

Press release 5th November 2019

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council met for their full meeting of the council on Tuesday the 5th November 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, Paul Truscott, Norman Wragg, Clerk Kate Brailsford and one member of the public.

Under public participation, a member of the public spoke in support of his correspondence, to be considered later in the meeting, in relation to the access to the tennis and bowling facilities during the Winter months. A parish councillor also spoke as a resident to air his concerns over the lack of a Police presence in Holymoorside following a recent spate of burglaries. Suitable correspondence will be sent to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and also reported at the forthcoming North East Derbyshire District Council's forthcoming Town/Parish liaison meeting.

Following the normal order of business, previous minutes were resolved, councillors actions noted as was one planning matter. Quotations for footpath clearance was considered but deemed quite high so the contractor will be asked to reassess the cost.

Village hall matters included a requested from a local group for reduced fees to aid them financially, the ongoing organisation of a wedding fair in March 2020, hire of the hall in May 2020 for a Derbyshire Open Arts event and the possibility of a social media page to further promote hire of the hall.

Members were pleased to note that all remedial electrical work had been completed, work associated with the recent legionella report was sanctioned and the Legionella Written Scheme was approved. An update was provided in relation to the NEDDC Public Space Protection Order and members confirmed that their requirement would be no dogs allowed on the play area and dogs on leads for the whole of the recreation ground, with all mess being cleaned up.

Expenditure for repairs to the safety surfacing around two pieces of play equipment was sanctioned and there was a detailed discussion relating to correspondence received noting concerns that the access gate to the tennis and bowling facilities was locked over the Winter months. It was resolved that, to facilitate access for emergency reasons, the kissing gate would be removed.

Other matters dealt with included the purchase of additional outside Christmas lights, review of council policies and financial regulations and future insurance requirements, including an independent re-evaluation of council buildings.

Parish Council Chairman, Martin Thacker provided a verbal reported following his recent attendance at the closing of the Cottonmiller's club. He reported that it was a sad and humbling event but the club went out on a high with good live music. He also noted on his recent attendance at the concert at St John's Church, Walton to raise funds for the Derbyshire Stroke Association. He noted that the music was superb and the event was sold out with £1000 being raised.

The organisation of community events was noted, including a report following the recent Hallowe'en disco arrangements for the Christmas concert on the 6th December at 7.30pm and that the £39.32 raised at the WW2 commemoration event held on 8/9/19 will be donated the funds to the Staveley branch of the Royal British Legion in recognition of their attendance at the event.

Highway matters were discussed, including community speed-watch in both Walton and Holymoorside and that a consultation would be placed in the next newsletter seeking residents' view into the possible provision of a vehicle activated sign on Matlock Road.

All financial matters were considered in depth, including salaries, pension payments, invoices and the recent bank statements. A discussion in relation to the setting of the precept for 2020-2021 resulted in the Clerk being instructed to aim at proving a budget with a potential 2% increase and, at a later date, the provision of a possible three-year forecast.

The next meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in Holymoorside Village Hall, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.