

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J M Osborn

Vice-Chairman : Cllr D M Firth

Councillors : Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr Mrs D Hall, Cllr A R Otterburn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

1 member of the public was present.

Before opening the meeting, Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Michael Bower, Past Chairman of the Council.

### **To accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Bailey and Bellamy.

Cllr Bratt was present as an observer.

### **08 03 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None were declared.

### **08 04 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.

As Mr Holt from Metro was in attendance, the meeting agreed that item 7 of the Agenda should be moved forward.

### **08 05 Transport issues**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Neil Holt of West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, who updated the Council on the Holme Valley bus services in general since the revised timetables and service changes. Members welcomed the information that service H8/H9 will continue to run for a further 6 months, jointly funded by Kirklees Council, Metro and the developer of the retirement housing behind the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital, but noted that this would be on a "Use it or lose it" basis. This service would provide a bus to Holme Valley Memorial Hospital every 30 minutes, with a bus stop provided behind the hospital, near to the flats.

Members' support was sought to raise the profile of the services, particularly for H8/H9 and the new route to serve the Hospital site. Members agreed that the new timetables and information would be publicised on the Council's website as soon as accurate information was available and again highlighted in the Council's next newsletter.

Temporary changes were also necessary for a two week period in the Hepworth area due to a necessary road closure. It was agreed that information about this would also be placed on the website. This was expected to happen towards the end of July or early August.

RESOLVED: That the revised timetable for service H8/H9 be publicised on the Council's website.

Mr Holt was thanked for his attendance at the meeting, and left the meeting.

### **08 06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 14 April 2008 numbered 07 110 - 07 121 inclusive and dated 19 May 2008 numbered 08 01 - 08 02 be received and adopted as true records of the meetings.

**08 07 Correspondence arising from the Minutes**

(1) Damage to wall - Woodhead Road, Holmbridge - Minute No 07 101(4): Correspondence from Kirklees Council Highways was noted.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk asks the Chairman to visit the site as soon as possible, to assess any progress and to report back to a future meeting.

(2) Smoking litter - Minute No 07 114: Members noted correspondence from a local business.

(3) Diversion of Public Footpath, Holmfirth 34 - Minute No 07 115: Members noted correspondence from Kirklees Highways, who propose to organise a site meeting.

4) The Clerk reported that Mr Terry Jepson had just retired from Kirklees Council as CCTV Manager. He would be replaced, initially temporarily by Mr William Pearson. The Clerk had already sent both Officers the Council's good wishes.

Members also questioned progress relating to the offer of two CCTV cameras and it was agreed that CCTV should be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee, preferably with appropriate Kirklees Officers in attendance.

RESOLVED: (1) That the above information be noted

(2) That CCTV provision be discussed at the next meeting, preferably with the Acting CCTV Manager and a representative of the Antisocial Behaviour Unit present.

**08 08 Complaints Procedure**

(1) Blocked gully at Dunford Road - further cleaning and jetting had been undertaken by Kirklees Highways, but Members noted that road cleaners could not clean close to the kerb due to parked cars.

(2) Litter - Junction of Kirkroyd Lane and Kirklands - Kirklees Community Ranger to remove litter from nearby stream; Environmental Waste to investigate further, but no room on footway for extra litter bin.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to local school headteachers, asking them to encourage pupils to use the litter bins provided.

(3) Street lighting - Underbank Road - referred to Kirklees for response.

(4) Removal of post box - Flush House: This had been referred to Royal Mail for comment, with a request for a replacement, but Members noted that a replacement post box had already been provided, at the other side of the road.

RESOLVED: That the above complaints and actions be noted and authorised.

**08 09 Footpaths and Bridleways**

(1) Holme Valley Riverside Way Steering Group: Notes of the meeting held on 22 April 2008 had been circulated. Members were disappointed at the short notice provided for the walk which took place on 15 March 2008, which resulted in a poor response.

RESOLVED: That the notes of this meeting be received.

