

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J M Osborn

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors D Firth, Mrs D Hall and A Otterburn.

08 44 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None were given.

08 45 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

It was agreed that item 13 on the Agenda - Closed Churchyards - should be taken in private session owing to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

08 46 Youth facilities

Café 100: Mrs L Whitaker and Mrs H Cave, representatives of Café 100, and Dr A Williams, headteacher of Holmfirth High School, were welcomed to the meeting, to update members on the current situation. Café 100 which opened 8 years ago, currently provides a facility for 11-18 year olds in the Parish, but a lack of funding meant that the facility could be forced to close. Café 100 was looking to secure funding to cover fees for two part-time youth workers. Members agreed to support the facility with an immediate financial contribution of £1,500, but would also consider a longer-term commitment for the next two or three years in addition.

RESOLVED: (1) That the support of the Strategy and Policy Committee be sought to fund this contribution from the new Initiatives Budget.

(2) That discussion of future budget provision be included in the Committee's budget planning for 2009-10.

Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Cave and Dr Williams were thanked for their attendance at the meeting. They all left the meeting after this item.

08 47 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2008 numbered 08 29 - 08 43 inclusive be received and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

08 48 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

(1) Diversion of Public Footpath, Holmfirth 34, Bank End Knoll, Brockholes - Minute numbers 08 07 and 08 34 refer: The Clerk reported that the proposed meeting between Kirklees Planning and Highways Committee had not yet taken place; Councillor Bailey supplied further information on the blockages and the lack of signage for this footpath. It was agreed that this information should be relayed to Kirklees Council for consideration at the meeting whenever it takes place.

(2) Public Footpath Holmfirth 227 - New Mill Road to Hagg Wood: Noted that this was an unopposed order.

(3) H8/H9 bus service - Minute number 08 32 refers: Residents had been contacted by Kirklees Council Cabinet Member to promote use of this service.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

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08 49 Transport matters

- (1) Kirklees Passenger Consultative Committee - 8 October 2008
- (2) West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership (Kirklees) - 17 October 2008

RESOLVED: That availability of the above papers be noted, and a report of the meeting of the West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership be received.

08 50 Complaints Procedure

(1) Maintenance or replacement of equipment at play areas: Kirklees Council had confirmed that the play areas at Hade Edge and Netherthong would be refurbished in the next few years, with safety checks on equipment being carried out regularly in the meantime. It was also reported that the play area at Wooldale would be refurbished by the end of the current financial year.

(2) Illegal dumping of manure - Wolfstones - As this was an Awarded Quarry site, it was an issue to be considered by the Finance and Management Committee.

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted.

08 51 Footpaths and Bridleways

- (1) Notes of meeting of Riverside Way Steering Group - 17 September 2008
- (2) Report of special meeting of Public Rights of Way Forum - 25 September 2008

RESOLVED: That the above notes and reports be received.

08 52 Highway matters

Provision of public noticeboards for village centres: The Clerk had not had sufficient time to obtain full costings and would report at the next meeting. It was agreed that a local supplier should be used if at all possible, but subject to costings and design.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would progress this matter in time for the budget meeting.

08 53 Shelters and Seats

(1) Proposal for memorial plaque: Members considered the request for an additional or replacement plaque on the seat at Wards Bank, off Cartworth Road, Holmfirth.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the donor of the original seat to confirm the Council's agreement for an additional or replacement plaque to be placed on the seat, in memory of her father.

(2) Proposal for memorial seat and plaque - Riverside Way, Digley: Members considered the request for the provision of a memorial seat and plaque, which would replace an existing seat.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the resident to confirm the Council's agreement that a seat and plaque could be provided by the resident, but that the normal donation of £100 to the Council's seat maintenance programme should be waived in recognition of Mr Stanley Hunter's many contributions to the Holme Valley.

(3) Request for public seat in Hinchliffe Mill: Members considered the request and the suggested location for a new seat in Hinchliffe Mill.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the contractor to site a seat currently held in stock at the agreed location, opposite St Thomas' Square, at the top of Old Road.

(4) Bus shelter - Holmbridge cricket ground: The Clerk reported on the damage caused by stormy weather and the repair work carried out by the contractor.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

08 54 Recreation Grounds

Request for provision of a new play area in Upperthong: The Clerk reported that the local school could not support the proposal to site a new play area in its playground. Although no progress had been made on approaches to other landowners in the area, Ward Councillors were still pursuing further suggested sites.

RESOLVED: That investigations continue into identifying a suitable site for a play area in Upperthong.

08 55 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the business of this Committee to be now transacted be not open to the public and press on the grounds that the matters to be disclosed are of a confidential nature (agenda item 13 - Closed Churchyards).

08 56 Closed Churchyards

Repair of wall - Christ Church, New Mill: Members considered various estimates for undertaking this repair.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk should write to the Churchwarden to request that they should now remove the tree complete with its roots (as previously agreed), having ascertained that there is no Tree Preservation Order in place on this tree to prevent its removal.

(2) That the Clerk should write to the successful contractor to ask him to carry out the repair work, following removal of the tree by the Parochial Church Council.

08 57 Freedom of Information Act 2000 - to agree what information will be made available to the public

RESOLVED: That, under 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