

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr J M Greenwood, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P Robinson, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

Public Question Time

One member of the public was present, but he had no questions to put to the Council.

To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs. Bower, Christofi, Mrs. Hall, Oldfield, Otterburn and B A Smith.

08 70 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 71 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 72 To receive Chairman's report

The Chairman reported on events which he had attended recently on behalf of the Council including the Holmfirth Community Breakfast Meeting which was proving a more and more useful networking and information exchange opportunity. He had also presented prizes at the Music Festival, attended the Holme Valley Choral Society concert and attended various meetings: Joint Community Governance Review Meeting with other Parish and Town Councils, Peak District National Park Authority, the Freedom Parade in Huddersfield, and the Remembrance Sunday service and wreath laying ceremony.

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Roy Charlesworth, a Past Chairman of the Council. Members were also informed of the funeral arrangements.

08 73 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 October 2008 numbered 08 54 - 08 69 inclusive be confirmed.

08 74 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 October 2008 numbered 08 44 - 08 57 inclusive be received and adopted.

08 75 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 October 2008 numbered 08 67 - 08 73 inclusive and on 27 October 2008 numbered 08 74 - 08 86 inclusive be confirmed.

08 76 To receive the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee held on 3 November 2008 numbered 08 10 - 08 16 inclusive be received and adopted.

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As requested by the Committee, the Chairman drew one entry form from all the correct entries submitted. Members were informed of the winner of the Public Clocks Competition, and the Clerk was asked to make arrangements for the presentation of the cheque. Members were informed that a second prize would be sent to the correct entry received from the farthest distance away from the Council's area, which was from Haywards Heath.

08 77 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 3 November 2008 numbered 08 43 - 08 54 inclusive be received and adopted.

In connection with Minute number 08 41(4) - Wolfstones Quarry - Cllr. Cropper reported that although the site had been temporarily vacated, the squatter was back on site. It was agreed that the notice to vacate be served immediately, and that authority be delegated to the Clerk to take such emergency action as is necessary to clear the site and prevent such occupation in the future, once the site had been vacated. This is in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, and the Council's Financial Regulations.

08 78 To receive the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 10 November 2008 numbered 08 08 - 08 15 inclusive be received and adopted.

08 79 Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the payment of accounts for October 2008 totalling £9,884.24 be approved.

Members also authorised the early payment of two cheques, one as agreed to Cafe 100, and for the payment of poppy wreaths, as agreed previously, and the Clerk was asked to issue these two cheques as soon as possible.

08 80 Request to consult with Parish Council

Members considered the proposed response prepared by the Working Party in response to the Kirklees Community Governance Review. Cllr. Kaye wished to thank all the Members who had contributed to this response for their time and effort.

It was also queried whether all Councils should be circulated with a copy of this submission. The Clerk agreed to check with other Councils about whether this would be desirable.

RESOLVED: That the response as now before the Council be approved and submitted within the due deadline as the Council's response to the Kirklees Community Governance Review.

08 81 Reference from a Committee

As agreed in Minute numbers 08 53(4) and 41 of the Finance and Management Committee, Members considered the appointment of a Committee to manage the day to day administration of the Holme Valley (Graveship of Holme) Land Charity. The Chairman suggested that Councillors interested in serving on such a Committee to indicate their interest to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Dixon indicated his interest in serving on this Committee, but, as had already been discussed, this might present a conflict of interests.

RESOLVED: (1) That Councillors contact the Clerk if they are interested in serving on this Committee
(2) That the Clerk seeks advice in respect of Members serving on this Committee who might have an interest, but also have expertise to offer
(3) That appointments to the Committee be considered again at the next meeting of the full Council
(4) That the Council accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Management Committee to approve the Charitable Scheme as proposed.

The Clerk also indicated that the Council's Legal Advisers had offered to examine and advise on the draft scheme as proposed by the Charity Committee. Members did not feel that it was necessary to incur such expenditure, given the simplicity of the proposed Scheme.

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08 82 Local Area Committees

Members reported on the recent meetings of the Holme Valley North and South Area Committees.

RESOLVED: That the above reports be received, and that an item be placed on a future agenda of the General Purposes Committee to consider the need for parking provision near or adjacent to railway stations on the Penistone Line.

08 83 Representation

(1) Members considered attendance at the following events:

- NALC Leading Member's Lunch - Lincoln - 19 December 2008 - Chairman invited

RESOLVED: That the Chairman should attend this event, if he feels that it would be relevant.

(2) Members received reports of attendance at the recent events, and the Clerk and the Vice Chairman were thanked for their reports and for attending the events.

RESOLVED: That the reports of attendance at the YLCA Course on Chairmanship by the Vice Chairman and by the Clerk at the SLCC National Conference be received and noted.

08 84 Administrative matters

Two Councillors had requested approval of absence from all meetings of the Council and its Committees on medical grounds; one until the end of March 2009, and the other until the end of December 2008.

RESOLVED: (1) That Cllr. R. Oldfield be excused from attendance at all meetings of the Council and its Committees until the end of March 2009, on medical grounds

(2) That Cllr. G. Christofi be excused from attendance at all meetings of the Council and its Committees until the end of December 2008, on medical grounds.

08 85 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