

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 MARCH 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, 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 C M Kaye, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr A R Otterburn, Cllr P Robinson, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

### Public Question Time

No members of the public or press were present.

#### 08 119 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs Bower, Hirst, Oldfield and Mrs B E Smith.

#### 08 120 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).

#### 08 121 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.

#### 08 122 To receive Chairman's report

The Chairman reported on a number of events attended on behalf of the Council, including the Community Breakfast meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Macmillan Cancer Support Group, the quarterly meeting of the Historic Buildings Trust, the Riverside Way Steering Group meeting, Mossley Civic Dinner, Mirfield Civic Dinner and Ripponden Civic Dinner. Members were also informed that Holmfirth Cricket Club was seeking volunteers for its event planned for 4 May 2009.

The Chairman's Civic Luncheon was planned for 10 May 2009, at the Huntsman, Greenfield Road, Holmfirth, and he hoped his fellow Members would support him at his fundraising event.

The Clerk informed the Council of a letter received from Councillor Raymond Oldfield, tendering his resignation from Council. Members were very sad to note his resignation, but accepted his decision with reluctance.

RESOLVED: (1) That Councillor Oldfield's resignation be accepted.

(2) That the Clerk be authorised to take the necessary action to find a replacement councillor for the Honley West Ward.

#### 08 123 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 February 2009 numbered 08 102 - 08 118 inclusive be confirmed.

#### 08 124 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 February 2009 numbered 08 229 - 08 241 inclusive, on 23 February 2009 numbered 08 242 - 08 253 inclusive, and on 16 March 2009 numbered 08 254 - 08 266 inclusive be confirmed.

In connection with minute number 08 263, the Clerk had been authorised to invite Members of the Council who were not on the Planning Committee to attend the next meeting, when representatives of

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Tesco would be in attendance to address Members.

### **08 125 To confirm the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee held on 18 February 2009 numbered 08 24 - 08 29 inclusive be received and adopted.

### **08 126 To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 23 February 2009 numbered 08 28 - 08 34 inclusive be received and adopted.

### **08 127 To receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 2 March 2009 numbered 08 87 - 08 101 inclusive be received and adopted.

Minute number 08 91(7) - The Clerk was asked to follow up a number of complaints about the cafe and play area operating at Holmfirth market (Thursdays), through Kirklees Council.

Minute number 08 91(9) - Members noted that the paths in the People's Park had now been completed.

Minute number 08 95 - Cllr Mrs Roberts expressed concern about the suggestion to plant vegetables in public planters, which would be open to theft.

### **08 128 To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 9 March 2009 numbered 08 80 - 08 93 inclusive be received and adopted.

Minute number 08 86 - On behalf of the Holme Valley Brass Band Contest, Cllr Otterburn thanked the Council for its generosity in providing this financial support.

### **08 129 To receive the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 17 March 2009 numbered 08 16 - 08 24 inclusive be received and adopted.

Minute number 08 21 - The Clerk had circulated an amended report, with explanatory information to accompany the Minutes. Members supported the move to a bi-monthly cycle, with consequent changes to Standing Orders and more powers of delegation to committee, but noted that all policy decisions would be made by full Council. At the Annual Council Meeting, the Council would need to decide on its remit to delegate powers, within the budget, and future minutes would need to state those made using delegated powers.

RESOLVED: That the move to a bi-monthly cycle be accepted, for a 12 months' trial period, and the proposed meeting dates noted.

### **08 130 Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED: That the payment of accounts for February 2009 totalling £9,945.26 be approved.

### **08 131 Request to consult with Parish Council**

(1) Kirklees Community Governance Review - The Clerk had circulated the Council's submission, as proposed by the Strategy and Policy Committee.

RESOLVED: That the online submission as proposed be approved.

(2) Local Development Framework - Members of the Working Party had considered a possible submission by the Council, but due to the tight deadline of 3 April 2009, it was agreed that the Planning Committee should formulate and complete the submission.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee be authorised to formulate the Council's response to the LDF Consultation, for submission by the Clerk by the due date.

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### 08 132 Administrative matters

(1) Tidy Trader Competition: The item was to be considered on the agenda for the next Holme Valley North Area Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: (i) That Cllrs Cropper and Mrs Walker be appointed judges for the Holme Valley South area, and Cllrs Bailey and Kaye for the Holme Valley North area, for the Tidy Trader Competitions in 2009.

(ii) That the Clerk should ask Kirklees Council to provide more notice of when the competition judging is to take place.

(2) NALC/SLCC National Salary Award 2008-09: Members noted the final amount agreed after Arbitration, backdated to April 2008.

RESOLVED: That the above be approved.

### 08 133 Local Area Committees

Holme Valley North Area Committee: Members indicated the issues discussed at the last meeting, including housing developments in Honley and parking on pavements.

Holme Valley South Area Committee: Issues discussed at the last meeting included policing and community safety, parking on pavements, the results of the feasibility study conducted at Sovereign crossroads, Uppertong Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme, the LDF, Community Governance Review, and proposed parking in Holme Village.

RESOLVED: That the above reports be received.

With regard to the results of the feasibility study conducted at Sovereign crossroads, it was suggested that an officer from Kirklees Highway Services be invited to attend a future meeting. The General Purposes Committee was asked to consider this suggestion.

### 08 134 Representation

(1) Members considered attendance at the following events:

(i) Civic reception - 12 May 2009 at 7 pm - Town Hall, Huddersfield. If any Member wishes to take up the fourth available place, they should contact the Clerk.

(ii) Westminster Briefing Conference - Developing the Role of the Third Sector in Public Services - 25 June 2009.

(iii) Members were also informed of an event being held to celebrate a project by children at Holmfirth J & I School on the "Holmfirth Tiger". All councillors were invited to attend.

RESOLVED: (i) That Cllrs Bellamy, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Walker be authorised to attend the Civic Reception.

(ii) That details of the Westminster Briefing Conference be noted.

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

- Holmfirth Community Breakfast - Cllr T Bellamy

- Councillor Training Skills - 23 February 2009 - Cllr T Dearnley

- SLCC Practitioners' Conference - 27- 28 February 2009 - Administrative Support Officer - report circulated

- SLCC West Yorkshire Branch Training Day - 13 March 2009 - Cllr C M Kaye

- West Yorkshire Rural Transport Conference - 18 March 2009 - Cllr L Bailey

- YLCA South Pennine Branch meeting - 18 March 2009 - Clerk

RESOLVED: (i) That an item be placed on a future agenda for the Finance and Management Committee to consider the training of at least 80% of councillors on the Power of Well Being.

(ii) That the above reports be received and noted, and the Councillors and Officers thanked for their attendance at the events.

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**08 135 To appoint Vice Chairman Elect**

Nominations were invited for the appointment of the Vice Chairman Elect for the civic year 2009-2010, deferred from the last Council meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Otterburn, seconded by Cllr Bailey and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Rhona Bratt be nominated Vice Chairman Elect for the Civic Year 2009-10.

**08 136 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**