

Developing Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) Strategic Priorities To Support Our Local Community, Economy and Environment

- 1.0 HVPC is a large parish council which covers the administrative area of the Holme Valley, serving nearly 30,000 people. Its Full Council delegates responsibilities to seven committees: Finance & Management, Community Asset Support, Service Provision, Planning, Climate Emergency, Publications & Communications and Staffing.
- 2.0 Its main aim is to improve the quality of life of its residents and its 23 councillors are elected representatives of the 12 wards. Some key elements of achieving this are shown below.



- 3.0 HVPC has published two documents in the last year which specify visions of the future up to 2030:
- 3.1 Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) (Submission version June 2020)
“The Holme Valley of the future will continue to be a beautiful rural landscape, offering safe environments for wildlife and celebrating its culture, heritage and splendour for the benefit of local people and visitors.”
- 3.2 Holme Valley Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) (February 2020)
“Holme Valley Parish Council pledged the Parish to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030, in order to help in making our planet safer for ourselves, our children and future generations.”

These documents contain a series of practical actions to support achieving these visions which are summarised below and provided in full in the Appendices. Both documents reinforce some key priorities for the Council looking ahead to 2030 and clearly recognise the need to work with partners to achieve the visions. They are not the only source of priorities but do provide a range of clear aims.

Aim	NDP	CEAP
Supporting our local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting economic activity and development in Holmfirth and Honley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support local economy including tourism & festivals Promotion of local producers
Valuing our community assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting and enhancing local community facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade our community assets to make them greener (renewable energy etc)
Recognising our	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving & enhancing our heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve heritage through adaptation

heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of design codes for shop fronts 	& sustainable usage
Supporting high quality homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting sustainable high quality homes for the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on energy-efficiency of all homes & availability of renewable electricity
Encouraging sustainability & protecting wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting sustainability • Support community re-use and recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sustainable land use • Support community re-use & recycling • Investigate opportunity for more allotments
Encouraging sustainable communities & environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuing landscape & built character of the HV • Encourage life-long learning & opportunities for participation in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better infrastructure for walking & cycling • Encouraging use of public transport
Working with partners in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with relevant bodies to achieve actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build engagement & communications with the key stakeholders in our community

4.0 Using these two key documents and our existing responsibilities and services, it is possible to identify specific priorities which we can seek to support through all our committees’ work. Each committee retains its own budget and vital independent decision-making role but having strategic HVPC wide priorities will provide greater clarity for councillors and help each committee to focus on its future delivery in a more proactive way. More importantly it will give our community a better understanding of what we seek to deliver for them and how and why we spend the money raised from them.

5.0 **The overarching themes identified are Community, Economy and Environment.** The following graphic shows the proposed priorities beneath these and examples of associated actions.

Value community assets & services	Build community resilience	Support the local economy	Champion local democracy	Improve our environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide grants to help long term sustainability of valued assets & wider community use • Champion use of public transport • Support directly owned assets to reduce carbon footprint • Provide & sustain infrastructure to support community use (benches, shelters, phone boxes, toilets etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community led initiatives to address local need • Support cultural activities • Build partnerships with local delivery organisations so support all ages & needs addressed • Encourage mixed & affordable housing • Build pride in a Holme Valley identity through sharing ideas with wider partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support festivals & events for locals & tourists • Celebrate local producers & suppliers by encouraging local spending • Champion Holme Valley identity • Build partnerships to support thriving villages & centres in Holmfirth & Honley • Support, protect and enhance appreciation of local heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of HVPC's role • Develop database of local groups to expand reach and identify gaps • Represent / share local views with wider partners • Facilitate community engagement for other agencies • Provide seed funding to facilitate access to other sources for larger initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support improvement of public spaces & access for all • Encourage pedestrian & cycle friendly initiatives • Celebrate our natural landscape & encourage greater access for all ages • Champion initiatives to achieve zero carbon • Encourage biodiversity & green spaces

