

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 16th March 2026 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,

Peter Bambury (Clerk)

County Cllr Steve Bull

There were no public attendees

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mike Critchley

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 12th January 2026 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) SIDs

One of the units had been relocated and was operating successfully in the new position. The other unit will be relocated in due course.

(b) Village and road name signage

The damaged signs had now been reported to Derbyshire County Council. County Councillor Steve Bull had chased these up but and had received a reply querying the report references. Clerk to reply to DCC advising of the references that had been given. Action: Clerk

(c) Chicken Farm

The Clerk had written to County Councillor Steve Bull but had been unable to obtain a contact name to report the matter to. Although the problem has abated at the present time due to it being winter, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to District Councillor Geoff Bond to try to obtain a contact point. Action: Clerk

(d) 2026-27 Precept

The application to Derbyshire Dales District Council for the agreed precept sum of £2730 had been made and had been acknowledged. Payment is expected in April.

(e) Litter Pick

Arrangements for the Litter Pick to take place on Sunday 22nd April had been made. Posters were to be displayed as appropriate.

7. Biodiversity and Nature Action Planning

The next meeting of the Group will take place on Wednesday 25th March at which objectives for 2026-27 will be set.

There were nine owl boxes sited at present which had already been funded. A new privately funded Barn Owl box will shortly be installed and a further three for Little Owls will also be added.

8. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme & Social Group

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinator still had not been appointed. It was agreed that until an appointment is made, Cllr Jordan would be the Parish Council contact point for NWS matters.

The Social Group funds had now been received and had been deposited by the Parish Council at Lloyds Bank. As the Group was now essentially defunct, reference to it as a standard Parish Council agenda item would not be continued.

9. Village phone and mail boxes

It had been noted that the phone box and mail box in the village were covered in lichen. Holes were also present towards the bottom of the phone box. Agreed that this would be monitored and that no immediate action be taken by the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence received

Correspondence had been received from a resident proposing that anti-litter signs be displayed at the four entrance roads into the village.

Agreed that Cllr Ward would purchase four appropriate signs at a maximum cost of £40 and arrange for installation. Action: Cllr Ward

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.
- (c) An invoice received from Libra Business Essentials for £79.92 for quarterly payroll charges was approved. Clerk to send copy of invoice to councillors. Action: Clerk

12. Other business

- (a) County Councillor Steve Bull urged that individual responses be submitted to the government consultation on Local Government Reorganisation, the closing date for which is 26th March. The consultation can be accessed on the Derbyshire Dales District Council and Derbyshire County Council websites.
- (b) It had been observed that a footbridge over the local brook was damaged and in a poor state of repair. Cllr Jordan to report to Derbyshire County Council.
Action: Cllr Jordan

13. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 18th May 2026 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington. Clerk to post notice on website. Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.40pm