

HOLYMOORSIDE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010-11

“Community engagement is the process by which community organisations and individuals build ongoing permanent relationships for the purpose of applying a collective vision for the benefit of the community.” Such engagement is a vital part of the work of any Parish Council but should be proven by action rather than words.

Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council has continued to recognise the community work of others who demonstrate ongoing engagement with the local area. The Council presents 'Pride of Parish Awards' to those who have been nominated by residents for making a difference to the lives of others in the Parish of Holymoorside and Walton. This civic year there were two worthy recipients: Mr. Tom Brocklehurst and Mrs. Mary Wardale.

There are several local organisations who engage with community in varied ways. I was pleased to represent the Parish Council as its Chairman at a range of events this civic year including: the Young Musicians' Festival held at Walton Holymoorside Primary School; a production of 'Yarns and Whims' that shared village reminiscences of Holymoorside; the Celebration Concert to mark the opening of community rooms at St. John's Church, Walton; and the Annual General Meeting of the Arts' Festival. The latter, through all of the aforementioned events, has contributed significantly to the promotion of cultural activities in the locality. Even inclement weather cannot dampen community spirit and August's 'Fun Day' is a good example! December's snow and ice prevented only a few from attending the Carol Concert in the Village

Hall to hear Holymoorside Brass Band on top form.

'Beating the Bounds' is an ancient custom still observed in many English parish councils. In a tradition going back to Saxon times, the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, to share the knowledge of where they lay and pray for protection and blessings for the lands. For the second year running I walked the boundary but this time to promote community cohesion, as well as tradition. I was joined by representatives from community groups with the shared aim of developing community spirit.

The Parish Council has continued to engage with the community for example, supporting local groups such as the Angling Club, or carrying out consultation on siting a grit bin at Acorn Ridge or putting together the Flood Plan for Derbyshire County Council's information. The Council has been the community's advocate on a number of issues such as law and order when liaising with the Police or bringing matters to the attention of local authorities.

In civic terms we are now drawing to the close of the life of this Council. I wish to thank all members of the Parish Council for their hard work and dedication during their time in office. I remain grateful to Cllr. Dean Corbridge for his assistance in the role of Vice Chairman. The Council's effectiveness is also as a result of hardworking staff and I take this opportunity to acknowledge the unstinting work of each and every one of them. I wish to record especial thanks to Mrs. Kate Brailsford, the Parish Clerk.

The work of the Parish Council is outlined in this report. I trust you will agree that the Council has provided 'value for money' and succeeded in engaging effectively with the community.

Councillor Martin Thacker M.B.E.
Chairman

ADMINISTRATION

The parish council has had an extremely productive year. Firstly land, owned by the parish council, which had not been fully registered in their ownership with 'Land Registry' has now been done. This was a lengthy process but puts the council in a much stronger position in the event of adverse occupancy.

The council is also in the process of finalising a new agreement with E.ON for the lease of land at the allotment site and where a sub-station is sited. Correct protocol deemed the use of a solicitor for this process, which will ultimately bring in funds to the council.

All local government authorities are bound by rules and regulations, known as 'standing orders'. In 2010 new model standing orders were published and your council duly held a special meeting to discuss them fully. Following this the council resolved to abide by the new rules, keeping their protocols up to date with modern practices and regulations.

Mindful of the parish logo of 'promoting parish pride' the parish council embarked on the provision of an honours board, which is located in the committee room at the village hall. This board shows the history of the parish council by listing all Chairmen of the Council from 1935 to the present day.

The parish council meets monthly, except August, for full meetings. It also meets four times per annum to solely discuss financial matters.

Footpath committee meetings are held twice a year, Personnel committee as and when required and the Sports & Leisure committee meets all representatives of groups who use parish facilities annually plus when required.

Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings of the council and a public speaking agenda item is included for this purpose. Matters brought to the attention of the council via this method will then have their comments discussed at the following month's meeting.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotment site is very well maintained and, following some of the larger plots being split, the council managed to offer allotments to residents

who had been waiting for a considerable time for a plot. Following an article in the March newsletter about the allotments, the waiting list now has five names on the list. Any residents who think they might like an allotment are urged to put their names forward. This was the first year of the new independent judging of the plots for the awards; best kept and most improved. Councillors do, of course, continue to monitor the general tidiness of the site on visits throughout the year. A new tenancy agreement was also resolved in order to maintain the general tidiness of the site.

