

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 22 July 2019

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr T Bellamy

Councillors: Cllrs G Barker, K Bellamy, M Blacka, J Brook, P Colling, J Dalton, P Davies, P Dixon, T W Dixon, Duggs Carre, S N East, B Feeney, D Gould, R Hogley, B Lockley, M Pogson, J Roberts and S Sheard

Locum Clerk to the Council: Mr A Marlor, Trainee Clerk Mrs L Bennett

### **1920 38 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Cllr Dalton wished to record item 10 ,Holmfirth Town access Plan but this was not permitted as this item was held in private session.

### **1920 39 Public Question Time**

There were members of the public present. One member of the public gave a summary of the present situation for the 'Walkers are Welcome 'group. There were three people talking about the Holmfirth Tech and asking for support from the Council over their threatened eviction from the building.

### **1920 40 To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Greaves (holiday) Cllr Gould (unwell). Cllr D Firth did not give apologies.

### **1920 41 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and to consider any written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

### **1920 42 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**RESOLVED:** That the item 10 should be held in private session as requested by the Kirklees Council officer who was reporting.

### **1920 42 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 13thMay 2019, numbered 1920 01 to 1920 14 inclusive.**

**Resolved that;** Minutes were accepted as a true record.

### **1920 43 Minutes of the Special Council Meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 numbered 1920 15 to 1920 27 and 1st July 2109 numbered 1920 28 to 1920 37**

**RESOLVED that;** the minutes of both meetings were accepted as a true record.

### **1920 44 To Confirm minutes under delegated powers Resolved that all the following were true records.**

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- 1) To confirm the Minutes of the Special Staffing Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 numbered 1920 01 – 1920 08 – copy enclosed
- (2) To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 numbered 1920 01 – 1920 14 – copy enclosed
- (3) To confirm the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 numbered 1920 01 - 1920 15 – copy enclosed
- (4) To confirm the Minutes of the Community Assets Support Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 numbered 1920 01 – 1920 13 –(With **an agreed amendment to the incorrect use of the term ‘Earmarked’ which was to be removed.**
- (5) To confirm the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 numbered 1920 01 – 1920 18 – copy enclosed
- (6) To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 numbered 1920 15 – 1920 30 – copy enclosed
- (7) To confirm the Minutes of the Special Staffing Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 numbered 1920 09 – 1920 17 – copy enclosed
- (8) To confirm the Minutes of the Service Provision Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 numbered 1920 – copy enclosed
- (9) To confirm the Minutes of the Special Community Assets Support Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**The minutes of the panning meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were not presented and will be presented at the next Full Council meeting.**

### 1920 45 Reference from a committee

1)The grant of £12,000 made to the Thongsbridge Cricket club by the Community Asset Support Committee was brought to the Council for approval. There was discussion about the size of the grant and the need to promptly review grant procedures as agreed on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**RESOLVED;** that the grant be honoured

**RESOLVED;** that the payment be made by bacs to mitigate the difficulty caused by issuing an unaccepted cheque a month previously.

**RESOLVED;** that the working party being set up to review the grounds for Grant provision would consider the issues this had raised further

#### **2)Special CASC item, the land next to the public toilets in Holmfirth.**

Cllr East advised that discussions with a potential tenant for the rentable space had identified that access to part of the grassed area next to the building might be desirable. Whilst this prospective tenant had withdrawn their offer due to different reasons it was suggested that discussions with Kirklees would be worthwhile to explore if this might be useful in the future. In addition, Cllr east outlined that CASC would consider all options for use of the unit now discussions with the previous interested party had ceased

**RESOLVED; that** the clerk will look further into the possibility of the Council taking on ownership of the triangle of grass adjacent to the Public toilets giving regard to the ownership of the monument and notice boards there and reviewing any complications involved in such a transfer.

### 1920 46 Holmfirth Town Access Plan

The Council was briefed in confidence by Mr Bloomfield on the outcomes of the Public Consultation on The Holmfirth Access Plan. And he welcomed councillors’ views on the latest proposal.

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**RESOLVED;** that individual Councillors would send their responses to the Clerk who would collate them for Mr Bloomfield. There would be further discussion at the Special Council meeting next Monday and a group response considered.

## 1920 47 **Appointments to Committees**

**RESOLVED;** that Cllr Duggs Carre would replace Cllr Ben Lockley on the Finance & Management Committee

**RESOLVED;** that Cllr Duggs Carre would join the Community Assets Support Committee and the Publicity and Communications Committee.

## 1920 48 **Council Name Boards**

**Resolved;** to accept the Quote of £60 to attach the Council name boards to the wall in the Civic Hall Exhibition Room as it is currently used as the Parish Council Meeting Room.

## 1920 49 **Governance and Audit Review**

Cllr Hogley advised that the Chair and Vice Chair had received a report from the Kirklees Monitoring officer outlining complaints they had investigated over recent years. These had all resulted in no further action so advice was offered on potential improvements or changes which could be made to governance, training and procedures.

Cllr recommended that the first issue to address was undertaking an independent financial audit of both the Parish Council and the Land Charity to establish if there were any discrepancies associated with the former clerk. All agreed that it was important that this was progressed quickly and done in a transparent manner. Other governance reviews were either underway or for consideration after the outcome of the audit.

**RESOLVED ;**for a further quote to be sought for comaparison purposes and to allow an audit to be instructed at the next meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> July enabling a report for September.

## 1920 50 **Staffing Matters**

The advert for the Deputy Clerk is in place. Interviews will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## 1920 51 **Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported on the various events he has attended in his official capacity over the past three months.

**1920 52 **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