

Press release 8th January 2019

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council

Members of Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council met on Tuesday the 8th January 2019 in Holymoorside Village Hall and in attendance were Councillors; Martin Thacker (in the chair), Audrey Broderick, Diana Hinchliffe, Pat Maskrey, Jess Swallow, Paul Truscott, Donald Walker & Norman Wragg and Clerk Kate Brailsford.

Under public participation, Cllr Thacker, reported as the parish's NEDDC councillor, in relation to NEDDC's Local Plan, which was currently with the Inspectorate in relation to designated sites for gypsies and travelers.

Following acceptance of the recent minutes and councillors' actions, all planning matters were considered and no comments were deemed necessary. Administration matters were considered in depth, including review of policies, the training statement of intent and evidence of the Clerk's CPD points for 2018. Members were pleased to receive a favourable report in relation to web-hosting and telecommunication accounts, which, with careful consideration had resulted in an annual saving of £316 per annum. Changes to the asset register were agreed as was no change to the village hall e-mail address. Members were also pleased to note that the new website already virtually complied with the forthcoming new regulations for accessibility to website and mobile devices and the only action required, before 2020, was the provision of a 'text to speech' button on the website. It was resolved that this would be provided as soon as practicable.

Outside matters included agreed work to footpath 27, the gardening quotation from March 2019 was accepted and the standing water at the tennis/bowling facilities was discussed in detail. It was noted that the builder had been unable to locate a leak from the pipework near the tree but the water meter indicated that water was constantly being used, albeit in a small quantity. The Clerk was instructed to investigate companies, who specialised in leak detection and report back at a later date. It was also noted that a few top stones on the memorial garden wall were loose and that this would be reported to Derbyshire County Council, who were considered the authority responsible for this work. The Clerk provided a verbal update in relation to the condition of the allotment plots, changes to tenancies and vacant plots, together with information in relation to the waiting list.

Community events organised by the council were considered and it was resolved that the council would provide a Hallowe'en disco on the 26th October and a Christmas concert on the 6th December. The annual Remembrance service will be held on the 10th November at 3pm and members will give further consideration to a commemoration event for the 80th anniversary for the start of WW2.

Members received information in relation to the recent independent water inspection visit and that the Clerk was booked on a forthcoming City and Guilds Accredited Programme (Legionella Training: Responsible Person-Hot and Cold-Water Systems). Councillors discussed hirers selling their own alcohol at events in the hall, usually for charity, without the need for a temporary events notice. The Clerk noted that information had been provided by the licensing department at NEDDC and, as long as members trusted the person wishing to sell the alcohol, which will be determined via the Clerk meeting the hirer, there was no problem in this.

It was noted that eight members of Holymoorside Neighbourhood Watch had volunteered to participate in the 'community speed-watch scheme' and the Clerk was instructed to now contact the Police to investigate what the next steps maybe.

All financial matters were considered, invoices and payments, bank reconciliation and confirmation of staff salaries and pension payments. Information was also noted on direct debits for energy provision and the 2% increase on the national pay scale for the Clerk from April 2019. Two requests for grants from St Peter's Church were discussed and members resolved £400 towards churchyard maintenance and £300 (under s215 of LGA 19972) towards the provision of a memorial garden.

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Tuesday the 5th February 2019 at 7.30 pm at Holymoorside Village Hall, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.