

Hollinsclough's Telephone Kiosk : (K6 Kiosk)
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Important Information

Hollinsclough Parish Council has decided to adopt its iconic, red, heritage telephone kiosk (along with 4,000 other communities across the U.K.).

An agreement for its purchase was signed on behalf of the council on 29th May, 2018.

The payphone equipment will be removed in the near future. B.T. Payphones is not selling the land beneath the kiosk and Hollinsclough Parish Council cannot acquire the land under the agreement.

There will be no changes made to the external appearance of the kiosk as a result of adoption. The Parish Council will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the kiosk and has arranged for a paint kit to be delivered.

The emergency services will be informed that the kiosk will no longer contain telephony equipment and a sign to that effect will be displayed.

The Parish Council has requested B.T. to continue to supply power to the kiosk free of charge and to ensure that the light is working at the point of adoption.

The kiosk will become a Parish Council Information and exhibition space.

If parishioners would like to see further uses made of the Kiosk please inform the parish clerk.* Such suggestions will not bind the council but they will be properly discussed and considered.

The Peak District National Park Authority has supported the Parish Council's desire to adopt and wishes it every success. It also thanks the community for taking on the ongoing management of this iconic structure.

The Background Reasoning for The Parish Council's Decision:

Hollinsclough Parish Council feels that to adopt the Kiosk is the only way of retaining this iconic heritage piece of highway furniture. The growth of the mobile phone industry has inevitably meant that 'phone box' usage has dropped dramatically.

Over the years the Parish Council has worked very hard to retain its telephone Kiosk and pay phone.

2004 and 2016-17 saw much correspondence and submission of documentary evidence aimed at 'saving' the telephone service. On each of these occasions the P.D.N.P.A. was instrumental in retaining the Kiosk and telephone service in Hollinsclough.

Both the Parish Council and P.D.N.P.A. realised that BT. would continue its pressure to remove these. In a letter dated 29.6.17 it was stated, "...we almost certainly will propose to remove it in a future rationalisation programme because

with only 4 calls made from it during the past 12 months there is clearly no demand for a service in this location." BT added, (in response to the P.C.s criticism of the consultation process)" Regarding the consultation process this has been defined by the regulator Ofcom, not BT. We are not obliged to consult with the parish/town councils directly because Ofcom deemed that the district councils were best placed to contact interested parties and collate and analyse the information concerning their areas, they have the power of veto, they then feed back their verdict to BT in the form of a final notification."

The process of adoption does not allow for the retention of a payphone service but it will enable the parish of Hollinsclough to retain the heritage structure.

The history of a Telephone in Hollinsclough

April 1946 - Hollinsclough Parish Council wrote to the post master requesting the possibility of having a telephone box installed in the village.

November 1946 - The Parish Council was informed that the request was undergoing consideration.

September 1947 - The Parish Council sought the support of its local M.P. and the County Agricultural Executive.

1951 - Telephone box installed. 5 years later!

Yours sincerely

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