(2) Proposed metalled path - Upperthong: Members considered comments from a local resident who wished to remove his support for a petition previously registered, and now wished to register an objection to the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk refer the resident's comments to Kirklees Leisure Services, as this service was in charge of this project.

Cllr T W Dixon left the meeting for another appointment.

**08 10 Sunday Markets**

Cllr Otterburn outlined to the Committee his concerns about the lack of support for the Sunday market held in Towngate, Holmfirth. He felt that such a market should be an attraction both for visitors and local people, and wondered if it would be helpful to discuss with the Kirklees Markets Service how the

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market could be developed.

In discussion, various members commented on the possibility of alternative sites for both markets in Holmfirth.

RESOLVED: That Officers from the Kirklees Markets Service, together with Cllr K Sims, the Cabinet Member responsible for this service, be invited to a future meeting of the General Purposes Committee to discuss longer-term plans for markets in Holmfirth.

### **08 11 Recreational Facilities**

Improvements to People's Park, Honley and new skatepark at Jagger Lane, Honley: Correspondence from Kirklees had been circulated regarding funding for the Skatepark and Phase 1 of the People's Park in Honley; the correspondence indicated that it was planned to go out to tender on these elements in April 2008, and if possible that Phase 2 of the works to the People's Park should be included. There was, however, a funding deficit on this element, and the Parish Council was being asked if it could offer financial assistance for this second phase.

Members felt that works to the Skatepark should be carried out first; a suggestion which had been supported by the Holme Valley North Area Committee.

There was concern that there was no indication given in the correspondence of the total cost of works to the People's Park, nor of what funding had been obtained, leaving such a large deficit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk requests details of the breakdown of the full cost of works to the People's Park, Honley and the funding already promised, leaving the deficit.

### **08 12 Highway matters**

(1) Possibility of providing new footway - Sheffield Road, New Mill: Correspondence between Kirklees Council and local resident had been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted.

(2) Cllr Otterburn asked the Committee to consider the provision of two new public noticeboards for the centres of Holmfirth and Honley. Members had considered this previously and agreed that noticeboards tended to become eye-sores because of vandalism if there was a lack of responsibility for management/maintenance.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be considered further at the next meeting.

### **08 13 Shelters and Seats**

(1) Public Seat - Dean Road, Hepworth: Members noted a quotation for works to improve access to this seat.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken on this quotation at the current time.

(2) Bus Shelter - Bradshaw Road, Honley: Members considered action to alleviate problems at this shelter. The Clerk reported that the issue had already been reported to the Kirklees Neighbourhood Management Group.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk also refers this to Inspector Trueman for action.

(3) Bus Shelter - Muslin Hall, New Mill Road: The Clerk reported that legal advice had been sought on the late submission of an invoice from Kirklees invoice, for the removal of graffiti in 2006. A breakdown of costs had been requested from Kirklees, but not received.

RESOLVED: That the Kirklees Ward Councillor would investigate the matter further, and report back.

(4) Future frequency of cleaning of stone shelters following transfer of other shelters to WYPTE: It was felt that once the transfer had taken place, it would be useful if stone shelters were cleaned fortnightly, rather than monthly, but that this should be considered again once transfer details have been confirmed.

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RESOLVED: That the frequency of cleaning stone shelters be considered again at a future meeting.

(5) Transfer of shelters to WYPTE: The Clerk reported that WYPTE had requested a schedule of shelters to be transferred, but she had yet to compile this.

RESOLVED: That, after consultation with Members, the Clerk should produce a schedule of the cantilever shelters for the next meeting, prior to forwarding to WYPTE.

**08 14 Tidy Trader Award**

Tidy Trader Competition 2008: Although it was too late for this year's competition, Members agreed that discussions with Kirklees should be initiated now for next year, with a proposal to extend the scheme to cover Honley, as well as Holmfirth, and to explore the idea of categories for entries.

RESOLVED: (1) That the judges for this year's competition be Cllr Cropper and Cllr Mrs Walker  
(2) That the Clerk contacts Kirklees to ask for dates for judging.

**08 15 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**