

HOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Held on: Monday 13th July 2026 at 7:30 pm

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

Present: Cllr Chris Ward, Cllr Paul Merkens, Cllr Mike Critchley, Cllr Malcolm Feltwell
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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th May 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 4 posts on which the SIDs are mounted had been damaged irretrievably, apparently by vehicular impact.

The post will need to be replaced and Cllr Ward has written to Steve Alcock (Derbyshire County Council) to enquire whether the County Council or the Parish Council will be responsible.

It was agreed that the Clerk would determine whether the Parish Council's Public Liability insurance provided cover. Clerk to advise councillors as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk

(b) Village and road name signage

Nothing to report

(c) Damaged local footbridge

Nothing to report

7. Publication of Councillors' home addresses

The provisions of Section 65 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2006, which came into force on 29 June 2026, were noted.

This required that district councils did not make public the residential addresses of parish councillors unless requested by a parish councillor to do so.

8. Biodiversity and Nature Action Planning

The new hedgehog boxes and signs had now been purchased. It was noted that the boxes should be installed on bases so as to protect the boxes from badgers.

The payments listed on the agenda were authorised. The items had been listed incorrectly on the agenda, the correct details being:

The RSPB Shop - £161.50 Hedgehog Boxes

JAF Graphics - £139.40 Hedgehog Signs

Clerk to make payments. Action: Clerk

The funds that had been received from the former Social Committee and the recent Local Projects Fund grant needed to be assigned to a specific budget head. Agreed that these funds in their entirety be assigned to the Biodiversity budget. Clerk to implement.
Action: Clerk

9. Reclaim of VAT

The Parish Council is entitled to claim back from HM Revenue & Customs the VAT it has paid on goods and services.

Such reclaims must be made within 4 years from each transaction.

As it is over 3 years since the Parish Council has made any VAT reclaims, it was agreed that this should be done during this financial year.

Thereafter, this will be done annually.

It was agreed that the Clerk would implement this. Action: Clerk

10. AGAR

The satisfactory completion of the process for 2025-26 and acceptance by the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, was noted.

11. Finance

- (a) The current Finance Management Report and account balances 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

There had been a recurrence of the problem of flies that appeared to be coming from the local poultry farm. The District Council's Environmental Health Service were to inspect the premises shortly to address the issue.

13. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7:30pm Monday 14th September 2026 at The Red Lion PH, Main Street, Hollington. Clerk to post notice on website. Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.20pm