Members of Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council met for their full meeting on Tuesday the 6th March 2018 in Holymoorside village hall and in attendance were Councillors; Martin Thacker (in the chair), Audrey Broderick, Ann Grinbergs, Diana Hinchliffe, Pat Maskrey, Jeffrey Swallow, Paul Truscott, Donald Walker, Norman Wragg and Clerk Kate Brailsford.

Cllr Thacker, reported as the parish’s NEDDC councillor, in relation to the recent full council meeting at NEDDC. He noted that the public gallery was full. There were motions put by the opposition group to do with the Local Plan and their opposition to use of greenbelt, as well as housing needs 'strategy'. The group opposed the council tax rise and NEDDC phasing out of revenue support grant for Parish and Towns in the District. It was also noted that DCC Councillor, Angelique Foster would be attendance at the next meeting when members would be able to raise any matters, including the on-going parking problems in Holymoorside.

Minutes from the previous full council meeting, two personnel meetings and a finance meeting were all resolved. Planning matters were considered in depth especially the consultation from NEDDC in relation to the Local Plan. Members resolved to object to the plan on numerous issues relating to the consultation process being raised.

Discussion of outside matters included consideration of the independent report on the play area, allotment matters and action taken for the emergency repair of the allotment tap. The request from St Peter’s Church to provide a labyrinth on the recreation ground in May was granted and hire of the hall on the 20th May would be subject to the normal hire fee.

Members considered amendments to the staff handbook, changes to the village hall premises licence and agreed with correspondence from Historic England into the possible inclusion of the war memorial to be included on their List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (The List) and the Clerk would supply details in relation to how the memorial was funded.

A request from Churches Together in Holymoorside for a donation towards the replacement of the whole framework on and behind the nativity scene was considered on the well dressing structure. However, members requested further information as there was uncertainty over the newly placed doors on the structure so, order to clarify matters and so the council can move ahead with considering the donation request, Churches Together representatives will be invited to attend the next council meeting.

The new PAYE changes were considered and it was agreed that the Clerk was to present further information to the April meeting into staff hours worked to ensure the new levels for the national minimum wage were adhered to.

Under part two of the agenda the appointment of a new member of staff was discussed and a contract signed for his appointment in April.

The next meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7.30 pm at Holymoorside Village Hall, Holymoor Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.