6.0 **Adopting the five priorities suggested above could provide a strategic framework for all HVPC activities so each committee can consider how it can best contribute to the Parish Council’s focus on its local community, economy and environment. This should assist in progressing the more detailed actions within the NDP and CEAP and help committees support eachother’s responsibilities and look ahead at how they can most effectively deliver for our local community in the Holme Valley. These priorities would be published and widely shared. We cannot deliver on these priorities alone but they provide a structure and vision for working together with our community and wider partners.**

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): vision, objectives & policies
(as per the Submission Plan to be reviewed by the Independent Examiner early 2021)



PLANNING POLICIES

1. Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Holme Valley
2. Protecting and enhancing the built character of the Holme Valley and promoting high quality design
3. Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets
4. Design Codes for high quality shop fronts and advertisements
5. Promoting high quality public realm and improvements to gateways and highways
6. Building homes for the future
7. Supporting economic activity
8. Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres
9. Protecting and enhancing local community facilities
10. Protecting local green space
11. Improving transport, accessibility and local infrastructure
12. Promoting sustainability
13. Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain
14. Focusing developer contributions on local priorities.

The planning policies detail specific planning considerations in the Holme Valley but they are accompanied by non-planning issues which are important concerns identified by the community. They are publicly declared actions HVPC has said it will progress and it should be noted that many are those where HVPC will work with other bodies eg. Kirklees Council as HVPC can influence rather than directly drive the outcomes identified.

These actions are listed below with an indication of which committees would lead on addressing them.

Holme Valley Parish Actions 1

1. To prepare a design handbook with specification of acceptable styles which merge with the local style. This may include examples of what is not acceptable such as out of proportion, window layout etc. This applies to both new build and renovation projects. **PLANNING**
2. To encourage Kirklees to produce and implement Conservation Area Appraisals and Conservation Area Management Plans which illustrate the vernacular design for specific areas that should be reflected in new development. **PLANNING**
3. To encourage enforcement where appropriate within the Conservation Areas. **PLANNING**

Holme Valley Parish Actions 2

The Parish Council will work with the relevant bodies to:

1. Develop a list of non-designated heritage assets building on the suggested sites in Honley from the Honley Civic Society and initial list of key buildings identified in Holmfirth by the Holmfirth Conservation Group in accordance with Historic England's advice note to put forward to Kirklees Council as part of a Local List of Key buildings. Both lists are provided in Appendix 2. **PLANNING**
2. Recommend that any changes to reservoir designs (walls, spillways etc.) be done in a sympathetic way to the local environment, using local materials. **PLANNING**
3. Support community purchases and development where a heritage asset becomes structurally unsafe for use and encourage community ownership of locally important buildings. **CASC**
4. Support the provision of workshops and or advice to owners of heritage assets possibly through community groups. **PLANNING & FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**
5. Promote and support the adoption of community assets and any redevelopment in sympathetic and financially viable ways. **CASC**
6. Where an Article 4 Direction is in place, the Parish Council will work with Kirklees Council and local stakeholders to protect designated and non-designated heritage assets from harmful change. **PLANNING**
7. The Parish Council will work with Kirklees Council to identify potential Heritage Action Zones in the Neighbourhood Area such as Holmfirth Town Centre. **PLANNING & FULL COUNCIL**

Holme Valley Parish Actions 3

1. To ensure that any new or replaced street furniture such as lighting columns, street-signs, benches and litter bins are designed in a coordinated style which enhances their appearance. This does not preclude allowing bespoke designs to be considered to reflect the character of specific location. This will create a more consistent appearance to street furniture suited to the area concerned. **SERVICE PROVISION**
2. To ensure that overhead wiring and road signage within the public realm is installed in a manner which reflects the town or village's character. Redundant electrical infrastructure or signage should be removed to reduce visual pollution associated with new installations. **SERVICE PROVISION**
3. To ensure that opportunities to develop out-of-sight storage for trade waste bins for existing premises are pursued to reduce unsightly clutter on the public highway. **SERVICE PROVISION**
4. To work with traders and shop keepers to discourage the use of A-boards and clutter to keep routes clear for people who may have mobility or visual issues, or for parents with children in buggies. **SERVICE PROVISION**
5. To work with Kirklees Council to identify and promote more sustainable approaches to waste management in the Holme Valley which support a hierarchy of reduction, re-use and re-cycling. The provision of more effective recycling and waste facilities will be supported. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Holme Valley Parish Actions 4

