

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 09 September 2019

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr T Bellamy

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

Clerk to the Council: L Bennett Deputy Clerk to the Council: R McGill

1920 63 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

As Local (Parish & Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anybody wished to record the meeting. No member of the public wanted to record the meeting.

1920 64 Public Question Time

We were joined by members of the public from the Climate Emergency Steering Group and by other members of public who came to hear the Steering Group's report on its work. Some people spoke about the importance of the Climate Emergency and endorsed the approach of the Holme Valley Parish Council.

1920 65 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Greaves (unwell), Cllr Lockley (away), Cllr Sweeney (working away).

1920 66 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 67 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

There was consideration whether 1920 76 below involved discussion of individual performance management and might be considered in private. But this was not agreed.

1920 68 Care Co-operative in the Colne Valley – presentation by Richard Murgatroyd, Councillor for Kirklees

Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Richard Murgatroyd to describe a new model for Adult Social Care in the Colne Valley. He was supported by Liz Hendry. Cllr Murgatroyd opined that Adult Social Care is in crisis. He felt that the quality of care delivered is poor because care is currently seen as a commodity to be costed and it is a time/task culture. Staff were poorly trained and poorly paid. Colne Valley was establishing a care co-operative to promote caring for people in their own homes. Liz Hendry was to help manage the care co-operative. This co-operative would be owned by its members, be democratic and local. It would aim to reduce social isolation of members. Cllr Murgatroyd said that Kirklees had agreed a £50,000 start-up grant for the co-operative. Support from Holme Valley Parish Councillors was generally positive. HVPC Councillors commented that similar models were successful overseas. Councillor Murgatroyd recommended this model to the Parish Council and encouraged future partnership working. He encouraged

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Councillors to consider establishing a public meeting on the issue of future, local Adult Social Care. Cllr Murgatroyd said that the Colne Valley co-operative would offer help if requested.

Climate Emergency Steering Group

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Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Davies to give a report from the Climate Emergency Steering Group, and for members of the public to respond to it. Cllr Davies stated that a motion had been passed 25/03/2019 to declare a Climate Emergency. He said that we would try to do what we could to make the Valley carbon-neutral by 2030. Cllr Davies said that a key thing was mobilising people and businesses to get involved. The Steering Group had established working groups to look at specific areas: a) Energy; b) Transport and Travel; c) Food; d) Housing; e) Business and Industry; f) Waste and Land Use. Cllr Davies said that the plan was to be dynamic and to change as we learned more from consultation. The plan could only make changes by engaging with people and businesses. It was stated that the overall plan would be drawn up in October since Councillors had only seen details of the plan as of 08/09/19. There was a lot of positive comment from Councillors about the quality and impressiveness of the work that has gone on so far. Good partnership-working was already evident. It was agreed that the plan was very aspirational and inspiring. Cllr Brook proposed that we needed a public meeting to involve more people. Cllr Murgatroyd spoke as a member of Kirklees' Climate Emergency team. He said that the Local Authority was discussing the Climate Emergency in October and so the Holme Valley should aim to deliver its plan by then. It was agreed that the draft plan should be put on the Parish Council website before the convocation of the public meeting. Cllr Davies called for transparency, partnership and co-operation. He said that his contact details were on the Parish website, and the public could communicate with him directly. Cllr Gould said the same. Other members of the Steering Group might make themselves similarly available should they wish to. Cllr Hogley opined that the plan was setting high expectations and had high aspirations, many to be achieved in the next year. She wanted to make sure that targets were practicable, and that we were not promising things that we could not deliver. Cllr Roberts mentioned her worries about the ecological effect of mining for lithium batteries (for electric cars) and how they would be disposed of safely. Cllr Blacka said that we must make sure that the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Climate Emergency Plan are fully integrated with each other. Cllr Davies said he hoped that we would prioritise what we wanted to do early. A motion by Cllr Brook to hold a public meeting to allow consultation with the public about the Climate Emergency plan was passed.

Resolved; To hold a public meeting to discuss the action plan.

Resolved ; to further discuss the report and Action plan and consider its approval at the next Council meeting on 28th October.

