

# Holme Valley Parish Council

To all Members of the Council

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You are hereby summoned by the **Chairman of Holme Valley Parish Council** to attend an **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council** to be held on **MONDAY, 26 June 2021 at 8PM** at **HADE EDGE BAND ROOM, 56 GREAVE ROAD, HADE EDGE, HOLMFIRTH HD9 2AQ** to transact the following business –

## - AGENDA – (A)

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|                | <b>Public Question Time</b>   | <b>8PM</b>    |
|                | Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Council, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to the Council.  |               |
| <b>2122 32</b> | <b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014</b>   | <b>815 PM</b> |
|                | As Local (Parish & Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman to check if anybody wishes to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided. The Officer will be making an audio recording of the meeting for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel. |               |
| <b>2122 33</b> | <b>To accept apologies for absence</b>  | <b>816 PM</b> |
| <b>2122 34</b> | <b>To receive Members interests in items on the agenda and to consider any written requests for new DPI dispensations</b>   | <b>818 PM</b> |
| <b>2122 35</b> | <b>To receive Officer's interests in items on the agenda.</b>   | <b>819 PM</b> |
| <b>2122 36</b> | <b>To consider whether any items on the agenda should be discussed in private.</b>  | <b>820 PM</b> |
| <b>2122 37</b> | <b>To approve the draft Minutes of recent meetings.</b>   | <b>821 PM</b> |
|                | Annual Council Meeting held on 12 July 2021 numbered 2122 09 to 2122 31 incl. <b>(B)</b> . <a href="#">Council Minutes 12 July 2021</a>   |               |
|                | Publications and Communications Standing Committee meeting held on 5 July 2021 numbered 2122 01 to 2122 16 incl. <b>(C)</b> . <a href="#">Pubs and Comms Draft Minutes 12 July 2021</a>   |               |
| <b>2122 38</b> | <b>Schedule of Payments</b>   | <b>822 PM</b> |
|                | To consider approval of new payments in the month-to-date Schedule of Payments for July 2021. <b>(D)</b>  |               |
|                | Members need only to consider the highlighted transactions; others are already approved.  |               |

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## 2122 39 Neighbourhood Plan Update

823 PM

**To Note** that the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan has completed its independent examination and the Examiner has issued his final report containing his modifications.

The Examiner has stated that *"With the modifications in place the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan will meet the Basic Conditions and can proceed to a Referendum."*

The Parish Council's Planning Consultant has made the required modifications and the modified Plan will go to the Peak District National Park Authority's Planning Committee on 6th August and to Kirklees Council's Cabinet on 31st August for their endorsement so that it can go to Referendum. The referendum should take place within 56 days of the Cabinet decision, or a date agreed with Holme Valley Parish Council. It is therefore likely the referendum will be held at the end of October, and this will be the opportunity for residents of the Holme Valley to decide whether to adopt the Plan so its policies thereafter inform local planning decisions.

The Planning Committee will continue to oversee this final stage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and undertake any publicity to inform the residents about the referendum once the modified plan has been endorsed through the local planning authorities, and can be published.

## 2122 40 Yorkshire Motorsport Festival

825 PM

To review the 2021 Yorkshire Motorsport Festival event.

To consider, a report and supporting documentation on the event regarding what the Parish Council can learn from the event that has just taken place and what it needs to do proactively to plan for the future of this event and other similar, large-scale events.

Cllr Bustard to present. **(E1) and supporting documents (E2) (E3) (F)**

To consider complaints regarding the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival and how the Council responds. **(G)**

**Close of Meeting**

900 PM

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chairman and Members only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence. The Council may agree to defer (in whole or part) any items on the Agenda, if necessary.

*Cllr Michael Pogson*

**Chairman**

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# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 AT HADE EDGE BAND ROOM

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr R Hogley

Vice-Chairman: Cllr M Pogson

Members: M Blacka, J Brook, M Bustard, D Carré, P Colling, J Dalton, P Davies, RP Dixon, T Dixon, S East, D Firth, A Wilson.

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk)

### 2021 09 Open Session

Cllr Hogley welcomed everyone present to the Annual Council Meeting in Hade Edge Band Room.