1. Holme Valley Parish Council will support place-making initiatives seeking to build both community and economic value from our unique heritage and environment. **FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**

2. The Parish Council will work with local businesses and Kirklees Council to manage opening hours and control litter. **SERVICE PROVISION**

Holme Valley Parish Actions 5

Holme Valley Parish Council will work with the relevant bodies to:

- Ensure easy access to good quality education for children and adults. **CASC & FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**
- Encourage life-long learning by encouraging opportunities for active citizenship, volunteering and participation in the community. **FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**
- Increase the appreciation and understanding of the environment, the arts and the Valley's cultural and industrial heritage. **FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**
- Ensure sufficient health and care facilities are provided to cope with demand and the infrastructure is in place to support the delivery of modern health and social care services, for example improving telecommunication systems to support tele-medicine. **CASC & FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**

Holme Valley Parish Actions 6

Holme Valley Parish Council will work with the relevant bodies to:

Traffic Management PLANNING

- Implement speed limits and traffic calming measures in town and village centres and around schools and homes of vulnerable people.
- Implement management of traffic at peak times, particularly around schools and places of employment with one-way systems or drop-off zones considered.
- Work with Kirklees on any future road improvement schemes in Holmfirth to ensure proposals enhance place-making alongside traffic flow.
- Share local proposals concerning traffic management on Victoria Street/ Dunford Road / Station Road/ Hollowgate with Kirklees.
- Work with local residents in villages such as Hade Edge where revised layouts of the road network may improve highways safety.
- Introduce restrictions to HGV access on particular routes and discourage the use of Holmfirth as a diversion for HGVs off trunk roads.
- Support proposals to create 20mph speed limits in residential areas.
- Ensure limited use of warning signs such as dangerous junctions, roads impassable to heavy vehicles or appropriate weight limits with designs being appropriate to the location.
- Introduce and enforce time zones for deliveries in Holmfirth and Honley
- Liaise with other bodies in addition to Kirklees Council regarding the impact improvement works to the Woodhead Pass and the proposed Trans-Pennine motorway will have on the Valley.
- Consider the introduction of "priority passing/give way" calming measures on narrow rural roads
- Ensure that new housing and industrial developments do not exacerbate existing congestion areas, including the centres of New Mill and Holmfirth, and at Honley Bridge.
- Consider local identification and designation of "Green Lanes"¹ as shared spaces on popular horse riding, walking and cycling routes.

Public Transport SERVICE PROVISION & CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- Ensure that access means accessible to all regardless of age, ability and cultural background, and eliminating unnecessary barriers.
- Explore opportunities to reduce traffic in town and village centres to improve air quality and health.
- Support proposals to increase the use of shared cars, buses, trains and cycling.

¹ Green Lanes are roads designated as priority for pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders and may have a lower speed limit.

- Ensure good quality public transport is maintained, with subsidies considered where appropriate to support local connectivity with smaller rural villages across the Valley.
- Support initiatives by the Penistone Line Partnership and others to encourage and enable the greater use of rail travel, to improve the route between Huddersfield, Sheffield and further afield.
- Investigate the feasibility of renaming Brockholes railway station “Brockholes and Holmfirth” and providing a linked shuttle bus service to Holmfirth town centre
- Encourage better bus/train connectivity to link villages across the valley with train services and support strategic actions to improve parking and facilities at Honley and Brockholes stations.
- The provision of taxi-ranks to support the use of taxis as an alternative means of transport will be supported as long as they align with the other policies in the NDP regarding fitting with the local character and avoiding any noise pollution from idling engines.

Sustainable Transport SERVICE PROVISION & CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- Promote infrastructure such as charging points to increase the use of electric vehicles.
- Encourage the introduction of electric buses and taxis in the area to improve air quality.
- Develop pathways for safer cycling and walking, subject to landowner permissions for access using natural conduits such as the River Holme and maintain existing pedestrian, bridleway and cycle routes.