FINANCE

Council finances are monitored very carefully to ensure that budgets are adhered to and that the council offers value for money at all times. Maintenance of the village hall and other parish facilities remain a top priority and protection of valuable parish assets for all the community. Members of the council also assess the investment of council funds in the savings accounts, kept for future expenditure and maintenance. This careful budgeting ensured that, when a need for fencing in the play area was identified, councillors were able to go ahead with the work from the saved funds straight away to ensure the area was safe.

For 2011-2012 members of the council were advised by NEDDC to budget for an anticipated cost of approximately £2500 for election costs. This is a substantial sum of money and if an election is not required within the parish the funds will be put to good use for future expenditure.

FOOTPATHS

The parish council did not receive any reports of footpaths within the parish which required maintenance this year. The Footpath committee did however keep busy, working closely with NEDDC, for the production of an 'audio trail' for Holymoorside. The walk, available both as a download or paper copy, will take walkers around Holymoorside and highlight interesting facts. The walk is user friendly and will hopefully be available shortly.

GRIT BINS

Due to the really bad weather in December, the parish council were kept extremely busy trying to fill the grit bins within the parish. Unfortunately, during periods of snow and ice Derbyshire County Council tend to reserve their stocks for their own use and will not allow any for the re-filling of grit bins. Stock in the grit bins is also reduced by the few residents who take the grit for their own use. Residents are kindly reminded that the grit provided is for use on the highways only.

A replacement grit bin was provided on Cotton Mill Hill and a new one provided on Westwick Lane.

During the adverse weather conditions concerns was raised in relation to the lack of public transport in the village of Holymoorside. It was noted that the cars, thoughtlessly abandoned opposite the village hall, had meant that the Stagecoach bus company could not turn around near the main bus stop opposite the village hall which meant that no service had been in operation for a week, causing many residents unnecessary hardship. The parish council had held communication with Stagecoach but the matter is now in the hands of Derbyshire County Council.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The parish council takes its health & safety duties very seriously. Annual inspections are commissioned via an independent person. The checks include; the village hall, changing rooms, recreation ground, play area, allotments, tennis and bowling area and the memorial gardens. Any potential problems highlighted are dealt with as a matter of urgency. A recent review of such policies was the decision provide fencing at the play area in Holymoorside and remove the stile at the tennis courts and bowling green and replace it with a user-friendly 'kissing gate'.

A new H&S company was commissioned to carry out a full risk assessment of parish council facilities and routines. Fortunately this highlighted the fact the parish council is very up to date and aware of its duties but they were advised to implement a risk assessment sheet for hirers of the village hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

The council continues to attend many meetings with both North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council. Following councillors' attendance at these meetings, reports are presented to the full council to be noted or to act on the information received.

NEWSLETTER

The parish council publishes four newsletters per annum. Some of the expenditure required in the production of the newsletters is raised by advertising although the council recognises that the main aim of the newsletter is to keep residents informed and not to raise funds. Thanks are offered to two Walton residents, Mr M Armstrong & Mr R Presswood who delivered the majority of newsletters in the Walton area the last year.

OUTSIDE

Following a safety audit of all the seats within the parish, members have commissioned repair works to three seats. Other outside improvements include planting of bulbs at entrance sites to the parish, provided an new dog waste bin near the allotment site, had tree work carried out in the play area and placed a new notice-board at Walton. The old basket ball facility near the changing rooms has been removed and, following an incident last summer, a sign has been placed noting that barbeques and open fires are not allowed in the recreation ground and play area.

PARISH COUNCIL ORGANISED EVENTS

Fun day - Our 9th Fun day and this year we introduced some changes which we hoped would add more variety to our day and provide the community with a super afternoon out with friends.

Our biggest change was to have a "ring area" in the centre of the recreation ground and introduce some spectator events, to add to, and complement our more traditional stalls manned by our loyal supporters for their chosen charities. There was a "Fancy Dress" parade of scarecrows and prizes were awarded. This was followed by our star attraction The Ireland Colliery Band who played for two long sessions during the afternoon.

