

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 08 OCTOBER 2007 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr C M Kaye

Vice-Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr G Christofi, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr D M Firth, Cllr J M Greenwood, Cllr Mrs D Hall, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr Mrs J Roberts, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs MA Bewick, Mrs E Hirst

### Public Question Time

Three members of the public were present and one wished to put a question to the Council.

He raised concerns about the development at Moorbrook Mills, New Mill. He informed the Council that the site had been sold on to another developer. There were concerns that the mill building left standing on the site was now thought to be structurally unsafe and may require demolition. It had been a condition of the original application that the mill building should be retained. The resident was concerned that action would be taken at the site in contravention of planning conditions. It was indicated the matter would be placed on the Planning agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Firth indicated that, if the building was unsafe, plans would have to be resubmitted to Kirklees Council and these would come before the Parish Council at that time.

1 member of the public left the meeting at this point.

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Otterburn, Robinson, Searby and Kath Smith.

### 07 46 Admission of the Public

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

### 07 47 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman informed Members a meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee had met prior to the Council Meeting that evening. He reminded Members of their position as observers, if they attended any meeting of a Committee on which they did not serve. Some ground rules for public participation at meetings had also been discussed by Strategy and Policy Committee. It was its intent to review Standing Orders and Members would examine procedures relating to open sessions at meetings as part of that process.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance at his Civic Sunday service. Cllr. Bellamy was thanked for his part in the Tidy Trader competition 2007.

### 07 48 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 September 2007 numbered 07 31 - 07 45 inclusive be confirmed.

### 07 49 To receive the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee held on 10 September 2007 numbered 07 25 - 07 32 inclusive be received and adopted.

### 07 50 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 September 2007 numbered 07

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60 - 07 71 inclusive, and on 24 September 2007 numbered 07 72 - 07 81 inclusive be confirmed.

### **07 51 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 17 September 2007 numbered 07 31 - 07 47 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute No. 07 46 Members were informed that the General Purposes Working Party on War Memorials was awaiting a third quotation. Following receipt of this it would be necessary for the Working Party to consider a priority order for works to the War memorials and to prepare grant applications for submission by 31 October 2007 based on that priority list. This action plan was agreed.

### **07 52 To receive the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 1 October 2007 numbered 07 07 - 07 14 inclusive be received and adopted.

### **07 53 To receive the notes of the meeting of Finance and Management**

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting held on 24 September 2007 be received and noted, and the Financial Report, as submitted, approved.

It was also

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk's action in the investment and withdrawal of the Council's funds be approved and the current rates of interest applying to the Council's accounts be noted

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to convert the Council's Business Account with HSBC to the new recommended format

(3) That the payment of the costs of the elections be approved

(4) That receipt of the External Auditor's Certificate and unqualified opinion be noted, and the Clerk authorised to make the necessary arrangements for displaying the completed Annual Return, and to advertise the closure of the audit, and the availability of the accounts

(5) That the following recommendations as to the award of grants be approved:

Holmfirth Camera Club - £100

Hade Edge Band - £200

Hepworth Village Hall and Community Association

- £100 towards each applicaton, £200 in total

(6) That the draft lease in respect of the Youth Club site, White Wells, Scholes be approved.

### **07 54 Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED: That the payment of accounts for September 2007 totalling £20,085.08 be approved.

### **07 55 Administrative matters**

(1) Reference from Finance and Management Committee - travel allowances for Councillors: Members were circulated with a report regarding travel allowances for Councillors and recommended methods of travelling. Cllr. Greenwood queried if multiple claims could be submitted.

RESOLVED: That the report, as submitted, be approved and adopted as Council policy.

(2) Request for volunteers for Youth Offender Panels: Members were informed of an opportunity to volunteer to serve on this Panel.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted and that it be left to individual Councillors whether they wished to apply.

(3) NALC - Councillors Commission:

RESOLVED: That the statistical information requested be supplied by the Clerk.

(4) NALC - Sharing Best Practice: Information was requested relating to why the Council had sought Quality Council Status and the benefits following accreditation.

RESOLVED: That the request be noted, but no further action taken.

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**07 56 Representation**

Members considered attendance at the following events -

- (i) West Yorkshire Pension Fund - 18 October 2007 - no representation
- (ii) YLCA - Supporting Larger Councils - inaugural forum meeting - 8 November 2007 - South Kirkby - Cllr. Kaye
- (iii) NALC - Quality Counts Northern Conference - 23-24 November 2007 - Skipton - Clls. BA & Mrs. BE Smith to attend on day more appropriate to Parish and Town Councils
- (iv) YRCC - Advance notice of Parish Government Conference - 7 - 9 March 2008 - Scarborough - diary note details to follow in due course

RESOLVED: That representation as above be approved.

(2) Reports of attendance at the following events were received and noted:

- (i) Joint Review Meeting with Kirklees MC - 19 September 2007 - Burton Village Hall - Unfortunately neither the Chairman or Vice-Chairman had been able to attend the meeting. The Clerk, therefore, reported briefly on what had been a useful meeting.
- (ii) Calderdale PCT - AGM - 20 September 2007 - Dean Clough, Halifax - Cllr. Mrs. J. Roberts had not attended as items on the agenda were not relevant to this area.
- (iii) Holmbridge WI Information Day - 29 September 2007 - Holmbridge Parish Hall - Cllr. Mrs. J. Roberts indicated the WI Information Day had proved very successful. She thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the work on the Council's display boards.
- (iv) Joint Training Conference - Scarborough - Cllr. Mrs. Walker thanked the Council for the opportunity she and Cllr. Searby had had to attend the Joint Training Conference. The event had been very helpful and informative. All Members should be encouraged to attend such events. Cllrs. Walker and Searby were thanked for their attendance and Cllr. Walker for her report.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and all thanked for their attendance on behalf of the Council.

**07 57 Local Area Committees**

Holme Valley North Area Committee Meeting - Members indicated the concerns discussed at the last meeting, ie wheelie bin changes and traffic issues along Magdale.

Holme Valley South Area Committee Meeting - This had been a well attended meeting and items discussed were disc parking in Holmfirth and the proposed changes to wheelie bins collection schedules.

Members asked if items could be prioritised but it was indicated this was arranged at Kirklees Council Area Committee Planning Meetings.

With regard to recycling Members were informed that they could visit the recycling centre. Cllr. Osborn indicated her interest. Up to ten could visit at any one time.

RESOLVED: That the above reports be received.

**07 58 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**