Parking Provision SERVICE PROVISION

- Investigate the feasibility of providing suitable parking on the edge of Holmfirth to accommodate a “Park and Ride” service.
- Explore innovative ways of creating additional parking in specific areas lacking sufficient provision such as the de-consecration of part of a churchyard, rental of drives in the daytime or use of private land for specific events.

Holme Valley Parish Council Actions 7

- The Parish Council will encourage awareness of a sustainable way of life and the purchase of goods which will last for life, and discourage a throwaway society through effective design, appropriate waste management facilities and education initiatives. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**
- The Parish Council will consider the provision of a free water fountain in Holmfirth to encourage the re-use of drinking bottles. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**
- The Parish Council will seek to engage with local environmental groups to explore how they can best support their initiatives to increase biodiversity and increase local understanding and appreciation of the natural environment. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**
- The Parish Council will encourage proposals to increase the level of recycling of waste. Retail developments must demonstrate how they will manage and reduce their waste in planning statements or other supporting documents. These should include proposals to support the principle of plastic free living. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Appendix 2 – Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP): key actions summary

On 25th March 2019, the Holme Valley Parish Council passed a motion which pledged the Parish to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030, in order to help in making our planet safer for ourselves, our children and future generations. The Parish Council has developed this Climate Emergency Plan to work together with our community and other levels of government to achieve this aim. This was published in February 2020.

The average carbon emissions of the people in the Holme Valley parish are about 7 tonnes of carbon dioxide per person per year, (based on tonnes CO₂e equivalent in 2017). This is the average carbon footprint for residents, businesses and the community as a whole. This equates to **carbon emission of the Holme Valley Parish of about 180,000 tonnes per year.**

Our goals with the Plan are to:

- ✓ Inform, educate and change behaviours of residents, businesses and the wider community, in order to take the actions needed.
- ✓ Work towards a safe climate by radically reducing greenhouse gas emissions and becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- ✓ Build resilience within our community to counter the adverse impacts of climate change.

The Climate Emergency Action Plan includes key areas for the Valley to become Carbon Neutral with net zero carbon emissions and will require:

- ✓ Our homes and businesses to be dramatically more energy-efficient, with carbon-free heating sources.
- ✓ 100% clean electricity grid energy and more renewable energy generation within the Holme Valley.
- ✓ Ending our reliance on fossil-fuelled personal cars and goods vehicles, with more shared transport and fewer journeys.
- ✓ Healthier lifestyles based on locally grown food, less red meat, more walking & cycling and a sustainable local farming economy.
- ✓ Significant planting of woodland, restoration of our peatlands, preservation of green spaces and the maintenance of biodiversity in our flora and fauna.
- ✓ Working together as community residents, businesses, community organisations and all levels of government to respond to the Climate Emergency.

Holme Valley Parish Council will work with other councils and organisations to show what is possible at the local level. Some of the largest changes, such as decarbonising our domestic energy and transport sectors by moving to 100% clean energy generation and leaving fossil fuels in the ground, will require concerted action at all levels of government, both local and national. We will build support for this action in our local area and work with community groups and Kirklees Council to advocate for change at higher levels of government.

1 *Climate Emergency mobilisation*

Action is needed to avert the impact of climate change, and its impact on the lives of our community, as well as other part of the UK and the world. The Holme Valley Parish Council will seek to mobilise the community to respond to the Climate Emergency and will:

Show leadership - the scale and speed of transformation needed to change our energy markets, our economy, our legislation, and our behaviour in order to reduce carbon emissions, requires leadership at local, national and global levels. For our part, the Holme Valley Parish Council will:

- ✓ Engage and partner with other organisations to mobilise local and central government to declare and act on the Climate Emergency to meet the goals of this Climate Emergency Action plan
- ✓ Support our local community organisations to engage and take action on the Climate Emergency
- ✓ Report back on our actions and key achievements.