Cllr Hogley welcomed three members of the public who wished to speak during the open session. Three Councillors also spoke as members of the public during the open session.

First to speak were two members of the public who attended as representatives of Honley Show in support of a grant application.

A Councillor spoke as a member of the public about the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival, and asked for Council to convene an extraordinary meeting of Council to discuss this. The speaker said that due process had not be followed when the event was organised. The speaker reported that he had received several complaints which the Council had a responsibility to review.

A Councillor reported as a matter of record that the Parish Council had discussed the Motorsport Festival previously.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held 26 July 2021 after that evening's Planning Committee Meeting.

A second Councillor spoke in support of Hade Edge Band Room but said he was unhappy that provision could not be found for a Council meeting at Holmfirth Civic Hall where we pay rent.

A third Councillor spoke about the proposed erection of an 18m 5G mast in New Mill. The Councillor spoke out against the location of the project, and felt the Council needed to be more assertive in its objections. Furthermore, work could be done to mitigate the visual impact of the mast if it does go ahead.

A local resident then spoke about his concerns regarding the road intersection at Hade Edge opposite the Boshaw Trout pub, and the very slow progress from Kirklees with the traffic management scheme there.

The local resident was invited to report to the next meeting of the Holme Valley Parish Council Planning Committee.

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## 2021 10 Installation of Chairman

In her last act of office, Cllr Hogley asked for nominations for the Chairman of Council for the remainder of the year 2021/22.

Cllr Davies nominated Cllr Pogson as Chairman. Seconded by Councillor Brook.

**RESOLVED: Members voted unanimously to elect Cllr Pogson as Chairman for the remainder of the year 2021/22.**

Cllr Hogley offered her congratulations. Cllr Pogson accepted the chain of office and read out and signed his declaration of acceptance. Cllr Pogson took the Chair and thanked all Members for electing him to the privileged position of Chairman of the Council.

He then thanked the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Hogley, saying she had done a fantastic job and had big shoes to fill, and hoped she would offer support when needed. Cllr Pogson finished by saying he hoped the Council would carry on and do some good work for the people of the Holme Valley.

Cllr Hogley thanked Members for giving her the opportunity to be Chair of Council and said she had very much enjoyed it. She wished Cllr Pogson well in his new role.

Cllr Brook also thanked Cllr Hogley for the tremendous job she had done.

## 2021 11 Installation of Vice Chairman

Cllr Sweeney was proposed for Vice Chairman by Cllr Pogson and Seconded by Cllr Brook.

**RESOLVED by a majority that Cllr J Sweeney be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the 2021/22 year.**

The newly elected Vice Chairman was not present at the meeting so could not be presented with the Vice Chairman's Chain of Office. The Chain would be conferred at the next meeting of Council, where the due ceremony would be carried through.

## 2021 12 To accept apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs K Bellamy, Gould, Greaves, Hall, Lockley, Roberts, Sheard and Sweeney.

**RESOLVED:** The Council approved the apologies.

## 2122 13 Code of Conduct

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the [Kirklees Code of Conduct](#) originally adopted by the Parish Council 16 December 2019.

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## 2122 14 Casual Vacancies – Upperthong and Holmfirth Central Wards

**NOTED:** The Council noted the result of the by-elections held on Thursday, 6 May 2021:

- Mr Mark Bustard was elected to represent the ward of Holmfirth Central.
- Mr Andy Wilson was elected to represent the ward of Upperthong.

The Chairman welcomed them both to the Council and said he looked forward to working with them.

At this point, the Chairman proposed to change the order of the agenda so that the Honley Show grant application could be reviewed.

**RESOLVED:** The proposed change to the order of the agenda was approved.

## 2122 27 Grant Application from Honley Show

Two representatives of Honley Show gave a presentation to accompany their grant application. Members considered the grant application towards the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Centenary Show. The outgoing Chairman of the Publications and Communications Committee said that the application was supported by that Committee.

**RESOLVED:** A grant of £1400 to Honley show to the publication of 5000 event programmes was approved.

Cllr Dalton's asked for his vote against the proposal to be recorded.

Cllr Bustard offered to support the Honley Show with their COVID planning and this was gratefully accepted.