The Walton and Holymoorside Primary School, "Go Dai" Karate Club and a Punch and Judy show were all very well received. Cream teas, ice creams, fairground rides, bouncy slide and displays were ongoing throughout the day. The Peak Park Rangers and Jean Groom with her spinning and weaving display were also new attractions. The Fun Day was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway and also to thank all who attended and contributed to the joy of the occasion. After our few expenses were taken out we were able to present Pathways, our chosen charity for the year, with £242.61.

Hallowe'en Disco – This was very well attended and the costumes of ghosts, ghouls, witches and monsters were superb! Councillors are pleased to organise this event for the members of the parish to enjoy the festivities in a warm and safe environment.

Remembrance Service - As always, this event was very well supported by the community, Holymoorside Band and the local Scouts, Cubs, Brownies & Guides. Attendees were also treated to an excellent display of war memorabilia provided by Mrs A Holmes & Mr J Flint, which was viewed when the refreshments were provided in the village hall. Thanks are offered to them for this.

Christmas Concert – Members of Council had worked hard to arrange the event and set the hall up to look very festive and welcoming. Refreshments of sherry and mince pies, as well as soft drinks, were provided and enjoyed by all. Holymoorside Band was on fine form and provided a first class musical extravaganza. The programme included items such as an arrangement of 'Christmas Piece' by Goff Richards, as well as traditional and modern carols such as 'Silent Night' and 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' to a medley, which included All I Want for Christmas is Me Two Front Teeth! All those present were able to join in with the singing and get in to the festive spirit.

PLANNING

Whilst the parish council is a statutory consultee the usual applications received require very little

or no comment by members. However, councillors then received reports from Councillor Thacker, Chairman of the parish council and also NEDDC councillor in relation to the recent planning application for a 14.8m telecommunications mast located on Acorn Ridge, Walton and actions taken by him. He reported that although a delegated decision at NEDDC refused the application, the paperwork necessary for the refusal was not completed in time, thus providing a window of opportunity for the applicant to pursue the matter further. This matter is still on-going.

POLICE

The parish Beat Manager, PC Joe Hartshorn, has been redeployed within the force and was replaced by PC Rachel March in January. Although parish council meetings do not often benefit from a Police presence the council continues to work closely with them to ensure your area is as safe as it could possibly be. Any incidents of concern should be reported to PC Rachel March or PCSO Michael Coates who will help you in any way they can.

RECYCLING

All residents in the parish enjoy the benefit of curb-side collection of normal house-hold, green and paper/bottles/can recycling collections. In addition to this, located at the village hall, there are plastics and paper banks. Unfortunately, on the occasion when these facilities require emptying, the area suffers fly tipping when bags full of plastics and paper are left piled up. This is an offence and causes littering problems and potential H&S hazards. Our parish will be benefitting from a new bin, provided by NEDDC, for plastics collection. When this has been implemented the parish council will consider whether to remove the two recycling containers in the car park.

SPORTS & LEISURE

Over the past few years the subsidy received from NEDDC for the maintenance of outside spaces has been reduced and finally removed. This ensured that the full expenditure for this has now been placed firmly with the parish council to maintain

the facilities. With the aim to achieve best value for money whilst maintaining the facilities to a high standard the parish council sought tenders for the maintenance of the bowling green (the highest expenditure for outside services) and is now pleased to report that a new contractor will take up the work from April 2011. Maintenance of the tennis courts has also been taken over by the parish council and it is anticipated that these moves will keep outside maintenance costs down.

STAFF

The council employs four members of staff.

Mrs Kate Brailsford –Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. She has worked for the council since July 1999 and obtained the Certificate in Local Policy Studies from the University of Gloucester in 2005.

Mrs Marion Dale-Administration Assistant. Marion has worked for the council since September 07 taking bookings for the village hall and updating the parish council website.

Mr Ken Collis - Caretaker/Cleaner has worked for the council since November 2008.

Mr Neil Chaplin - Caretaker/Cleaner has been in the council's employment since August 2010. Both caretakers who share equal responsibility for looking after the hall, locking and un-locking as required, cleaning and carrying out various odd jobs. Each caretaker works four days on followed by four days off. This ensures total coverage for the village hall and a high level of cleanliness.

Both caretakers have been provided with a uniform to make them easily identifiable to both regular and casual bookings.

Marion Dale continues to maintain the council website, which provides lots of up to date information and contacts.