Build engagement and communications with the key stakeholders involved with our community, e.g. residents, community organisations, businesses, Kirklees Council, and central government. The Holme Valley Parish Council will:

- ✓ Provide information and advocacy through public meetings, events, newsletters, social media and Council website
- ✓ Build relationships and partner with local community organisations, businesses and Kirklees Council to further our Action Plan.

Strengthen resilience of the community for dealing with economic, social and extreme environmental change. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Seek a shared community vision of the challenges facing us with the Climate Emergency and the actions proposed, through meetings, events, website, social media etc.
- ✓ Strengthen our community identity and social cohesion, by building our Holme Valley brand, promoting our strengths and values etc.
- ✓ Build community capacity (knowledge-sharing, skills and networks) to carry out the actions proposed.

2 Energy – 41% of Holme Valley Parish carbon emissions

Our major challenge is to reduce and decarbonise our domestic energy consumption, by switching to clean fuels for heating and lighting, and by transforming our local buildings and infrastructure to be more energy efficient and fit for the future. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Encourage residents and business to change behaviours and use less energy
- ✓ Promote the retrofitting of existing housing stock (80% of 2050 homes) to make homes more energy-efficient, including insulation, draught-proofing, efficient heating/cooling systems and ‘smart’ controls.
- ✓ Ensure new buildings (20% of 2050 homes) are built to high environmental and energy-efficiency standards, through the planning process and the Local and Neighbourhood Plans.
- ✓ Support local businesses and industry to be energy-efficient and sustainable.
- ✓ Support the changeover of our street lighting and other public facilities to energy-efficient LED lighting.
- ✓ Explore how residents can purchase renewable electricity on a communal basis and can access communal district heating networks.
- ✓ Urge the government to power up renewables so that 100% of grid electricity is clean energy as soon as possible.
- ✓ Urge the government to phase out natural gas use for all domestic heating boilers and plan for switching to clean fuel sources for heating our buildings, such as renewable electricity, hydrogen, biofuels or heat pumps.
- ✓ Support more renewable energy generation in the Valley, particularly wind energy, solar and ground/air source heating, and to encourage community-led schemes.

3 Transport & Travel – 42% of Holme Valley Parish carbon emissions

The second major challenge is to make the switch to non-fossil fuelled vehicles, such as electric vehicles (EV), to reduce car dependency through better alternative transport services and infrastructure and to reduce our travel journeys. We will:

- ✓ Promote a walking and cycling culture, reducing the need for vehicle transport whilst also improving our health and wellbeing etc, providing pathways, cycle routes and safe parking facilities for bikes, trikes, cargo-bikes and e-bikes
- ✓ Support and facilitate the switch to electric vehicles (EV) and other clean energy vehicles, with dedicated parking and charging point facilities.

- ✓ Promote clean energy public transport, providing local, flexible and public transport services interconnecting our rural areas with transport hubs, using community buses, electric 'uber' style taxis, rickshaw e-bikes etc.
- ✓ Encourage more car-sharing and vehicle-free environments, reclaiming our road space, limiting personal car access, giving preference to walkers, cyclists and providing better access to public shared transport.
- ✓ Encourage residents to reduce air travel, pending clean-energy fuelled aeroplanes coming into service.

4 Food & Agriculture

Current agriculture and food production practices in the modern world have degraded the land, increasing carbon emissions and reduced the land's capacity to store carbon. A transformation in the way the world produces food and manages the land is required if we are to reduce the sector's carbon emissions. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Promote local food growing, local producers, farmers markets and local restaurants, for our local producers to have outlets for their produce, restaurants to use local foods and to encourage residents to 'eat local', whether at home or dining out.
- ✓ Seek sites for more community allotments and community greenhouses to promote all year round growing of local foods, to meet local demand.
- ✓ Encourage healthy personal lifestyles based on maximising use of local produce, with lower red meat and dairy consumption, more fruit and vegetables, to reduce imports of food and to support our local farming economy.
- ✓ Promote sustainable farming practices in the Valley that maximise local food production and restore the carbon storage capacity of our land, such as natural animal raising, natural pest control, permaculture, polyculture and pasture management.

