

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 8th September 2025 at 7:30 pm

At: The Red Lion Public House, Hollington DE6 3HA

Present: Cllr Chris Ward, Cllr Paul Merkens, Cllr Fiona Jordan, Cllr Malcolm Feltwell
Cllr Mike Critchley

Peter Bambury (Clerk)

County Cllr Steve Bull

There were no public attendees

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Public Speaking

None

4. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7^h July 2025 were approved. Clerk to update website. Action: Clerk

5. Exclusion of the public

No matters on the agenda were identified that would necessitate exclusion of any member of the public that were to join during the course of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

(a) The new trees on the Green were still being watered regularly and although there was the expected seasonal die back, the trees were alive and thriving.

(b) In attempting to resolve the current fault with the SID, SWARCO had provided a replacement LED driver board and Cllr Ward had installed this. However the display

was still not functioning correctly and it was agreed that Cllr Ward would send the whole unit back to SWARCO for repair. Although the parts and labour fall within the warranty, the cost of return does not. This is expected to be approximately £75. Agreed unanimously that this be approved.

- (c) Cllr Mike Critchley was welcomed to the Parish Council and his Acceptance of Office form was duly signed and witnessed. Clerk to post form on website. Action: Clerk

7. Biodiversity and Nature Action Planning

The next meeting of the group will be held on 23rd September 2025.

Derbyshire Dales District Council Biodiversity Officer, Molly Gorman, has resigned her post and will be leaving shortly. Her replacement will be Emma Mortimer who is currently Community Development Officer at DDDC.

It had been reported that the Parish Council's Local Project Fund application to DDDC for wildflower plugs had been approved, although the funds had not yet been received. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Feltwell and approved unanimously that, due to the favourable time of year at present for planting, the wildflower plugs should be purchased and planted forthwith and that payment be authorised accordingly. Cllr Jordan to make order with Meadowmania and arrange for invoice to be sent direct to the Clerk for payment. Actions: Cllr Jordan, Clerk

8. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The next meeting of the group will be in October.

There had been no recent local issues reported to concern the group.

Efforts were being made to find a replacement to Cllr Jordan within the group following her announcement to stand down from her role. Councillors encouraged her to proceed with this as soon as possible in order to avoid overburden with her other roles.

9. Village road signs

The village name signs had been damaged by local lorries and were in a poor state of repair. As the lorry traffic had now been discontinued, consideration was given to replacing the signs. County Councillor Steve Bull was uncertain as to which authority (District or County) would be responsible for replacement and asked that he be sent photos of the signs in order for him to enquire. Agreed that Cllr Ward would do this. Action: Cllr Ward

Agreed also that Cllr Jordan would send photos to District Councillor Geoff Bond for the same purpose. Action: Cllr Jordan

10. Uncontained local farm animals

Following recent occurrences of straying sheep in the village, it was noted that there was no information held as to who the respective owners were of the differently branded animals that were kept locally. This had created difficulty on some occasions in identifying where the particular animals had come from and where they should have been returned to.

It was agreed that Cllr Merkens would make enquiries with local animal owners and record details for future reference. Action: Cllr Merkens

11. Finance

- (a) The current Finance Management Report and account balance were noted.
- (b) Payments that had been made since the last meeting and which were itemised on the meeting agenda were noted.

12. Other business

It was reported that some of the road grit bins in the village were empty.

The Parish Council had purchased several bags of grit last year and some still remained and could be used for bins that were owned by the Parish Council. However, it was pointed out that grit bins that had identification numbers on them were the responsibility of the Derbyshire County Council and if empty, should be reported to that authority.

Agreed that Cllr Critchley would identify which bins had numbers on them and would make reports to Derbyshire County Council accordingly. Action: Cllr Critchley

The grit left over from last year is in the custody of Cllr Ward and is available as required for the Parish Council owned bins.

13. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 10th November 2025 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington. Clerk to post notice on website. Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.40pm