1920 70 **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting, 22 July 2019 numbered 1920 38 to 1920 52**

RESOLVED: Councillor Hall stated that she had attended this meeting but was not included in the list of attendees. The Clerk said she would investigate and update. Otherwise, the minutes were confirmed.

1920 71 **To confirm the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, 29 July numbered 1920 53 to 62**

RESOLVED: the minutes were confirmed.

1920 72 **To confirm the Committee Minutes under delegated powers**

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RESOLVED:

- (1) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019 numbered 1920 31 – 1920 45 were confirmed.
- (2) The Minutes of the Special Community Assets Support Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019 numbered 1920 14 – 1920 21 were confirmed. It was pointed out that there were actions outstanding that had been overseen by the locum clerk.
- (3) The Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2019 numbered 1920 18 – 1920 26 were confirmed.
- (4) The Minutes of the Community Assets Support Committee meeting held on 19th August 2019 numbered 1920 22 - 1920 29 were confirmed.
- (5) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th August 2019 numbered 1920 were confirmed.
- (6) The Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 2nd September numbered 1920 27 – 1920 37 were confirmed.
- (7) The Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 2nd September numbered 1920 19 – 1920 31 were confirmed.

1920 73 Wreaths for Remembrance Day

To note that we are purchasing 8 wreaths from the Royal British Legion for the purpose of commemoration on the war memorials of the Holme Valley. The cost was £136. Cllr Hogley was attending the laying of the wreath ceremony at the war memorial at Holme Valley Memorial Hospital. Cllr K Bellamy said that neither she nor Cllr T Bellamy would be able to attend the Holmbridge ceremony and asked if others present could attend. Cllr Feeny and Cllr Barker said they would attend.

Resolved to purchase 8 Remembrance wreaths for the 8 War Memorials in the Valley.

1920 74 August Payment Schedules

Noted the August payment Schedules

1920 75 Holmfirth Town Access plan.

The Chairman stated that the Clerk had been invited to attend a meeting on updates to the Town Access Plan at Civic Centre 3 Huddersfield on September 12th 2019. There was discussion as to why the Clerk had been invited and Councillors not, but it was agreed that Councillors had a separate forum to express their views. Indeed, Cllrs Firth and Davies had attended a separate meeting regarding the Town Access Plan. Cllr Firth said that the amended Plan seemed positive and workable but was still open to final amendments. Cllr Davies stated that there would be a permanent exhibition on the Town Access Plan in the Holmfirth Library from 10/09/19 to 26/09/19 and that on Thursday the 26/09/19 there would be an exhibition in the Holmfirth Civic Hall 9am-7pm. Cllr T Davies suggested that the hours of opening were not suitable for daytime workers like himself.

Clerk to report back to Councillors on the consultation meeting with Kirklees Officers.

1920 76 Governance and Audit review. 76.1 Calderdale External Review:

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It is expected that Calderdale will provide feedback on their review of Holme Valley Parish Council working practices by mid-September. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved; to defer this item to the next Council Meeting

76.2 **Report from YLCA (attached) subsequent to a training session with the Clerk 21/08/19:**

This item was deferred until the next meeting when we will have received feedback from Calderdale Council on related issues.

Feedback from YLCA

Resolved; that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

1920 77 Staffing Matters reference from Staffing Committee

The Council agreed to support a day's training for website management as previously agreed at the Finance and Management Standing Committee 02/09/19. Both Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend. It was recommended that a representative of the Publications and Communications Committee should also attend. There was discussion about the cost of the training as the training was travelling long-distance and required a hotel room. Cllr Hogley said that the current provider was a specialist in Council websites. The Council agreed to consider a more local website developer/manager in future.

Resolved; that a sum of £650 be agreed for this website training.

1920 78 Responses to public requests for information

Resolved; to item was deferred until the next meeting.

1920 79 Land Charity Management Committee

Cllr Sheard had requested to be considered for nomination to the Land Charity Management Committee. This item was to be heard by the Land Charity Management Committee.

1920 80 To receive Chairman's Report

Resolved; to defer this item was deferred until the next meeting.

1920 81 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