VILLAGE HALL

It has been another busy year for the parish council in maintaining the village hall to its usual high standard. Florescent lights in the hall, which did not have covers on, have been upgraded, the sound system had new and improved speakers and new card tables replaced the old wooden ones. Tenders were sought last spring for the

replacement of the existing gas boiler, which had provided nearly 11 years service but started breaking down – not a good situation when the hall is in almost constant use. It was replaced in August and the whole central heating system had a service and thermostats placed on all the radiators.

Members of the council also decided to keep the hall open during school holidays and just close on Bank Holidays. This new initiative seems to have proved popular with regular users and also guarantees a higher level of safety for the hall instead of being closed for a period of four days. Unfortunately, revenue from the hall was greatly reduced in December due to the bad weather. As the parish council has a policy not to charge if bookings cancel in the event of inclement weather income does suffer. However, it is acknowledged that this is the fair way to carry out business in the community.

YOUTH

The parish council is very pleased that the recreation ground is used for U14's & U15's football teams on a Sunday. Residents note that there is a very good atmosphere and the parish council has a good working relationship with the team managers.

A donation was recently made to Holymoorside Angling Club in recognition of the extensive repairs carried out at the dam and their commitment to engaging the youth of the parish. The parish council is has currently other projects in the pipeline.

Financial Matters – 2011-12

**Precept for 2011-2012 is £46800
(2% increase)**

Holymoorside & Walton are one of the lowest Parish precepts in the whole of North East Derbyshire for the forthcoming financial year (again) thus demonstrating HWPC's financial prudence.

	Income 2009/2010	Income 2010/2011
	£	£
Precept	45428.00	45883.00
Interest	42.88	59.24
Allotment rents	341.00	341.00
Village hall	21114.71	17849.67
Football	560.00	500.00
Tennis/bowling rent	5350.00	5800.00
Footpath grant	210.00	
Other receipts	286.93	328.29
Newsletter	800.00	560.00
VAT	2482.11	3984.97
<u>TOTAL</u>	76617.63	75036.17
	Expenditure 2009/2010	Expenditure 2010/2011
	£	£
Sports/outside maintenance	13487.18	21094.39
Administration & administration salaries	21327.76	22454.13
VH & VH salaries	29301.40	30531.77
S137	2959.26	2433.86
Allotments	81.01	153.03
Footpaths	200.00	30.00
<u>VAT</u>	2392.55	4651.99
<u>Total</u>	69749.16	81349.17

PARISH COUNCILLORS Holymoorside Ward

Mrs A Broderick - Tel; (01246) 567314; 2 School Court, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

Mr D Corbridge (Vice-Chairman) – Tel; (01246) 567803; 3 Heather Way, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

Mrs D Hinchliffe - Tel; (01245) 566894; 57 Loads Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

Mrs P Maskrey – Tel; (01246) 568561; 9 Heather Way, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

Mr P Truscott – Tel; (01246) 566252; 26 New Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

Mr N Wragg – Tel; (01246) 568415; 26 Holymoore Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield

PARISH COUNCILLORS Walton Ward

Mr M Thacker (Chairman) – Tel; (01246) 275981; 198 Walton Road, Walton, Chesterfield

Mrs A Grinbergs – Tel; (01246) 567118; 6 Beeley View, Walton, Chesterfield

Mr J Swallow – Tel; (01246) 567208; 7 Lodge Farm Close, Walton, Chesterfield

Clerk

Mrs Kate Brailsford – Tel; (01246) 271495; 15 Deerlands Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield; e-mail; holymoorsideandwaltonpc@btconnect.com

Village hall bookings

Mrs Marion Dale – Tel; (01246) 569882; The Village Hall, Holymoore Road, Holymoorside, C/field
Office hours; Monday; 2-4 pm & Wednesday & Friday 9.15-11.15 am
e-mail; holymoorside@btconnect.com

