

Press release 3rd December 2019

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council met for their full meeting of the council on Tuesday the 3rd December 2019 in Holymoorside Village Hall and in attendance were Councillors; Martin Thacker (in the chair), Ann Grinbergs, Diana Hinchliffe, Alan Holmes, Pat Maskrey, Denise Phelps, Jeff Swallow, Norman Wragg and Clerk Kate Brailsford.

Following the normal order of business, previous minutes were resolved, councillors actions noted as were the planning matters.

Members were pleased to receive a positive verbal report in relation to the condition of the allotments and that, following the recent newsletter article, all had now been let. Other outside matters included the locking of the tennis/bowling access gate, a report following an inspection of all street furniture and that an alternative contractor had been sought to provide a quotation for footpath clearance.

The clerk reported that all the legionella actions had been completed in the village hall and changing rooms and that a further inspection would be carried out by an independent company in six months' time. The source of the problem with the damp had been identified and members resolved expenditure for the necessary repairs to be completed. The clerk reported that following the central heating boiler breaking down, emergency work had been necessary and that staff had managed to keep the hall open and warm for all the hirers during this disruption. Members were pleased to receive a thank you from a regular hirer and to note that a new hirer had committed to a regular booking.

Administration matters included receiving a report from the Clerk following her recent attendance at a training session, information following attendance at the recent NEDDC liaison seminar and reports from the Chairman following his attendance at two recent community events. Cllr Thacker reported that the Scouts' Christmas Fair, which had been extremely well attended by community groups, had raised over £900. He also reported that at the Holymoorside and Walton Arts Festival's AGM he was made very welcome and noted that they made a very real contribution to communities, both in the parish and the whole of Derbyshire. Members considered an application to be co-opted onto the parish council and it was resolved to accept Mrs A Broderick back to the council.

Members were pleased to note that the recent Remembrance Service had been well attended and raised £30.20 for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. The organisation of the VE 75 day was ongoing with a town crier still to be found.

Councillors noted their disappointment in the contents of the correspondence received from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and it was agreed to send note this and the apparent lack of interest in rural crime.

Other matters discussed included parking in Holymoorside, consideration of the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order and the continuation of the community speed-watch initiative.

All financial matters were considered in depth, including salaries, pension payments, invoices and the recent bank statements. Members considered in depth various three year financial forecasts and various initiatives they would like to pursue in the forward plan for 2020-2021. Following this a 5% increase in the precept was resolved. All income and expenditure to date was accepted as was the full bank reconciliation.

The next meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Holymoorside Village Hall, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.