## 2122 15 To approve the recommendation from the Staffing Committee

- 1) **RESOLVED:** Council approved that the Community Assets Support Committee be dissolved and its responsibilities re-distributed.
- 2) **RESOLVED:** Council approved that all grants be managed by the Finance and Management Committee, including regularly occurring grants from Service Provision such as the Holme Valley Transport Scheme and the Valley Minibuses.
- 3) **RESOLVED:** Council approved that all buildings assets be overseen by the Service Provision Committee with associated delegations given to the Clerk, and approval given to the Service Provision to create a new sub-committee or working group to coordinate day-to-day management if desired

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## 2122 16 Standing Orders, Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations

(1) As 2122 15 above was approved, consequently, changes to the Parish Council's Standing Orders needed to be reviewed.

**RESOLVED:** Changes to the Standing Orders pertaining specifically to Sections 4, 19 and 26 were approved.

(2) As 2122 15 above was approved, consequently, changes to the Parish Council's Scheme of Delegation needed to be reviewed.

**RESOLVED:** Changes to the Scheme of Delegation were approved.

**NOTE:** Members noted that this update also includes the decision made at Full Council on 21 June 2021 to give responsibility for the Holme Allotments to the Service Provision Committee. The Scheme of Delegation has been further updated following the resolution at Full Council 14 December 2020 so that 2.2.6 reads that the Clerk can authorise expenditure up to £1000.

(3) **NOTE:** Council noted an update to the Financial Regulations with a similar change to (2) above, namely, to state that the Clerk can authorise expenditure up to £1000.

**RESOLVED:** Changes to the Financial Regulations were approved.

## 2122 17 To appoint Office Holders

Members voted on the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Standing Committees  
The office Holders were elected as follows:

### **Finance and Management Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr P Colling

VICE CHAIRMAN: to be decided at the first committee meeting

### **Planning Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr M Blacka

VICE CHAIRMAN: to be decided at the first committee meeting

### **Publications and Communications Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr J Brook

VICE CHAIRMAN: to be decided at the first committee meeting

### **Service Provision Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr S East

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr D Carré

### **Climate Emergency Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Hogley

VICE CHAIRMAN: to be decided at the first committee meeting

### **Staffing Committee**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Hogley

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr M Pogson

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## 2122 18 To appoint Standing Committees

Councillors had completed their committee preference forms prior to the meeting in accordance with the new Standing Orders.

All preferences were accepted and additionally Cllrs Firth requested to join the Service Provision Committee. Cllr Bustard swapped his choice from Planning to Climate Emergency.

The committee composition for the remainder of the year 2021/22 is therefore as follows. Chairman in **bold**; Deputy in *italic*.

### **The Finance and Management Committee. (10 members)**

Cllr Blacka, Cllr Bustard, **Cllr Colling**, Cllr Davies, Cllr P Dixon, Cllr East, Cllr Greaves, Cllr Hogley, Cllr Pogson, Cllr Sweeney.

### **The Planning Committee (7 members)**

**Cllr Blacka**, ~~Cllr Bustard~~, Cllr Colling, Cllr P Dixon, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Gould, Cllr Hogley, Cllr Wilson. [Cllr Bustard later decided to withdraw from Planning.]

### **The Publications and Communications Committee (4 members)**

**Cllr Brook**, Cllr Bustard, Cllr Hogley, Cllr Lockley.

### **The Service Provision Committee (7 members)**

Cllr Blacka, Cllr Brook, *Cllr Carré*, **Cllr East**, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Firth, Cllr Pogson.

### **The Climate Emergency Committee (7 elected Members)**

Cllr Blacka, Cllr Bustard, Cllr Davies, Cllr Gould, **Cllr Hogley**, Cllr Sheard, Cllr Wilson  
Plus up to 10 co-opted members who will be invited to volunteer again and who will be voted on by elected members at the next meeting.

### **The Staffing Committee (6)** (established after the voting for Office Holders was completed)

Cllr Blacka, Cllr Brook, Cllr Colling, Cllr East, **Cllr Hogley**, Cllr Pogson.