5 Housing & Infrastructure

Despite our ageing housing stock and rural setting, housing demand in the Valley has risen significantly whilst house building has not kept up. A 'perfect storm' is coming, with shortages of both affordable housing for young people and compact quality housing for older people, coinciding with our existing housing stock needing to be retrofitted with energy-efficiency measures to be fit for the future. These challenging issues will have to be addressed so that the Valley community gets the housing it needs for a sustainable low carbon future. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Support the supply of affordable housing in the Valley, including starter homes for the next generation of Valley residents.

- ✓ Support the supply of compact quality housing for older residents which meets their access and mobility needs, thereby releasing larger family homes onto the market.
- ✓ Use its powers under Local and Neighbourhood Development Plans in the planning process, to support development of appropriate housing to suit our community needs.
- ✓ Facilitate access to land and property for community-led affordable housing projects
- ✓ Promote the development of sustainable infrastructure including green space landscaping, sustainable drainage (SUDS), water conservation measures, permeable surfaces and flood protection measures associated with housing and other building developments.

6 Economy & Business

As a rural community within commuting distance of the large conurbations of Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester, the Holme Valley has to work hard to keep its own town centre shops and businesses going – in many similar rural areas around the country their town centres are failing. For a sustainable local economy, the challenge is to ensure sufficient local jobs and businesses to give the opportunity for residents to work locally in the Valley, instead of commuting for work within West Yorkshire and elsewhere, with all the carbon implications this brings. We will:

- ✓ Support local small business opportunities in the growing green business sector
- ✓ Seek to expand local employment and training opportunities as a means of reducing levels of commuting and to encourage young people to stay in the local area.
- ✓ Support local service businesses in the vibrant tourism / entertainment / dining sector
- ✓ Promote better IT and Broadband services in the Valley for home workers
- ✓ Encourage setting up business hubs for local working, with start-up offices, workshops and studios with hot-desking and commercial services facilities
- ✓ Support the establishment of community-led businesses, such as co-operatives, community benefit societies etc, which are supported by their local community and providing local services.
- ✓ Support local festivals and other lifestyle events which stimulate tourism and the local economy, as well as contributing to the character and well-being of the Valley.

7 Waste & Resources

With a natural limit to global resources, our community has to consume less products, produce less waste and recycle more of these waste resources for re-use. As we move to a 'circular economy' where waste become resources, as a community we need to change

our 'throwaway' behaviours in order to reduce our carbon footprint. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Support resource initiatives involving public awareness campaigns, educational action etc. which reduce consumption and wastage and increase recycling and recovery rates,
- ✓ Encourage local businesses to minimise their trade wastes and maximise their resource recycling and recovery rates.
- ✓ Facilitate the reduction in single-use packaging and containers e.g. by providing drinking water fountains in public spaces, to reduce need for plastic water bottles.
- ✓ Encourage local businesses to make recycled end-market products from local wastes, and sell these locally, through initiatives to drive forward a local circular economy within the Valley.
- ✓ Support community re-use and recycling of waste e.g. recycling hubs, repair cafes, cooperative businesses etc.
- ✓ Urge government to enforce the highest levels of resource recovery and to implement their new UK Waste and Resource strategy in the move towards a circular economy for the UK.

8 Environment & Land use

With the realisation of the role that sustainable land use and afforestation plays in reducing carbon, the Valley can offset its carbon emissions by planting more woodland, conserving peatlands and wetlands, restoring grasslands and other changes to farmland and moorland, in order to retain them as carbon sinks and promote biodiversity. The Parish Council will:

- ✓ Encourage the planting and management of more trees and woodlands in our Valley for carbon sequestration (as carbon sinks)
- ✓ Support the restoration and conservation of peatlands and wetlands (bogs) on our moors
- ✓ Support the restoration of agricultural pastures and grasslands in the Valley
- ✓ Promote community gardens, permaculture, wildlife gardens and green spaces
- ✓ Encourage biodiversity of our flora and fauna to protect our pollinators and sustain a natural environment for crop production.
- ✓ Support sustainable land use measures in the Valley that can ensure water conservation, flood protection, and soil erosion protection.