

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

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 Mrs D Hall, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

### **Public Question Time**

One member of the public was present. She wished to congratulate Kirklees Council on the improvement works which had been undertaken at the People's Park in Honley.

### **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Oldfield, Otterburn, Robinson, B A Smith, Mrs B E Smith and Mrs Walker.

Cllr Firth apologised for his late arrival.

### **08 54 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

Cllr T Dixon declared a prejudicial interest in the payment of accounts to one supplier (agenda item 12).

### **08 55 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.

### **08 56 To receive Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported on various events that he had attended recently, including the presentation of the Tidy Trader 2008 Award, a meeting between the Young People's Services and the High School, a Joint Meeting of the Parish and Town Councils, Calderdale Civic Service, Kirkburton Civic Service, Mara Day, and a 'Memories in Motion' Exhibition at the Tolson Museum.

He also thanked Members and residents of the Holme Valley for their support on the proposed Post Office closures.

Members noted that the Harden Moss Sheep Dog Association's Centenary Ball was to be held at the Huntsman on 8 November 2008, and that the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Holmfirth would take place on 29 November 2008.

### **08 57 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2008 numbered 08 33 - 08 49 inclusive be confirmed.

### **08 58 To confirm the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 15 September 2008 numbered 08 50 - 08 53 inclusive be confirmed.

The Clerk reported that receipt of the Parish Council's submission in respect of the proposed Post Office closures had been acknowledged. Decisions on these proposals were expected to be published on 14 October 2008.

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### **08 59 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 15 September 2008 numbered 08 29 - 08 43 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute number 08 35(4) Members considered this request again following receipt of further photographs. An assurance had also been given by the Council's contractor that no further work had been undertaken to the seat since the sign had been placed on the seat. The Committee's recommendation was therefore supported.

Cllr Mrs R Bratt left the meeting after this item.

### **08 60 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 September 2008 numbered 08 47 - 08 53 inclusive and on 22 September 2008 numbered 08 54 - 08 66 inclusive be confirmed.

### **08 61 To receive the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 29 September 2008 numbered 08 01 - 08 07 inclusive be received and adopted.

### **08 62 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 29 September 2008 numbered 08 30 - 08 42 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute number 08 34, the Clerk reported that although Kirklees Council had investments in an Icelandic bank, the money held for the Council on temporary loan deposit was guaranteed.

In connection with Minute number 08 41(5), despite submitting a claim for rate relief, a summons for non-payment had been received. The Clerk had taken the matter up with Kirklees Council, who had assured her that court action would be cancelled and that this would be confirmed in writing. The Clerk would report again at the next Finance and Management meeting.

### **08 63 Accounts for Payment**

(1) RESOLVED: That the payment of accounts for September 2008 totalling £13,001.17 be approved.

(2) Ordering of Christmas Trees 2008: Following a request from Kirklees Council received after the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee, the Clerk reported that the prices would be the same as last year.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should place the same order as in previous years.

### **08 64 Request to consult with Parish Council**

(1) Communities and Local Government - consultation on the Making and Enforcement of Byelaws:

RESOLVED: That Members agreed to support the legislation and that the Clerk should submit a response to the Byelaws consultation by the deadline of 20 November 2008.

### **08 65 Reference from a Committee**

(1) Strategy and Policy Committee minute number 08 04 refers: In accepting the recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee contained in the report attached to the Minutes, Members needed to consider nominations for appointment of such champions for thematic areas as identified in the Draft Locality Plan. After discussion it was agreed it would be preferable to appoint different Councillors to those who were already involved, or acted as leads, for the Kirklees Holme Valley Area Committees.

RESOLVED: That the following be appointed to act as champions for the thematic areas identified:

Children and Young People - Cllr Mrs R Bratt  
Economic Development and the Environment - Cllr T Dearnley  
Safer, Stronger Communities - Cllr B A Smith  
Healthier Communities and Older People - Cllr Mrs M Walker

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(2) Members considered the requirement for an extra meeting of Strategy and Policy Committee, to consider the draft submission re Community Governance Review prior to recommendation to Council.

RESOLVED: That the extra meeting be scheduled for Monday 10 November 2008 at 7.30pm.

**08 66 Local Area Committees**

A report was received for Holme Valley North Area Committee from the Council's representatives. This was received and noted.

The next Holme Valley South Area Committee would be held on Tuesday 21 October 2008.

**08 67 Representation**

(1) Members considered attendance at the following events:

- YLCA - Conference on Employment Issues - South Kirkby - 18 November 2008

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend, all associated expenses to be paid by the Council.

- Yorkshire RCC - Empowering your Rural Community - Conference - 29 November 2008 - Whixley Village Hall, Harrogate

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(2) RESOLVED: That reports of attendance at the the Joint Meeting of Parish and Town Councils and the Joint Training Conference, Scarborough be noted, and the Members thanked for their attendance.

**08 68 Administrative matters**

Although a Councillor had requested approval of absence from all meetings of the Council for 3 months on medical grounds, he now felt that this was too long a period.

RESOLVED: That Cllr G Christofi be excused from attendance at all meetings of the Council and its Committees for a period of one month, on medical grounds.

**08 69 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.

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**Chairman**