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## 2122 19 Minutes of Council & Committee meetings

1. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21 June 2021, numbered 2122 01 to 2122 08 were approved. [Minutes Extraordinary Council Meeting 21 June 2021](#)
2. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 March 2021, numbered 2021 01 to 2021 05 were approved. [Minutes Annual Parish Meeting 22 March 2021](#)
3. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2021, numbered 2122 51 to 2122 63 were noted. [Minutes Climate Emergency 15 March 2021](#)
4. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2021 numbered 2122 01 to 21 22 11 were approved. [Minutes Climate Emergency 24 May 2021](#)
5. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 April numbered 2122 01 to 2122 18 were noted. [Minutes Planning 12 April 2021](#)
6. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2021 numbered 2122 19 to 2122 35 were noted. [Minutes Planning 17 May 2021](#)
7. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2021 numbered 2122 36 to 2122 51 were noted. [Minutes Planning 7 June 2021](#)
8. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 June 2021 numbered 2122 52 to 2122 64 were approved. [Minutes Planning 28 June 2021](#)
9. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Service Provision Committee Meeting held on 19 April 2021, numbered 2122 01 to 2122 11 were approved. [Minutes Service Provision 19 April 2021](#)
10. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on 26 April 2021 Minute no. 2122 01 to 2122 17 were noted. [Minutes Finance and Management 26 April 2021](#)
11. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2021 numbered 2122 18 to 2122 33 were approved [Minutes Finance and Management 14 June 2021](#)
12. **NOTED:** The Minutes of the Extraordinary Staffing Committee Meeting held on 10 May 2021, numbered 2122 01 to 2122 09 were noted. [Minutes Extraordinary Staffing Committee 10 May 2021](#)
13. **RESOLVED:** The draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 21 June 2021, numbered 2122 10 to 2122 25 were approved. [Minutes Staffing Committee 21 June 2021](#)

## 2122 20 Policy, Procedural & Administrative Matters

A Councillor asked that the Council undertake a thorough review of policies at a later date.

**RESOLVED:** The Council approved the policies described in the List of Policies, complete with the dates on which they were last approved and including the changes to the Standing Orders, Scheme of Delegation and the Financial Regulations in item 2122 16 above.

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**2122 21 To approve the recommendations from the Staffing Committee on 21 June 2021 regarding how to implement the recommendations of the independent external review on the Staff workloads.**

- 1) **RESOLVED:** The Council approved the appointment of an additional member of staff working 10 hours per week from September 2021, on a temporary basis, the exact nature of that post to be defined by the Staffing Committee after a review of Officers' work responsibilities. This extra staffing time would be reviewed by the Staffing Committee on November 15th to consider whether a permanent increase of 10 hours was necessary.
- 2) Chair of Staffing spoke on the historical nature of the Staffing Development Coordinator role, and the changes which were proposed to clarify the role.  
**RESOLVED:** Council approved the new guidelines on the role of the Staffing Performance and Development Lead.

**2021 22 Schedule of Meetings 2021-22**

**RESOLVED:** As agenda item 2122 15 was approved, Members in turn approved an amended Schedule of Meetings for the remainder of Council Year 2021/2022 with the Community Assets Committee taken out. A Councillor asked that amendments to the text at the bottom of the document also reflected the disbanding of the Community Assets Support Committee, and the ending of virtual meetings.

**2122 23 To confirm Representatives to Outside Bodies**

The Council approved the following representatives:

| <b>Outside Body</b>  | <b>Representative(s)<br/>2020-21</b>   |
|--|--|
| Brockholes Village Trust   | Cllr M Pogson  |
| Earnshaw's Foundation Charity  | Cllr K Bellamy   |
| Hall Trust Education Charity   | Cllr K Bellamy   |
| Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust   | Cllr T Bellamy   |
| Holmfirth Conservation Group   | This was deferred to item 2122 24<br>No representation was approved; if the group wanted representation that would be looked at on a later date. |
| Friends of Honley Library CIO  | Cllr S East  |
| Kirklees HV North Ward Forum (formerly Area Committee)   | Cllr S East  |
| Kirklees HV South Ward Forum (formerly Area Committee)   | Cllr D Carré   |
| Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust  | Cllr T Bellamy   |
| Kirklees Rights of Way Forum   | Cllr S East  |
| Peak District National Park Authority – Moors for Future Project                               | Cllr T Bellamy   |
| Peak Park Parishes Forum and Management Committee  | Cllr T Bellamy   |
| Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (both with voting rights) -<br>Past and Present Chairman | Cllr M Pogson<br>Cllr R Hogley   |

