

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 10th November 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Present: Cllr Chris Ward, Cllr Paul Merkens, Cllr Malcolm Feltwell, Cllr Mike Critchley
Peter Bambury (Clerk)

There were no public attendees

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fiona Jordan, County Cllr Steve Bull

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 8th September 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 are continuing to do well and are now dormant for the winter. The wildflowers purchased from Meadowmania were all planted and are also doing well. It is planned to add to these next spring/autumn.
- (b) The repair to the defective SID had been completed and the unit was now functioning correctly. The luminosity of the green LED display was lower than that of the red and consideration may be given to lowering the height in the future to

try to improve this. The siting of the units had recently been altered and this was proving successful. The Chair thanked councillors who had assisted in the repositioning. The Chair had also purchased 30 mph safety signs for which an invoice was presented and authorised for payment. Action: Clerk

- (c) No progress had been made on establishing the owners of local farm animals although a new source for this information had been identified.
- (d) No progress had been made with regard to the damaged village name signs.
- (e) All grit bins had now been replenished although this had depleted the reserves. It was agreed that Cllr Ward would purchase replacement supplies. Action: Cllr Ward

7. Biodiversity and Nature Action Planning

The owl boxes have seen a lot of activity in the latter part of the summer although the first owls did not survive the dry summer. A second brood of three owlets were seen and heard early in September but sadly one of them died shortly after. The two remaining owlets have been seen using the other boxes locally and it is hoped that they will survive.

Application for funding is planned in the new year for additional swallow cups, wildlife crossing signs and more wildflowers.

Meetings are planned with local experts, such as Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the local branch of RSPB.

8. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

All members of the group have now been informed that Cllr Jordan intends to stand down as local coordinator. Cllr Jordan has requested that anybody who wishes to lead the Neighbourhood Watch contact her so that a link with the area manager can be made.

9. Parish Council gratuities

The Parish Council was indebted to its auditor for the 2024-25 audit that had been provided free of charge.

Acknowledgement of the service provided by certain parishioners in respect of watering and mowing during the summer was also made.

Cllr Ward was authorised to purchase appropriate gratuities for these individuals from Majestic Wines. Action: Cllr Ward

10. 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.

It was noted that payments of £130.00 and £11.50 had been made to Chip Hosting this year and it was queried whether these were continuing annual payments. Clerk to advise councillors. Action: Clerk

11. Other business

Following the consultation that the Parish Council had received from Derbyshire Dales District Council in respect of an outline planning application for a new dwelling at Paradise Cottage, Back Lane, Hollington, the Clerk was asked to reply with the following points:

- (i) The document titled Bio Diversity Net Gain was unopenable
- (ii) Approval of the development should be conditional on improvements being made to the condition of Back Lane.

Action: Clerk

12. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 12th January 2026 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington. Clerk to post notice on website. Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.20pm