, 2020.

Norman had been a stalwart of the Council for over fifty years. During that time he had been Chairman for three separate terms of office totalling four years. He received the ultimate accolade the Council can bestow when he was awarded the Freedom of the Parish in 2014. It is fitting that Norman is the first ever person to be recognised in this way because the Parish meant so much to him and his life was intertwined with the village of Holymoorside.

He was proud of his attendance record at Parish Council meetings. What is also important is the contribution he made to deliberations. Residents may be sure that Norman provided a significant input at all meetings. He drew on a wealth of knowledge about the local area. What he didn't know about the Parish wasn't worth knowing! His memory of decisions made by the Council was encyclopaedic. He knew the area and its people well.

Norman was not afraid to voice his opinions and express his view about how the Council should best represent residents. However, comments would always be measured and considered. He was willing to listen to opposing arguments. He also used his sense of humour to good effect.

Norman was a 'larger than life' character who epitomised all that is positive about service to the local community. Holymoorside has lost one of its greatest advocates and the Parish as a whole has one less link with its civic past.

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Parish Council News in Brief

Administration-continues as normal. Policies have been reviewed and a new company was appointed to review health and safety procedures at the village hall which were found to be very satisfactory with only three minor changes required.

All up to date information on parish council activities is available on the website.

Community events- unfortunately, due to the current covid situation, the council is unable to consider the provision of any community events for the time being. However, members will continue to consider government legislation with a view to the annual entertainment being resumed as soon as practicable with the safety of all residents being of paramount importance.

Finance-the precept for 2021-2022 has been set at £63195. This slight increase will not cover the large loss of income from the hall due to covid but members have decided that any deficit would be met from reserves.

Highways-communication was received in relation to the large amount of traffic experienced, damage to grass verges and litter left when members of the public turned out to see the Christmas lights display on Holymoore Road in December. Members noted that the lights brought great pleasure to many people both in and out the parish as well as raising vital funds for local charities and have agreed to offer their support for this in the future with various options being discussed.

The parish council also received communication in relation to the poor conditions of the pavements in Holymoorside and residents are urged to make any complaints to Derbyshire County Council.

Outside-after a long and detailed investigation into the ownership of the walls surrounding parish facilities, the council have finally been able to determine that the walls are in fact owned by Derbyshire County Council. Following discussion, DCC offered the ownership of the walls to the parish council, which was declined.

Recreation ground-following representation from residents, the parish council has agreed, in principle, to the removal of the picnic benches, seats and litter bin located on the recreation ground near the riverside. This is due to the large amount of anti-social behaviour, including bar-be-ques, rowdy behaviour and drinking late into the evening. Preliminary relocation of the furniture has been discussed with the preferred option for it to be donated to worthy causes.

Village hall-has remained open for the Pre-School and the Post Office, although the postal service has not been consistent due to technical issues with their hardware. Every effort is being made by them to ensure a reliable service as soon as possible and apologies are made for this disruption. It is anticipated that further bookings will return to the hall over the next few months and all staff are still on site to welcome all hirers back at the earliest opportunity!

Both caretakers have been very busy completing decoration inside the hall and, of course, every booking remains covid secure due to their diligence when cleaning.

A new modem has been provided, which allows more stringent filters for those who use the wi-fi and the revised booking conditions require that the hirer shall not use the hall to promote or allow the promotion of violent and/or non-violent extremist views either in person or through the use of any pre-recorded material or footage or via content obtained from any form of on-line platform. This is in accordance with the Prevention Duty under Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Walton Community Development Centre-due to not being able to meet in person, the initiative for the council to proceed with the ownership of this important community facility, has been put on hold. However, it is anticipated that onsite meetings will resume in May when the council will become trustees of the property.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY IN HOLYMOORSIDE
Following the recent death of Cllr N Wragg, there is a council vacancy for the Holymoorside ward.

For information, the full parish council is composed of ten members, seven representing Holymoorside Ward and three Walton Ward. As the first tier of local government in England, parish councils are involved with, among other things, allotments, bus shelters, transport, crime prevention, education, highways, public buildings and village halls, recreation, seats and shelters, town and country planning, war memorials. The parish council also owns tennis courts and a bowling green.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option or feel you might require more information, please get in touch with the Clerk. All candidates will be asked to complete an application form, the decision for co-option will be decided on the information provided.

Closing date for the application forms to be returned is 21st May 2021.

