

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2018

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr T Bellamy

Councillors: Cllrs DK Bellamy, K Bellamy, J Brook, JG Cropper, TW Dixon, SN East, CM Kaye and M Pogson

Officer: Mrs S S Barber

1718 81 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

As Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anyone wished to do so, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. No members of the public or press wished to do so. The Clerk recorded the meeting (for Minute purposes only), but the recording would be deleted once draft Minutes had been ratified.

1718 82 Public Question Time

No members of the public or press were present.

1718 83 Invited Speaker

Members noted that although Kirklees Council Officers had been invited to address Members on the background and detail to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority road scheme proposals for Holmfirth town centre, Kirklees Council had not responded to the invitation and no-one was present.

1718 84 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Christofi, DM Firth, D Hall and R Hogley.

1718 85 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None received.

1718 86 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

1718 87 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

It was agreed that no items required to be taken in private session.

1718 88 To confirm Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Service Provision meeting held on 20 November 2017, numbered 1718 60 to 1718 80 inclusive, be confirmed.

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1718 89 Matters Arising

Holmfirth Conservation Group Interpretation Board (Council Minute No. 1718 50(2) and Service Provision Minute No. 1718 75 refers): Members noted that a quote was still awaited from Kirklees Council for the provision of suitable paving slabs.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the next Service Provision Meeting (12 March 2018).

1718 90 Defibrillators

Defibrillator outside Holmfirth Civic Hall (Service Provision Minute No. 1718 72 and Council Minute No. 1718 69(2) refer): The Clerk reported she was still liaising with the supplier regarding installation and training.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next Service Provision meeting (12 March 2018).

1718 91 Complaints & General Enquiries

The Clerk reported on the following:

(1) Complaint of 9 January 2018 from a local resident regarding car engine idling outside Holmfirth High School – as it was illegal to leave a car idling whilst stationary, the resident to be advised to contact the school, parking enforcement officer and the police and the Parish Council would refer the matter to the NMG.

(2) Enquiry of 9 January 2018 regarding unstable wall at Bank Buildings, Meltham – as this is outside the Holme Valley civil parish, the Clerk responded to advise them to contact Meltham Town Council and/or their Kirklees Ward Councillors.

(3) Enquiry of 5 December 2017 from a local resident requesting authorisation to do some metal detecting on Council land – Clerk to respond advising that their request has been forwarded to Holme Valley Land Charity.

RESOLVED: That the actions taken or to be taken by the Clerk on the above be authorised.

1718 92 Consultants

Members considered correspondence dated 1 January 2018 from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council regarding a consultation on Early Help Assessment Questionnaire for Childcare Providers with the deadline for comments on 31 March 2018.

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted, but no comment to be made.

1718 93 Highways & Streetscene

(1) Proposals for a scheme to ease congestion in Holmfirth: Cllrs J G Cropper and T W Dixon reported on their attendance of a Holme Valley South Neighbourhood Forum meeting last week. There was a lot of speculation about the proposals but nothing had been made public as yet due to sensitivity around discussions currently being held with landowners.

It was agreed that the matter should be considered further in due course, when more information is available, but the Parish Council must ensure it is consulted, at the appropriate time.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to write to Kirklees Council (Director of 'Place') to say that the Parish Council understands that Kirklees has secured some funding to undertake a feasibility study to improve traffic flow through the centre of Holmfirth and that we would appreciate further information about the scope, timescales and level of local consultation involved in this study, as Parish Councillors wish to be reassured that any changes will include the consideration of local views on this issue of great interest to residents and councillors alike.

(2) The Clerk reported that no data was available from any of the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) since refurbishments had taken place last year, due to software compatibility/firewall issues. It was hoped that some data for the SID outside Uppershong School could be available within the week.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(3) Cllr T Walshaw reported on the concerns of a Scholes Member regarding the bell shaped boulder at the approach to the bridge at the end of Hollowgate and lack of signage at the end of Hollowgate.

The bell shaped boulder was put there originally to deflect vehicles from the wall, but was being knocked over regularly, possibly due to lorry drivers following their satellite navigation systems.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to contact a Kirklees Highways Safety Officer to enquire about the feasibility of installing a different type of SID (similar to one installed in Gledholt) to measure a lorry's height; if feasible, potential costs to be considered at a future Service Provision meeting (and grant funding for the PCC Safer Communities Fund – see below).

1718 94 Parks & Open Spaces

Kirklees Play Strategy (Minute No. 1718 70 refers): The Clerk had nothing to report on the current consultation,

RESOLVED: That details of latest risk assessments/breakdowns on play equipment in our area be requested from Kirklees, for consideration at the next Service Provision meeting.

1718 95 Policing & Security

Members considered information from the Police & Crime Commissioner:

- (i) PCC's Annual Report 2017
- (ii) PCC Newsletter – December 2017
- (iii) PCC Newsletter – January 2018

It was suggested that an application could be made to the Safer Communities Fund to fund an additional SID (or an appropriate sign at the end of Hollowgate, as referred to earlier in the meeting. The Fund supports projects looking to address issues on road safety.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

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1718 96 **Seats & Shelters**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to instruct the Maintenance Contractor to repair a seat at Fulstone as soon as possible.

1718 97 **Adopted Phone Kiosks**

The Clerk reported on a request from the Secretary of the Friends of Cliff Rec, Wooldale to adopt a former phone box on Cliff Road and convert it into a book swap facility. However, following further enquiries by the Clerk, it was found that the phone box had already been adopted by an adjacent home owner, so no further action was required by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

1718 98 **War Memorials**

Cllr C M Kaye reported on his site visit, with Kirklees Council Officers and members of Honley Village Community Trust, to assess works required to Honley War Memorial (within Green Cliff Cemetery) (Minute No. 1617 104(1) refers). Although this War Memorial was the responsibility of the Parish Council, Kirklees Council had now committed to carrying out and funding the repairs (as part of a major cleaning up project of the closed churchyard) in time for a commemorative event ('Honley Remembers') being planned for July 2019.

RESOLVED: (1) That no further action be required by the Parish Council on Honley War Memorial.

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to seek up-to-date quotations for work previously identified on other War Memorials, including re-lettering work to the Brockholes War Memorial.

1718 99 **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – to agree what information will be made available to the public**

RESOLVED: That, under the Council's Publication Scheme, supporting papers for any item within the public session of the meeting be made available, if requested, after confirmation of the minutes.

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Chairman