Website;

holymoorsideandwaltonparishcouncil.co.uk

District Councillors

Mr M Thacker – Tel; (01246) 275981 OR Mr P Elliott – Tel; 07802 193200

County Councillor

Mr S Ellis – Tel; (01246) 209516

Non-urgent Police

Tel; 0345 123 3333

Non-urgent Fire & Rescue

Tel; 01332 771221

NHS Direct

Tel; 0845 4647

**HOLYMOORSIDE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS 2010-2011**

<u>Main meetings</u> 2010 to 2011	May 10	June 10	July 10	Sept 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	March 11	April 11
AUDREY BRODERICK	A	O	A	A	A	A	A	A	O	A	A
DEAN CORBRIDGE	A	A	A	O	A	O	A	A	A	A	A
ANN GRINBERGS	A	A	A	A	A	A	O	A	A	A	O
DIANA HINCHLIFFE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	O
PAT MASKREY	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	O	A
ROGER SCOTHERN	A	A	A	A	A	O	O	A	A	A	A
JEFF SWALLOW	A	A	A	A	A	A	O	A	O	O	O
MARTIN THACKER	A	A	O	A	O	A	A	A	A	A	A
PAUL TRUSCOTT	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
NORMAN WRAGG	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

A indicates attendance
- indicates no apology or not accepted

O indicates absent and apology accepted
N/A indicates not on the committee

HOLYMOORSIDE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS AT FINANCE (full council)/OTHER MEETINGS 2010-2011

<u>Other- meetings</u> 2010 to 2011	Finance May 10	Finance July 10	S Order July 10	Staff July 10	Staff Aug 10	F/Path Sept 10	S&L Sept 10	F/Path Oct 10	Finance Nov 10	Staff Nov 10	F/Path Nov 10	F/Path Nov 10	F/Path Nov 10	Finance Feb 11
AUDREY BRODERICK	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A
DEAN CORBRIDGE	A	O	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	O	A	O	A	A
ANN GRINBERGS	O	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	O
DIANA HINCHLIFFE	O	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A
PAT MASKREY	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	-	N/A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A
ROGER SCOTHERN	O	A	A	N/A	N/A	O	N/A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A
JEFF SWALLOW	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	O	N/A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A
MARTIN THACKER	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
PAUL TRUSCOTT	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	O	N/A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A
NORMAN WRAGG	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A

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Local Government Services

DCC

Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

Tel 08456 058 058 or 01629 533190

NEDDC

North East Derbyshire District Council, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, S40 1LF

Tel (01246) 231111

Responsibilities For above Councils

<u>Derbyshire County Council</u>	<u>North East Derbyshire District Council</u>
Adult community education	Anti-social behaviour
Disability services	Blue box collection
Flooding	Bulk waste/refuse collection
Gold travel cards	Council tax
Highways	Dangerous animals
Libraries	Dog wardens
Potholes	Elections
Schools	Environmental health
Social services	Fly tipping
Street lighting	Housing
Street repairs	Pest control
Trading standards	Planning permission
Traffic & transport	Rykneld Homes services
Waste disposal sites	Street cleaning
Youth service	

Responsibilities of Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council

Allotments
Bus shelter
Car park at village hall
Footpaths - minor repairs
Grit bins
Outside seats
Play area
Recreation ground & Changing Rooms
Tennis court maintenance
Bowling club maintenance
Dog bins - provision & maintenance
Village hall
War Memorial & garden

Report from District Councillor – Cllr. Martin Thacker M.B.E.

It is essential that District Councillors advocate on behalf of the electorate in the Ward they represent and for North East Derbyshire. As District Councillors for Brampton and Walton Ward examples of advocacy include: liaising with Stagecoach on issues linked to bus routes and timetabling; working with Rykneld Homes to find solutions to difficulties raised by tenants; reporting problems to Derbyshire County Council such as pavement and road repair; and meeting with representatives of Government. This civic year I met with Cabinet Minister Baroness Warsi and used the opportunity to discuss how national initiatives would impact on North East Derbyshire. Our advocacy has met with success on most occasions and where we have not been successful, it has not been for the want of trying!

Peter Elliott and I were extremely disappointed when we learned that a Planning Department refusal for an application to erect a telecommunications mast had not been within the 56 days and therefore, the application was granted on a technicality. I had registered my objection to the application from the outset since the proposed site for the mast at Acorn Ridge is inappropriate. I have raised my concerns at a meeting of the Full Council and continued to voice my objections in a variety of forums. We are still awaiting news from Planning about their latest meeting with the applicant.