Climate and Nature Action Strategy

Your parish council has been busy working on this initiative and members of the council's working party met, via video, with neighbouring parishes and a NEDDC representative.

To date, the council has commissioned an energy audit at the village hall, funded by a grant by Derbyshire County Council. Members are currently awaiting the report as to what action can be taken to reduce carbon emissions. The council have also liaised with NEDDC and identified areas in the parish suitable for wild flower planting. There is now a version two of the document on the website, showing what action has been taken and what objectives have been met. This document will be updated on a regular basis so please check the council's advancements on this issue. If you have any green tips or ideas please pass them on to the council!



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Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting of the parish is currently scheduled for Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Any group who wishes to present a report should contact the Clerk by Friday 7th May. Please look out for the notices advertising the event and come along and have your say. Attendance may be subject to social distancing and government guidelines, so please be prepared to comply with this.

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Council Meetings

A public questions session is held at every council meeting. If you would like to put a question to the council or to make observations then please come along.

If you would like the parish council to discuss any matter or seek their help, please send an e-mail or letter to the clerk or a councillor.

For an item to be included on an agenda, the matter will generally need to be received by the clerk by 11.15 on the Monday the week before the meeting is to be held. This is subject to change in the event of staff holidays.

The forthcoming meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 13th April, will be via video. However, from May 4th, the council expects to be meeting in person. This is still subject to any government restrictions and a covid risk assessment prior to the meeting.

Future meetings from May onwards are still subject to discussion and large room availability. Please check the website for the latest information.

Disclaimer - please note the articles from the external groups expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the view of the parish council.

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Holymoorside Pre-school



Pre-school is open normal hours; we have a lovely group of children attending and we have had a really fun term.

There is a long waiting list of children wanting to join us and hopefully we can offer places soon. Until then we have decided not to take any new children until lockdown is lifted in order to maintain our safe bubble.

The Christmas party was a great success with the usual party games and party food. We arranged with Father Christmas to do a socially distanced visit and he was very obliging. He talked to the very excited children from his throne on the stage, telling them he had left his reindeer in the farmer's field. There were presents for everyone, singing Christmas songs and the children also got party bags to take home.

This term the children has been very engaged in various learning themes including sizes and sorting. We are now learning 'all about me', our homes, families and looking at ourselves and what makes us different or similar to our friends.

The weather has been cold and wet but we have found opportunities to do listening walks, we heard birds, dogs, tractors and planes. We had a wonderful time playing outside in the snow, throwing snow balls and making footprints on the park. Indoors we played with arctic animals in snow we collected into a large tray.

During this difficult time pre-school committee are looking for new sources as funding, an application to the lottery fund was turned down. Thank you to Lee Rowley for his time and offer to look into funding on our behalf.

Thanks as always to the wonderful village hall staff, to the parents and families for their continued support.

Also thank you to the lady in the village who donated a large bag of books, we are most grateful.

If you are interested in a place for your child aged 2-5 years old you can phone: -

Sandra 568515 or Diane 566619.

Alternatively, you can message our Facebook page.

Email. preschoolholymoorside@gmail.com

Fresh Air, Sunshine, Exercise, Socialising, Fun . . . all can be found at the Holymoorside Bowling Green!

We hope to start playing again in March – if the Government and the Green Keeper give us permission! We coped with restrictions very well last season and hope that this season will be just as safe and even more enjoyable. We have precautions in place and really hope we might even progress to play other clubs in friendly and League competitions.

Please keep an eye on notices for our opening dates and if you have played bowls before, you will be welcomed with open arms! If you have not had the opportunity to 'have a go' at bowling we have the equipment and some very supportive coaches. It really is a great game – please contact Audrey Broderick on 01246 567314 for more details – and a very warm welcome.

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Anyone for Tennis?

Its always good to get some fresh air and exercise so come and hit some tennis balls down at the courts! Holymoorside Tennis Club welcomes all to come and play. Membership and casual (play as you go) options available. Further information can be found on the noticeboard at the club house or find us on Facebook.

The courts are a community facility and most of the time (when not in use for club events), are available for public use. There is no need to book. A day fee of £3 per adult and £1 per junior is payable which we ask is put in the day fee box at the court entrance before entering the court or pay by BACs.

We are following Lawn Tennis Association Covid guidance to keep players and visitors safe. Please observe social distancing, "rule of six" and the other publicised safety precautions when at the courts. We may have to close the courts on occasions due to Covid restrictions.