

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY HELD ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr T Bellamy

Councillors : Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr J M Greenwood, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

To accept Apologies for absence

None were received. Cllr R P Dixon apologised for his late arrival.

Cllr Mrs Bratt was present at the meeting as an observer.

08 25 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr C M Kaye and Mrs S S Barber, Administrative Support Officer, declared personal interests in item 6 of the agenda relating to Honley Show in that they were both members of the Honley Show Society.

08 26 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 27 To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2009 - numbered 08 16 - 08 24 inclusive be received and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

Minute number 08 21 - Members noted that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 1 June 2009, when the Council Offices would be in use for preparation for the European Elections, would now be held on 8 June 2009.

08 28 Scheme of Delegation

Minute number 08 21 refers: In line with the proposal to move to a bi-monthly cycle of meetings, and having taken advice, the Clerk had produced a possible scheme of delegation. Subject to a number of minor changes to the wording, Members agreed that the proposed scheme should be recommended to Council for adoption.

The Clerk was thanked for her work in producing an excellent document.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to make the agreed modifications to the proposed scheme of Delegation, which would be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council for adoption.

As the move to a bi-monthly cycle of meetings was for a trial period, this change in cycle and delegation of powers would be reviewed towards the end of the period to see if such changes had achieved the desired results.

08 29 Communication and Representation at Community Events

The Clerk reported on the meeting held with the Clerk of Kirkburton Parish Council to plan the joint attendance at the Honley Show on 13 June 2009. A check-list was being produced, giving details of responsibilities and deadlines, and the necessary equipment would be purchased as approved. Although Members agreed that ownership (and therefore control of use) of the equipment would be the Council's, the cost of some of the additional equipment and marketing/promotional materials could be shared between the two parishes; Kirkburton Parish Council hoped to use the equipment at Emley Show in August, when they attend with Denby Dale Parish Council, who would also be asked for a contribution towards the costs, if they wished to borrow any of the equipment in the future.

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The next meeting of the Working Party would be held on 11 May 2009 at 2pm, to be attended by a Councillor in whose ward the event takes place (i.e. Honley - representative still to be nominated), Cllr Mrs Bratt (as representative of the Publications & Communications Committee) and Cllr Bellamy (as representative of the Strategy & Policy Committee) - as agreed at the previous Strategy & Policy Committee (Minute number 08 20 refers).

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk would contact Ward Councillors for the Honley area, to arrange representation at the next meeting.

(2) That the further arrangements relating to Honley Show be approved.

(3) That Members should pursue the matter of a share of appropriate costs with Kirkburton Parish Council at the meeting of the Working Party.

08 30 To consider provision or requests for information

(1) South Pennines Leader Programme Together - Todmorden Town Hall, 29 April 2009: No member attendance, but Clerk to request feedback after the event.

(2) Equality and Human Rights Commission - information relating to Public Sector Duties under forthcoming Equality Bill:

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted.

(3) Request for information re research project and allied planning application: Following the request for information from a research student, Members agreed that it would not be appropriate at the moment, to release information as requested, but that he could be forwarded contact details as requested. Information once in the public domain would be available to him under normal procedures.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the student to that effect.

In respect of the many letters, emails and telephone communications received, both for and against the proposed Tesco application, Members agreed that no further action should be taken pending receipt and commenting on the planning application.

It was agreed that the possibility of working with University of Huddersfield on a number of business research projects should be considered.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should include the item on the next agenda.

08 31 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 be made available for any items within the public session of the meeting, if requested, after approval of the minutes by the full Council.

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Chairman