## 2122 23 To appoint Authorised Signatories under the Bank Mandates

- (1) HSBC **RESOLVED:** Cllrs T Bellamy, Blacka, Colling, East, Hogley and Pogson were approved to be mandatees of the HSBC accounts, along with the Deputy Clerk/RFO.
- (2) Handelsbanken **RESOLVED:** Cllrs T Bellamy, Blacka, Colling, East, Hogley and Pogson were approved to be mandatees of the HSBC accounts, along with the Deputy Clerk/RFO.
- (3) CCLA **RESOLVED:** Cllrs T Bellamy, Blacka, Colling, East, Hogley and Pogson were approved to be mandatees of the HSBC accounts, along with the Deputy Clerk/RFO.

The Clerk's role as a mandatee would be considered at a later date.

## 2122 24 Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust

To approve trustees to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust.

**RESOLVED:** It was first resolved that trustees would not have to sit on the Service Provision Committee to be a trustee.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Carré and Cllr Colling were approved as trustees of Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust.

Cllr Kath Bellamy was thanked for her longstanding involvement with Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust.

Members considered whether being a member of the Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust represents an 'interest' that prevents taking part in discussion and voting at a Community Assets Support Committee meeting. The former Clerk has sought advice from the Monitoring Officer at Kirklees Council on this matter. Their opinion is that being a trustee of Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust (HCHCT) does not constitute a pecuniary interest and should not prevent that Councillor from discussing the Trust's issues and voting on them at meetings of Council or its Committees.

**RESOLVED:** Council resolved that being a member of the Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust did not represent an 'interest' that prevented taking part in discussion and voting in matters relating to the Civic Hall.

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## Referrals from Community Assets Support Committee:

### 2122 25 Grants to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust

Applications for two grants had been previously brought to Full Council on 22 March 2021. They were not approved by Full Council at that time because 1) no evidence was supplied to CASC of 3 quotations having been received and 2) there was some confusion around why the HCHCT were asking for funds towards a project that had already been considered and funded by the Parish Council in the previous year.

Members reconsidered the award of two grants to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust on the basis of additional information:

- **RESOLVED:** Council approved the award of £30,000 to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust for the new toilet block and renovations of the downstairs area, including the creation of an office and a small room for hire.
- **RESOLVED:** Council approved the award of £10,000 to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust for the replacement of two sets of fire doors in the Large Hall.  
Cllr Dalton and Cllr RP Dixon asked that their vote against this motion be recorded.

### 2122 26 Honley Library

Cllr Davies said that Libraries was part of his cabinet portfolio but he had no prior involvement with the Honley Library negotiations.

**RESOLVED:** Council approved the preparatory heads of terms for the lease of Honley Library to Friends of Honley Library and the outline terms for the granting of a licence to Kirklees Library Service.

**RESOLVED:** Council approved the Heads of Terms for the lease of The Honley library to the Friends of Honley library.

**RESOLVED:** Council approved the licence terms for the Kirklees library service to use the Honley Library which will be under a licence issued by HVPC.

### 2122 28 Public Inquiry regarding the Department for Transport Public Inquiry into Footpath 60 Wolfstones

The Chairman of Planning reported on this item. Members then considered the Parish Council's involvement at the virtual Public Inquiry into Footpath 60 on 24th August 2021. The Inquiry has already received the Parish Council's previous submissions on the matter.

**RESOLVED:** Council approved not attending the virtual Public Inquiry or the pre-Inquiry.

### 2122 29 Schedule of Payments

**RESOLVED:** The Council approved the month-to-date Schedule of Payments for July 2021 to date as received.

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## 2122 30 Publication of Accounts

**NOTED:** Council noted that the Deputy Clerk/RFO had notified residents via the Council notice board and website that the Parish Council's unaudited accounts for 2020-21 are available to view.