Full Council is an important forum for debate on a wide range of topics. My attendance at Full Council remains at 100% for the fourth year in a row. I have contributed to discussion on several occasions and pressed the Council for a reduction in Council Tax for the last two years. This year a Council Tax freeze has been achieved thanks to a Government grant. The new grant scheme from the Government is open to all billing and major precepting authorities, including police and fire

authorities, which decide to freeze or reduce their Council Tax. If they do, they receive additional funding in 2011-12, equivalent to raising their 2010-11 council tax by 2.5%.

The Council Chamber was the venue for the Brampton and Walton Ward Speaking Competition once again. Pupils from Cutthorpe and Walton Holymoorside Primary Schools took the floor to speak on the topics: 'What we could do to make our area a happier place for old and young to live in' for Year Five pupils and 'what I would do for the area if I was in charge of the Council' for Year Six pupils. The children came

up with some really good, original ideas about improving lives for people that are worthy of serious consideration. Pictured are the winners from each category.



My fellow Ward Councillor Peter Elliott and I have continued to engage widely with

people in Brampton and Walton. We have held surgeries at Holymoorside Village Hall and Cutthorpe Village Institute. We have delivered regular 'In Touch' leaflets and annual calendars containing our contact details. While many have contacted us by email and through the Council's website, we have still been only a telephone call away!

I am proud to be an elected representative of Brampton and Walton Ward. As always, please get in touch with me should you have any concerns or queries regarding District matters. I'm happy to help in the best way I can!

North East Derbyshire District Council elections took place on 5th May 2011. Following the ballot, Peter Elliott and Martin Thacker were re-elected to represent Brampton and Walton Ward for the next four years.

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Holymoorside Bowling Club

The long awaited 2011 season started on the 1st April with enthusiastic bowler playing on the green as soon as condition would allow. After the cold and hard winter we welcome this pleasant warm spring and have made the most of this sociable outdoor sport.

All new members will be welcomed to the club, or if you want a game occasionally just pay on the day. Members are invited to join in our social bowling and competitions, Our aim is to enjoy playing on the green. For the more competitive players the club enters teams in the Chesterfield Bowling League. Any none player will find many bowlers who will offer guidance, and will be invited to play. A few of our member have coaching qualifications and will help upon request (no charge). Junior members are welcome and a programme will be in operation in the summer months. Please enquire at the club for details.

Phone numbers of the committee are displayed in the club house.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY IN HOLYMOORSIDE

Following the recent elections one vacancy exists on the parish council and members are obliged to attempt to co-opt a member and are seeking expressions of interest from residents of Holymoorside ward.

For information, the full parish council is compromised of ten members, seven representing Holymoorside Ward and three Walton ward. As the lowest tier of local government in England, parish councils are involved with, among other things, allotments, burial grounds, bus shelters, transport, crime prevention, education, highways, lotteries, public buildings and village halls, recreation, seats and shelters, town and country planning, war memorials.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option or feel you might be interested or require more information, please get in touch with me. Short introductory letters and a CV, the contents of which you think would be relevant to the parish council are invited to be submitted by 23 June 2011. If you would like to meet the chairman or any of the councillors, I am also able to arrange this. I am sure they will tell you that to represent people at council level is rewarding and worthwhile.

Please give this notice due consideration, Holymoorside ward is urgently in need of a resident to represent it on the parish council.

Kate Brailsford
Clerk

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WE HAVE PLACES

TEL. Sandra: 568515

Holymoorside Tennis Club

With the glorious sunshine we are enjoying the tennis season has got off to a good start. We have had an Open Evening at which three new members were recruited and two further participants are considering joining. We also held a social evening with the bowling club when a team of tennis players were introduced to the the slower pace but no less challenging skills required to direct a biased wood in the desired direction on a crowned green. The experience was very much enjoyed by those taking part and a return match is promised. Our league teams have commenced their summer matches and our Tuesday morning sessions continue to be well supported."

