

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr D M Firth, Cllr Mrs D Hall, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr A R Otterburn, 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, Mrs E Hirst

Public Question Time

Two members of the public were present.

Report from Community Police

Inspector Mark Trueman and Community Support Police Office Gill Chamberlain were in attendance to address Members on the changes in the Neighbourhood Policing Team, recent criminal damage occurrences and 'Streetscene'. The Inspector, assisted by one Sergeant, 5 Police Constables and 6 Community Support Officers, covers the Holme Valley area.

The Chairman thanked them for coming to the meeting, and for providing an insight into policing in the local community.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Bellamy took the Chair.

To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Christofi, Dearnley, Greenwood, Kaye and K Smith.

07 111 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 13).

07 112 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.

07 113 To receive Chairman's report

The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended Ripponden Civic Dinner on behalf of the Council, which had been very enjoyable, the South Pennine Branch meeting of the Yorkshire Local Council Associations, and the Annual General Meeting of the Hall Education Trust.

07 114 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 February 2008 numbered 07 92 - 07 110 inclusive be confirmed.

07 115 To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 18 February 2008 numbered 07 50 - 07 55 inclusive and on 10 March 2008 numbered 07 56 - 07 62 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with minute numbers 07 60 and 61, a Councillor requested further details, some of which were supplied and some which the Clerk undertook to supply later.

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07 116 To receive the Minutes of the Special Committee

Minute Number 07 03: The Clerk reported that legal advice had been sought but was still awaited, before a letter could be sent as agreed at the Special Committee meeting. This was noted and the Clerk's decision to delay this letter for the receipt of advice approved.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Committee held on 25 February 2008 numbered 07 01 - 07 04 inclusive be received and adopted.

07 117 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25 February 2008 numbered 07 152 - 07 162 inclusive and on 17 March 2008 numbered 07 163 - 07 173 inclusive be confirmed.

07 118 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee

The Council thanked Cllr T Dixon and Cllr Firth for their efforts to seek improvements to the bus service changes.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 3 March 2008 numbered 07 96 - 07 109 inclusive be received and adopted.

The Clerk reported that following a recent visit to the General Purposes Committee the use of two CCTV cameras had been offered to the Council. This offer would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting, but some aspects would require investigation.

07 119 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee

In connection with Minute Number 07 74, the Clerk reported that she had signed, on the behalf of the Council, papers to be filed in relation to the accident claim. Her action was noted and approved.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 10 March 2008 numbered 07 64 - 07 75 inclusive be received and adopted.

07 120 To receive the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee

It was proposed and seconded that Minute Number 07 30 (2) be referred back to Strategy and Policy Committee for further clarification.

It was further proposed and seconded that Minute Number 07 32 also be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Both motions, on being put to the vote, were defeated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 17 March 2008 numbered 07 27 - 07 33 inclusive be received and adopted.

07 121 Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment for February 2008 totalling £9,309.75 and March 2008 totalling £17,305.55 be approved.

07 122 Representation

(1) The Council had already received a report of attendance at the YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting by Cllr Bellamy, who had found the meeting most interesting and useful.

RESOLVED: That the above report be received and Cllr Bellamy was thanked for his attendance.

(2) The Council considered representation at Kirklees Civic Reception - 6 May 2008. Members were reminded to wear their name badges.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Bellamy, Dearnley, T Dixon and Searby represent the Council at this event.

Kirklees NHS Primary Care Trust: It was reported that Cllr Mrs J Roberts had been invited to attend a meeting of the PCT regarding improvements to Holme Valley Memorial Hospital. Her attendance at

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this meeting was approved and she was thanked for all the hard work and time she gave to this work. She was also asked to report back on this meeting in due course.

07 123 Local Area Committees

Holme Valley North Area Committee: Members indicated the issues discussed at the last meeting, i.e. parking, neighbourhood policing, WarmZone Plus, and various footpath issues.

Holme Valley South Area Committee: A well-attended meeting with discussions about neighbourhood policing, 'Streetscene', and refurbishment of the Phoenix Centre. It was reported that due to public opposition, the experimental disk parking scheme would not proceed in the proposed form. Alternative options would be examined.

RESOLVED: That the above reports be received.

07 124 Request to consult with Parish Council

The Council had been asked to indicate what action should be taken in respect of the stone bus shelter on the A635 New Mill Road, Wooldale where Kirklees Council intended to site a new puffin crossing. Members, however, felt that there was still uncertainty about the exact location of such a crossing and, therefore, any decision about the future of the stone shelter should wait until the Parish Council has been informed about the final decision on location. Members did not wish to remove this stone shelter unnecessarily.

RESOLVED: That Kirklees Council be informed that the Council will decide on the future of this shelter once the location of the puffin crossing is finally determined.

07 125 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.

07 126 Presentation

A presentation was made to the Deputy Clerk who was due to leave the employment of the Parish Council at the end of April 2008. The Deputy Clerk thanked the Councillors for their generosity.

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Chairman