

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2005 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr J R Chilton

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Spencer

Councillors : Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs M Bower, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr D M Firth, Cllr A L Gosslin, Cllr R N Haynes, Cllr Mrs S Hobson, Cllr Mrs R Jackson, Cllr Mrs W J Kemp, Cllr G Macpherson, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr Mrs J Roberts, Cllr R Rogers, Cllr P D Searby

Officers : Mrs MA Bewick, Mrs E Hirst

### **Public Question Time**

The member of the public present had no question to put to the Council.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs. Bratt, Collins, Mrs. Court, Garrod, Mrs. Hall, Kaye, Oldham, Otterburn, Robinson, Mrs. Rodgers, Rodgers and Mrs. Smith.

### **05 60 Disclosure of Interests**

Cllr. Mrs. Bower declared a personal interest in Finance and Management Minute number 05 66 and item 15 of the agenda (report of Kirklees Pennine Rural Transport Partnership Steering Group meeting) in that she served on West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority.

### **05 61 Admission of the Public**

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

### **05 62 Report from Recipient of Grant**

The Chairman welcomed Hannah Massett, a local Girl Guide, to the meeting and invited her to tell Members about her attendance at the Guide International Camp in Switzerland, towards which the 1st Holmfirth Guides had received a grant from the Council.

Hannah told Members about her experiences on the trip and the friends she had made from guide companies from other countries. In her role as Young Leader, she would be able to pass on some of her experiences to other guides and brownies. She showed Members mementoes and photographs she had taken on her trip, and thanked the Council for its help in funding the trip.

Members thanked Hannah for coming to the meeting. Hannah left the meeting, after Members had taken the opportunity to look at her photographs.

### **05 63 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman reported in detail about various events and seminars which he had attended on behalf of the Council:

- Celebration of 50 years of twinning between Huddersfield and Besancon - enjoyable evening and wonderful fireworks display
- Play and Leisure Provision - Seminar - Thirsk - useful occasion with opportunity to see equipment which was genuinely accessible for both disabled and abled bodied children
- Valleys Area Committee meetings - the work of this new committee was progressing, and there was beginning to be more interest on the part of local people, but attendances at public meetings were still not reaching the level of the previous Holme Valley Area Committee meetings
- Consultation meetings in respect of NHS proposals - issues raised at the two meetings attended were similar, with huge concern about women's and children's services being concentrated in Halifax
- Lifestyle event at Holmfirth High School (in connection with Valleys Area Committee) - useful and interesting afternoon discussing various issues with small groups of school pupils

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- Training event, North Yorks Branch, SLCC - on "Legal and Efficient Meetings" - useful and entertaining sessions - further information available, if requested.

The Chairman also commented on press coverage about the Council over the last three weeks, in which many issues had been raised. He indicated that he was seeking independent advice, and once he had received that advice, there would be an opportunity for considered discussion and decision, as necessary.

In mention of the Remembrance Sunday services, Cllr. Mrs. Roberts indicated her disappointment when visiting the War Memorial at the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital, on 11 November, Remembrance Day, that the Union Jack had not been flown, and that it appeared that no effort had been made to mark the occasion at 11 am on the actual Remembrance Day. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should make a note in the file to request that the Union Jack be flown to mark both Remembrance Day and the appropriate Sunday, but that in the meantime she contacts the Primary Care Trust to inquire why the flag had not been flown on Remembrance Day this year, and to inquire if the local British Legion would be prepared to attend the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital site at the appropriate time on 11 November next year to mark the occasion.

### **05 64 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2005 numbered 05 45 - 05 59 inclusive be confirmed.

Cllr. Bellamy arrived during this item.

### **05 65 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 24 October 2005 numbered 05 49 - 05 66 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute number 05 58 (2) and (3), the Clerk informed Members that she was hoping to call an extra meeting of the Council on 12 December 2005 at which representatives of the Primary Care Trusts would attend to discuss the proposals currently out for consultation. In view of this, she asked Members if it would, therefore, be more appropriate to invite representatives of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service to the same meeting to allow discussion of the proposed changes to Honley Ambulance Station.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to make such arrangements.

### **05 66 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 October 2005 numbered 05 87 - 05 94 inclusive and on 31 October 2005 numbered 05 95 - 05 108 inclusive be confirmed.

### **05 67 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 7 November 2005 numbered 05 58 - 05 70 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute number 05 66, the Clerk reported that she had just received correspondence from Kirklees MC Highway Network Manager regarding gritting of minibus routes. Although the current policy was only to include bus routes carrying full size buses during the whole working day on the priority gritting network, Metro had made a case to Kirklees MC for the minibus routes to be included on this priority network. Kirklees MC was to meet with Metro to discuss this further. Members welcomed this and would await further information following the proposed meeting.

### **05 68 Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED: That the payment of accounts for October 2005, totalling £13,466.25 be approved.

### **05 69 Administrative matters**

Casual Vacancy - Scholes Ward - The Clerk reported that this vacancy had been advertised, and that any request for an election had to be submitted to Kirklees MC Electoral Services by 22 November 2005. She would report to the next meeting whether or not an election had been requested.

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

**05 70 Local Area Committees**

- Valleys Area Committee - The Chairman had already reported on meetings of the Area Committee which he had attended. Cllr. Mrs. Bower reported on the recent Valleys Area Committee which had been attended by West Yorkshire Police, allowing people to raise issues of community safety. Feedback indicated that the meeting had been informative and useful.

RESOLVED: That the above report be received.

**05 71 Local Development Framework**

- Consultation on Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options - the Working Party had met to draft a response to this document which was now before Members. Given that there had been no opportunity for Members to consider this draft in advance of the Council meeting, it was

RESOLVED: That the proposed response be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Committee, and that the Planning Committee be authorised to agree the final response for submission by the due date; Members not present at the Council meeting would be sent a copy of the draft response as prepared by the Working Party, and any Member not serving on the Planning Committee was asked to pass their comments on this draft response to the Clerk; comments made at the Council meeting would be raised at the Planning Committee, if necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Working Party be thanked for preparing this draft response.

**05 72 Representation**

Members reported on their attendance at various events and meetings:

- Cllr. Mrs. Roberts - Kirklees Pennine Rural Transport Partnership Steering Group - 15 September 2005 - she informed the meeting that there was still some funding remaining within the Rural Transport Partnership for new initiatives in rural transport. A further Kickstart Bid would be submitted.
- Cllr. Chilton had already reported on his attendance at the SMP Playgrounds - Play and Leisure Provision for Parish Councils at Thirsk and at the SLCC North Yorkshire Branch Training Day - Legal and Efficient Meetings in Tadcaster, during his opening remarks
- Cllrs. Rogers reported on the YLCA South Pennine Branch meeting he had attended at Highburton on 9 November 2005 at which the need for more partnerships between councils, principal councils and businesses was discussed. The high turnover of Clerks (over 40%) was also highlighted.

RESOLVED: That the above reports be received and noted.

The Clerk sought permission to inform Members of an invitation to attend an event organised by West Yorkshire Probation Service which had just been handed to her. This event would take place on 30 November 2005 from 12.30 - 2.30 pm at the Phoenix Community Centre, Holmfirth.

Councillors Chilton, Mrs. Spencer, Bellamy, Mrs. Osborn and Searby indicated their interest in attending. The Clerk would send details to those Members who had expressed an interest in attending and to those Members not present at the Council meeting.

**05 73 Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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.

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**Chairman**