## 2122 31 Councillors to contribute to a review of the Code of Conduct with Kirklees Monitoring Officer.

The Council considered the appointment of two Councillors who would contribute to Kirklees Council's review of the Code of Conduct working with the Kirklees Monitoring Officer.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs Blacka and Colling were appointed to the review.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:24PM**

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**Chairman**

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr D Carré

Members: Cllr J Brook, Cllr R Hogley

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

### Welcome

### Public Question Time

Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Council, there was opportunity for an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to the Council. One member of the public was present to give a short presentation on Honley Show, which is in its centenary year, and was hoping to get support from the Parish Council. The Committee resolved, though, that the member of the public would do the presentation under agenda item 2122 07 under a suspension of standing orders.

### 2122 01 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

As Local (Parish & Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anybody wished to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. No one wished to record the meeting. The meeting was being recorded in audio format by the Deputy Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

### 2122 02 **To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr K Bellamy had tendered an apology for non-attendance.  
**RESOLVED:** Members approved Cllr Bellamy's apology.  
Cllr Lockley was not present.

### 2122 03 **To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None were disclosed.

### 2122 04 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

### 2122 05 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**RESOLVED:** The Committee decided that no items needed to be discussed in private session.

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## 2122 06 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Committee meeting

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2021, numbered 2021 47 to 2021 53 inclusive were approved.

## 2122 07 Events/Publicity/Anniversaries

Standing orders were suspended. A representative of Honley Show gave a short presentation on the Show and the plans for the centenary.

Members considered how the Parish Council would support the Honley Show.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the Deputy Clerk would liaise with Honley Show organisers to submit a grant application and supporting documentation for consideration at the next meeting of full Council 12 July 2021 with a recommendation from the Publications and Communications Standing Committee to approve the application.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved to commit expenditure of £500 from the Special Projects budget on a Parish Council sponsored trophy and prize for the "Best in Show Handicrafts for 8–16-year-olds." Honley Show organisers would source the trophy with consultation with the Officer and Committee Chair. The expenditure could cover additional prize money for years ahead dependent on the cost of the trophy.

**NOTED:** Members noted, regarding the 70th anniversary of Holme Moss transmitter, that Arqiva, who own and operate the transmitter, had not responded to the Deputy Clerk's request to find out if anniversaries of the transmitter are celebrated, and whether, - pandemic-dependent, - the Parish Council might be involved in celebrations.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would contact Arqiva about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a few years' time.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Duke of Edinburgh had died before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and that the Parish Council had followed protocol in honouring his memory under pandemic restrictions.

Members considered whether and/or how to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holme Valley minibus service which took place in 2020 when we were under lockdown; and whether and/or how to draw attention to the fact that the Parish Council contributes significantly to the funding to the minibus service.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved not to expressly commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as it was considered that too much time had now passed. Instead, it was resolved that the Committee would work with the Climate Emergency Standing Committee and Stotts Buses to promote the use of buses during one of the "If it's not far, leave the car" initiatives. It was further resolved to defer discussion of publicising the Parish Council's contribution to funding on the minibus to a meeting of the new Publications and Communications Standing Committee 2021-22. The Deputy Clerk would consult with Stotts buses about ways that the Parish Council's financial contribution to the Holme Valley Minibus Service might be publicised.

Cllr Hogley at this point noted the upcoming Platinum Jubilee of the Queen and emphasised the Treebilee scheme for planting trees and wildflower pollinators which the Climate Emergency Standing Committee plans to promote with Holme Valley Schools.

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## 2122 08 HVPC signs and information

- i. Asset Transfer Plaques for the Civic Hall and Holmfirth Toilets:
  - a. **RESOLVED:** With regard to the siting of the commemorative plaque at Holmfirth Toilets, the Committee voted that the plaque should not be moved for fear of damaging it. In the future, the plaque might be moved after Kirklees moves the needle bin.
  - c. **NOTED:** Members noted that the commemorative plaque had been affixed to Holmfirth Civic Hall.
  - d. **RESOLVED:** The Committee voted to not Commission the commemorative plaque for Honley Library until the handover was finalised and signed, but expenditure was approved for up to £400 on the plaque.
- ii. Pavement Sign for the Maintenance Contractor:

**NOTED:** Members noted that the pavement sign for the maintenance contractor was now in use.
- iii. Sign at the rear of Holmfirth Toilets:

**NOTED:** Members noted that the sign had been affixed to Holmfirth toilets.

Members considered whether that sign should be replaced with a larger sign and to move this sign to the front of the toilets.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the sign at the rear of Holmfirth toilets, given that it is in a conservation area, is of an adequate size and was visible across the car park.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that an identical sign should be created for the front of the toilet, - location to be agreed with the maintenance contractor. Expenditure was approved for the sign.