Afternoon Tea at Royal Ascot

Saturday June 25th

From 3 to 4.30pm

Come in your Ascot Hat and Outfit

Entrance by ticket only £5.00

URC meeting room

Tel 566109

FUN DAY 2011

**Saturday
27 August**

Holymoorside village hall
and recreation ground

2-5pm

GAMES AND STALLS

**DISPLAYS
COMPETITIONS**

TOMBOLA

PUNCH & JUDY

**BALLOON
MODELLING**

FAIRGROUND RIDES

BIRDS OF PREY

CREAM TEAS

ALSO VISIT

**WELL DRESSING EMBROIDERY
EXHIBITION AT PRIMITIVE
METHODIST CHAPEL,
ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION
AT ST PETER'S CHURCH &
FLORAL DISPLAY AT U.R.C.**

**AN EVENT
NOT TO
BE MISSED**



2011 Arts Festival

We look forward to your support at the events

SATURDAY 11th JUNE

Young Musicians' Festival and

Concert Walton Holymoorside Primary School

An invitation to encourage and support young performers participating in a variety of musical styles, and to enjoy a celebration concert including the brilliant WHPS choir.

SUNDAY 12th JUNE

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TUESDAY 14th JUNE

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SATURDAY 18th JUNE

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SATURDAY 18th JUNE

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SAT. 18th & SUN. 19th JUNE

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SUNDAY 19th JUNE

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'Strawberry Sparkle'

Come and help us celebrate 70 years of songs and music 1941 – 2011

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Somersall & Manor Rangers

Would like to express our thanks to the Parish Council and the Clerk, Kate Brailsford for all their help during the last season and we would also like to thank the local community for turning out to watch and support both teams during this period.

We would also like to share our tales of success with the parish as it was an excellent season for both teams with Manor Rangers U.16 finishing Runners Up in Division B of Sheffield & District Junior Sunday League and Somersall Rangers U.16 were the Champions of Division 1 and also the U.16 Cup winners of the Rowsley & District Youth Football League.

John Lawson, Treasurer

Somersall & Manor Rangers Football Club

Flower Festival with a difference in URC

Bank holiday weekend

25th & 26th August 12 to 5pm

27th August 2pm to 5pm

28th August 12 to 4pm

Flower arrangements by some of our local
societies

Horticultural Society

Since the last newsletter we have had some wonderful warm sunny weather and everything seems to be flowering well ahead of usual. Our Spring Show was a great success and will be followed on July 9th by the summer one. This will be held in the Village Hall and will include roses, sweet peas, garden flowers, floral art and homecraft classes. In addition we hope the children will support their own special classes. Schedules will be available from the village shop. One of our sweet pea exhibitors is 100 this year, so we hope to make it a special occasion for him!

Our monthly meetings continue to be held in the URC Meeting Room at 8.00 on the first Wednesday in the month. In June we have a talk about Winthrop Park and in July we will be visiting the garden there. We do not have a meeting in August but continue in September with the "Hardy Planter's Winter Survival Kit" – hopefully not an omen of another severe winter. I hope that we will see you at one of our events.

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Saint Peter's District Church Council would like to make the public aware that there has been considerable slippage of ground in the top area of the churchyard at St Peter's leaving very uneven ground and holes. The following safety measures are being taken to protect the general public who tend graves in that area or who pass through the churchyard to access Walton Back Lane.

- The gate at the top corner of the churchyard will be locked to stop people entering or leaving at that point.
- Dangerous areas will be taped off.
- Warning notices will be put up in and around the churchyard advising of the present dangers.

The D.C.C. will resolve this situation as soon as possible.

Dog Fouling issues

The parish council has recently been approached by residents who raised concerns in relation to the large amount of dog waste, which has not been picked up by their owners. The particular area noted was the public area on Brook Close, although it is acknowledged that Holymoorside in general does suffer from this problem, near the allotment gate (despite a dog bin being provided just up the lane from there), and on the lane approaching Windyfields from The Crescent. The parish council will be working with NEDDC to solve this problem. The action NEDDC can take is to issue a fixed penalty notice of £50, for a first offence, or take legal action with a maximum court fine of £1,000.

If you see a dog owner who doesn't clean up after their dog please let NEDDC know. Details they will need to know include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog, plus details of the date, time and place. Information is dealt with in the strictest confidence and personal details will not be released to the offender. Please do not put up with this – if you see dog fouling happening please report it!

