HOLYMOORSIDE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
March 2018 NEWSLETTER

Council Meetings

A public questions session is held at every council meeting. If you would like to put a question to the council or to make observations then please come along.

If you would like the parish council to discuss any matter or seek their help, please send an e-mail or letter to the clerk or a councillor.

For an item to be included on an agenda, the matter will generally need to be received by the clerk by 11.15 on the Monday the week before the meeting is to be held. This is subject to change in the event of staff holidays.

Forthcoming meetings are scheduled for;

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Tuesday 6th March 2018
Tuesday 10th April 2018
Tuesday 1st May 2018
Tuesday 15th May 2018
Tuesday 5th June 2018
Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the village hall, Holymoorside unless indicated otherwise.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting of the parish is scheduled for 22nd May 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall. As usual the annual 'Pride of Parish Award' will be presented so please come along to witness this year's worthy recipient.

Any group who wishes to present a report should contact the clerk by Monday 30th April. Please look out for the notices advertising the event and come along and have your say!

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Village Hall Bookings

Mrs Marion Dale, The Village Hall, Holymoor Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield; Tel-569882. If the office is closed, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible, or e-mail; **holymoorside@btconnect.com**

The booking office for the village hall is open;
MONDAY 1.00 – 3.00 PM
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9.15 – 11.15 AM
These times are subject to change due to illness, staff holidays or unforeseeable circumstances

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Parish Council News in Brief

Community Events – the recent Christmas concert at the hall was deemed a great success and an event has already been scheduled for Friday 7th December this year.
Your parish council is also organising to participate in 'The Battle's Over-A Nation's Tribute' on Sunday 11th November. The Remembrance service will proceed as normal however, at 6pm a commemoration will be held in Holymoorside village hall, which will culminate in a lighting of a beacon on the recreation ground at 7pm and bell ringing from St Peter's Church. Please check the council website for all up to date information.
Grit bins-unfortunately, the parish council has received a large number of complaints from residents who have witnessed the removal of grit from the bins for personal use on driveways. All residents are therefore reminded that the grit provided in the bins is for use on the public highway and pavements only. The parish council is reliant on their supplies via Derbyshire County Council and this is only allowed if they have sufficient stock. Therefore if the weather is particularly bad, they will not release any to us. This would obviously have a detrimental effect on all our residents and the bus service. Those residents who need grit for their own properties are reminded that it can be purchased for a reasonable fee from all DIY merchants, petrol forecourts and most supermarkets.
Outside-the parish council thanks Dave Banks Electrical for all his hard work checking the Christmas lights, putting them up on the tree in the recreation ground and then removing them for safekeeping afterwards. All this is provided at no charge to the parish.
Parking – the parish council have received numerous comments in relation to parking in Holymoorside, namely on both Holymoor and Loads Road. Stagecoach have also noted that this interferes with the normal bus route and have indicated that, if the problem persists, the bus may just turn around at the village hall. This would leave many residents at a disadvantage. However, these additional problems do not distract from the on-going parking near the primary school, a source of real frustration for all residents. Whilst your parish council try to involve the authorities responsible for traffic issues, all residents are kindly requested to consider others when parking on the road, either outside their own properties or on the school run.

The tradition of Beating the Bounds has become an annual event for the Parish of Holymoorside and Walton. Modern technology did feature in last year's visit to each of the boundary stones! The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Martin Thacker tweeted a picture from each boundary stone location. Councillor Thacker said, "it was an opportunity to put social media to good use. Through 'Twitter' we were able to share something of local heritage." A researcher of Derbyshire customs and traditions has been in touch so he can join the Beating of the Bounds in 2018. He would like to include the event in a book he is currently writing, which will ensure Holymoorside and Walton's boundary walk is shared further afield. Look out for details of how you can participate this year.

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An update on the Pinfold Project
by Stuart Mellor

Really good to see the first showings of the 2000+ (yes that's correct!) daffodil & hyacinth bulbs planted in the Pinfold last October. I think we can look forward to a good splash of colour for this and future seasons as the bulbs naturalise.

Hope it's not too late to thank again the small band of volunteers who brought the scheme into reality, along with the Parish Council, who secured much of the funding;

Namely, the local Scout Group for giving us a great start, the small group of village volunteers and the Plymouth Brethren who worked hard to complete the project over a weekend; and finally to the school children who planted 250 crocus bulbs and grass seed around the oak tree. It was really gratifying to have the school involved in an eco project and what's more important, I think they enjoyed it!

There is more good news – a summer display is also being planned. More funding has been allocated to the project and this will allow further planting around the edges – the scheme not yet fully decided, but possibly lavenders and trailing plants to give another display through the summer months.

