

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2008 -

Those present :

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 P Robinson, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

Public Question Time

Members welcomed Sandie Marshall, Editor of Holme Valley Echo, to the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman on business, Councillor Bellamy as Vice Chairman took the Chair for the meeting.

To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Kaye and Otterburn.

07 127 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr T Dixon declared a prejudicial interest in the payment of one account (agenda item 11).

07 128 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

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

07 129 To receive Chairman's report

The Vice Chairman reported on various events that he had attended recently, including the St George's Day Parade and the Festival of Folk, both of which had been well attended. He reported on a Pennine Prospects event (South Pennines) regarding a future application for EU leader funding. He would also be taking part in the Riverside Way Walk on 31 May 2008 from 2pm at Crown Bottom Car Park.

07 130 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 March 2008 numbered 07 111 - 07 126 inclusive be confirmed.

07 131 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 April 2008 numbered 07 174 - 07 184 inclusive be confirmed and the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 April 2008 numbered 07 185 - 07 195 inclusive be confirmed.

07 132 To receive the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Meeting

In connection with minute number 07 51, Cllr Tom Dixon agreed to write an article on wheelie bins for the newsletter, having been supplied information by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee held on 14 April 2008 numbered 07 46 - 07 53 inclusive be received and adopted.

07 133 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 14 April 2008 numbered 07 110 - 07 121 inclusive be received and adopted, with some further information relating to locations of new seats being noted and approved (Minute No. 07 120).

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07 134 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 21 April 2008 numbered 07 76 - 07 88 inclusive be received and adopted, and the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 12 May 2008 agreed.

07 135 Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment for April 2008 totalling £12,847.84 be approved.

07 136 Audit of Accounts

(1) RESOLVED: That the Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2008 be received and approved.

(2) To approve the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

As the items detailed at (2) above were not yet completed, the Clerk reported that they would be presented to the next Finance and Management Committee for approval with the Annual Return.

07 137 Representation

(1) Kirklees NHS Primary Care Trust - 9 April 2008: Cllr Mrs J Roberts reported that concern had been expressed at the increase in costs for improvements to Holme Valley Memorial Hospital, and whether funding will be available if this increases further.

RESOLVED: That the above report be received and Cllr Roberts thanked for her attendance.

(2) Kirklees Civic Reception - 6 May 2008 - Cllr Dearnley reported on this event, where he was accompanied by Cllrs T Dixon, Mrs Roberts and Searby.

RESOLVED: That the above report be received and Councillors thanked for their attendance.

(3) Joint Meeting of Parish and Town Councils with Kirklees Council - 7 May 2008: In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk reported on the recent joint meeting of Parish and Town Councils with Kirklees Council. This had been an interesting meeting which covered some important topics: the development of locality management teams, e-consultation, digital mapping and the forthcoming Community Governance Review. It had been agreed at the meeting that Parish and Town Councils could be represented on the Project Team by one Councillor and one Clerk. Since this, the Clerk of Denby Dale Parish Council had indicated her interest in acting as the Officer representative.

RESOLVED: That Holme Valley Parish Council would wish to nominate Cllr C M Kaye as the Councillor representative, and will support the nomination of the Clerk to Denby Dale Parish Council as the Clerk representative.

(4) SLCC Larger Local Councils Conference - London - 24-25 April 2008: The Clerk reported that this had been a very useful conference, promoting awareness of new initiatives and requirements for councils large and small.

(5) RESOLVED: That the Parish Council be represented at events as follows:

- SLCC Regional Conference - 12 June 2008 - Harrogate - Cllr Roberts and the Administrative Support Officer to attend. As the Clerk would be on holiday on this date, the Council Office would be closed for the day.

- LGPIH & Code of Conduct - Kirklees Council training event for Parishes - 4 June 2008 - Cllrs Bratt, Cropper, Roberts and Walker, and the Clerk and Administrative Support Officer to attend.

Other events noted only:

- LuptonFawcett - 4 June 2008 - Bradford - Employment Law Seminar

- University of Gloucestershire - Summer Seminars - 9-10 July 2008 - Cheltenham

07 138 Administrative matters

RESOLVED: That the casual vacancy caused by resignation of Mrs K Smith be noted, and the Clerk be authorised to take any necessary actions in this respect.

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07 139 Kirklees MC - Proposals for Parish Council comments

Members considered further correspondence from Kirklees Council about the proposed location for a puffin crossing on New Mill Road, Wooldale from which it appeared that this crossing would be installed at a location which Members considered unsuitable, and would cause problems, Members felt that efforts should continue to be made to seek an alternative site for the crossing.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council's bus shelter, which would become redundant with the siting of the crossing and the relocation of the bus stop, be removed permanently and the base left to assist with the creation of a new footpath into the recreation ground.

It was further proposed and seconded that the bus shelter should remain where it was. The first motion on being put to the vote, was defeated. The second motion was passed.

RESOLVED: (1) That Kirklees Council be informed about the Parish Council's continued concerns about the proposed location of this crossing.

(2) That Kirklees Council be informed the Council does not wish to demolish this shelter.

07 140 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 approval of the minutes by the full Council.

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Chairman