Holymoorside
Table Tennis Club

Adult players wanted

**Any standard from Beginners or
Expert**

**Join us on Thursday nights from
7.00 till 9.30 pm Holymoorside
School**

Good teams Great fun
Call Dave Banks on 567333
for more details

Holymoorside Table Tennis Club

Holymoorside Table Tennis Club started over 10 years ago with 4 friends sat round a table commenting on how we all used to play. Today following 2x lottery grants and a lot of hard work we have a club with 5x competition tables, 3x teams in the Chesterfield League and players getting to the finals of various competitions. We also have a junior club which is run by the school.

We're looking forward to next season, although a few of our veterans are retiring and a few of our younger players are off to university. We are then therefore in need of some new blood to keep our village club prospering. If you're between 16 and 70, a serious player or willing to learn and commit to Thursday nights regularly then why not give us a call. We would like to hear from you.

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Council's Pride of Parish Awards

Two residents who have made outstanding contributions to their local community were given official recognition at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council.

Each year, the Council presents 'Pride of Parish Awards' to those who have been nominated by local residents for making a difference to the lives of others in the Parish of Holymoorside and Walton. This year there were two worthy recipients: Mrs L Barratt and Mr G Morris. Mrs Barratt's award is in recognition of 'her many years service to all sections of the community'. Mr Morris' award is 'in recognition of his maintenance of parish facilities on a voluntary basis'.

Both recipients received their Awards before a full meeting at Holymoorside Village Hall and were asked to sign the Parish Awards' Book of Commemoration. In presenting the Awards Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Thacker M.B.E., explained that a 'Pride of Parish Award' was the highest honour the Council could bestow in recognition of making a significant difference to the locality over a sustained period of time. He paid tribute to both individuals and mentioned examples of how Mrs Barratt and Mr Morris have positively influenced the lives of others through dedicated hard work and had themselves promoted 'Parish Pride'.



Pictured receiving their Awards are (left to right): Mr.G. Morris, Councillor Martin Thacker M.B.E.; and Mrs. L Barratt;

Parish Council News

Volunteers - the parish council are seeking new volunteers at Walton to distribute the council newsletter 4 times a year. There are approximately 30 newsletters and they take about an hour and a half to deliver. Any persons interested should contact the Clerk.

Seat on Chander Hill Lane – the parish council made the decision to remove this seat following a safety inspection, when it was deemed unsafe and not fit for purpose. Residents are invited to comment as to whether they would like to have a new seat placed in this area, although the original location is not suitable due to the proximity of mains services. If you would like to see your parish council place a new seat near this location please contact the Clerk. Residents are also respectfully reminded that memorial seats can be placed around the parish in remembrance of past residents.

Seats on Gallery Lane junction – have been assessed as requiring replacement. These seats, together with the Chander Hill seat, served the community since the early 70's and despite being repaired many times, finally need replacing. These seats are well used and it is anticipated that they will be replaced this year. The money to pay for this, an anticipated cost of £1500, will come from savings made in the financial year 2010-2011.

New council – following the uncontested parish council elections in May 2011 9 of the 10 seats were filled. The process to co-opt a new councillor begins in June. The committees for the parish council were resolved and places taken on the personnel, sports & leisure & footpaths. Working parties were also decided for the allotment inspection, arrangement of the fun day and the forthcoming jubilee celebrations.

Village hall – the parish council considers all financial matters in depth and, for the first time in many years, has seen a drop in the income of the village hall. This is mainly due to fewer 'casual' bookings.

Year end accounts – members were pleased to note that, despite a loss in revenue for the hall, savings were made across all aspects of expenditure, including administration, heat and lighting, rates and allotments.

Parish lengths-man – a suggestion was made by a resident in relation to the appointment of a person to clean the gulleys of blocked leaves. The parish council is in full support of this and the personnel committee will be working over the next few months in relation to how this can be funded, the work schedule and areas which require the most attention. A person will then need to be appointed to carry out these duties.

Play area – members are very pleased with the new safety railings in the play area and many positive comments have been received from residents.

Scouts – the parish council received representation from 1st Holymoorside Scouts in relation to the provision of a new building adjacent to the changing rooms, which would cost ITRO £170,000 to £200,000; be big enough to accommodate a badminton court, have toilets and two storage areas. This would be provided via the Scouts for the community as long as an agreement was made for the group to have use of the building on a Monday evening. It was noted that members of the council were happy to pursue this matter further and following consideration of more detailed plans, which will be required from the Scout group, will discuss this matter further and arrange a public meeting to ascertain public opinion.