The whole project has been designed to be as low maintenance as possible, and along with a slow growing grass seed, the grass should only require minimum trimming a few times during the summer.

The next phase of planting will probably be in late spring, so if anyone wants to help with the planting or future maintenance, please contact me or the council. I have volunteered to manage the project for this year – but no offer of help will be turned down!

Disclaimer -please note the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the view of the parish council.

Holymoorside Pre-School

We had a lovely Autumn term where we welcomed new children into the group, all have settled well and are now part of the gang. Once again, we were invited to the United Reform Church in September to join in Harvest Festival, adding our donations and in December to see the Nativity scene and learn why we celebrate Christmas.

The children have begun to understand the importance of helping others less fortunate through collecting items and making shoebox gifts for the homeless, and donating coins towards the Pudsey appeal. We also had a wonderful day travelling in a taxi, visiting St Thomas's church to see the Christmas tree display where we donated gifts placing them under the Giving Tree.

The Christmas party was most enjoyable again this year with Boolies Soft Play. The children had a wonderful time jumping, playing in the ball pool and were ready for their party food. We had more fun with games, songs and of course a visit from Father Christmas who brought everyone a gift.

This term the children have been learning about the weather, which clothes to wear to be prepared for rain, snow and wind conditions. We have played with ice and walked in the rain with the big umbrellas. We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year, Valentines, Shrove Tuesday and Easter.

Pre-school is very busy this year with most sessions full and a healthy waiting list.
If you are interested in a place for your child aged 2-5 years old ring Sandra 568515 or Diane 566619. Alternatively, you can email us at preschoolholymoorside@gmail.com or message our page on Facebook.

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Update on the Bowling Green

The Parish Council is pleased that the Bowling Green is looking very good and will be ready for the new Season which starts at the end of March. The new Green Keeper did sterling work on the Green and reseeded the whole area late October. Despite the weather – frost and snow – the seeds have germinated and are growing well. Apart from working on the Green, the Green Keeper will be installing a watering system in February to ensure the Bowling Green is at its best for the whole of the New Season. The Parish Council knows new members are always welcome at the club so please contact Audrey, 01246 314567 for information.

Holymoorside 10k - Sunday 13th May 2018 10.30am

The 1st Holymoorside Scout Group will be staging their ninth annual road race, the Holymoorside 10k, on Sunday 13th May starting at 10.30am. A Fun Run will also take place on the village playing fields at 10.00am.

The 10k route starts outside Holymoorside Village Hall and then works its' way up Loads Road, winds across the moors and returns downhill along Harewood Road, finishing in the playing fields.

The event is an enjoyable day for all the village and residents have added to the race atmosphere by encouraging the runners as they pass through the village. Refreshments and cakes are provided at the Village Hall and everyone is welcome to participate in the 10k or Fun Run or to come along and watch.

Lots of volunteers from local groups and residents of Holymoorside and Walton help at the event on the day including acting as marshals, providing water stations, handing out goody bags to runners or registering the entrants on the day. Holymoorside Scouts and Section Leaders will be out in force making sure the event runs smoothly. We would like to involve more local residents on the day and are looking for adults to assist marshalling the route on the morning of the 13th, a free bacon butty is on offer to all those that marshal on the day. If you would like to get involved with the event please get in touch with Shona on Chesterfield 567624 or email holymoorside10k@gmail.com. Details of the 10k and Fun Run, how to enter and information about the course are on the race website at www.holymoorside10k.co.uk

The organisers make every effort to ensure disruption to traffic during the 10k race is minimal. However, it would be appreciated if any travel in particular along New Road and Walton Back Lane and near the junction at the Bulls Head could be avoided between 10.30am and 11.45am on 13th May.

Thanks to everyone for their support.
1st Holymoorside Scout Group

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Anyone for Tennis?

Holymoorside Tennis Club welcomes people of all ages all year round. Membership (currently £70 adult and £15 junior per year) entitles you to use the courts at any time (12 months of the year) except when booked for matches, tournaments and other organised events. Discounted rates are available for those joining part way through the year.

We have groups playing social tennis on Tuesday and Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. The club also runs an annual social tournament, league tennis, coaching and a programme of social events throughout the year. There's plenty to get involved with on and off the court.

The courts are a community facility and, when not in use for club events (which is much of the time), they are available for members of the public to use. There is no need to book. A day fee of £3 per adult and £1 per junior is payable which we ask is put in the day fee box at the court entrance before entering the court. There is guidance at the courtside about length of play when others are waiting but, otherwise, length of play is unrestricted. You are also welcome to join in the Wednesday evening, Sunday and Tuesday morning sessions on a pay as you go basis.

For further information please email our club secretary susanwraith@live.co.uk or call down to the club house and pick up a leaflet.