

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY AND QUALITY COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2006 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr A R Otterburn

Councillors : Cllr Mrs M P Court, Cllr C M Kaye

Officers : Mrs MA Bewick

Apologies for Absence

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. Robinson, due to work commitments, the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Otterburn, took the Chair for the meeting.

An apology was accepted from Cllr. Robinson.

06 19 Admission of Public

It was felt that item 4 should be taken in private session, as these discussions had not been presented to the full Council, and were still at an early stage.

06 20 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2006 numbered 06 13 - 06 18 inclusive be received and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

06 21 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the business of this Committee now to be transacted be not open to the public or press on the grounds that the matters to be considered are of a confidential nature (agenda item 4).

06 22 To consider the Council's Committee Structure

Members continued discussions about possible changes to the Council's Committee structure post 2007 elections. Members agreed that Cllr. Otterburn's proposals should now be developed by the Clerk in further detail, as discussed and amended, with additional information specifying the Committees' remit and scope, suggestions for number of Members and frequency of meetings, and that this be discussed at the next meeting, before presentation to the full Finance and Management Committee.

Additionally, Members discussed proposals from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk about future ways of dealing with Planning applications and how the Planning Committee should operate. A number of options were suggested, but it was felt that the most advantageous option would be a Committee comprising one Member per Ward, to allow every Ward to be represented at a meeting, which did not currently happen.

The Clerk was asked to put together a further report outlining the preferred options for presentation to the Planning Committee and for a possible trial of the methods of discussing comments on individual plans.

It was also agreed that delegation to Committees and the Clerk should be discussed as a separate item at the next meeting of the Sub Committee.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk develops the suggested Committee structure further as outlined
(2) That the Clerk formulates a report for future consideration and presentation to the Planning Committee about future procedures, and looks at a possible trial of this before the 2007 elections
(3) That an item be placed on the next agenda to discuss possible delegations to Committees and the Clerk.

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06 23 To agree date of next meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk arranges the date of the next meeting to suit.

06 24 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, after approval of the minutes by the full Council.

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Chairman