## 2122 09 Council noticeboards

- i. **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk has done some work with regard to the Parish Council's notice board at the Civic Hall to try and make it more useful and interesting. The board now consists of 1) Council News (from Holme Valley Review) 2) Meetings Calendar 3) a Photo of the Month 4) contact details for the Parish Council and 5) Notice of Accounts 2020-21. The deputy clerk had also added some historical photos from each of the parish wards. This will be varied with more colourful, contemporary photos in future months.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had updated the map with the parish wards and photos of the Councillors. This will be added to the notice board once the Accounts paperwork comes down in early August.

**RESOLVED:** Members felt that 1) the dates on the map should be changed to "up to 2023"; 2) the Committee chairs should be included on the noticeboard; 3) the Climate Emergency Action Plan progress poster should be added to the board.

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- ii. The Deputy Clerk reported that the noticeboard at Holmfirth Toilets had been installed and looks well but there has been little opportunity to use it to promote local events.  
**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would contact local community groups which the Parish Council has supported for publicity to advertise upcoming events. The Deputy Clerk would add contact details to the notice board for people wanting to have their flyers displayed.

## 2122 10 Press coverage

Holme Valley Review:

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted editions of the Holme Valley Review for February, April, May, and June 2021
- ii. Members considered articles for the upcoming Holme Valley Review re-scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.  
**RESOLVED:** Articles might be on 1) new Chairs of Committees 2) new Councillor biographies 3) Neighbourhood Plan update 4) grant awards 5) change in makeup of Committees.
- iii. Members considered whether Committee Chairs will prepare their Annual Reports for publication in the 2 August edition of the Holme Valley Review or the subsequent 6 September edition.  
**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the Committee Chairs would prepare their annual reports for the September 6 edition.

## 2122 11 Holme Valley Parish Council website and social media

- i. Website:  
**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's report that new website content had consisted mainly of updating existing content such as information for new Councillors, new schedules of meetings, Councillor attendance record, news items, monthly accounts, Annual Governance and Accountability Review, updates to Neighbourhood Plan pages, policies and so on.  
**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that the Committee Chairs 2020-21 should review their Committee webpages to make note of where updates were needed. The Officer would communicate this.
- ii. Facebook:  
**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's report regarding favourable responses from the local Community Facebook pages with regard to grants paid out by the Parish Council. Comments from the Honley page were, "Good to see money is coming back into the local community to support much-needed things" and "the split of funding is better now than it has ever been. Honley have quite good representation now which is a lot better." The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk said he could give more time to social media if additional staffing hours take some administrative tasks away from him.
- iii. YouTube:  
**NOTED:** Members noted that the [Parish Council's YouTube channel](#) continued to function well and videos do have regular viewers who use the videos to keep up to date with Council business, but the move to audio-only recordings may affect the number of users.

## **2122 12 Recordings of Council meetings and Committee meetings**

The Deputy Clerk reported that virtual and hybrid Council meetings had been made illegal following the ruling of the High Court 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021. In any case, Officers had found that running and recording larger hybrid meetings was exceedingly difficult with audio quality poor using the recently purchased conference speakerphone. Currently, Officers were recording in audio format on a mobile phone and uploading audio-only to the YouTube channel. Nevertheless, this was said to be quite a lengthy process for the Deputy Clerk as he has to 1) record audio 2) edit audio 3) create a title card 4) create a video from the audio and a title card 5) upload to YouTube.

Members considered whether we should trial any other options for recording in-person Council meetings for purposes of continuing to upload to YouTube, - for example, video using a camera/phone.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved to defer consideration on this item until the formation of a new Publications and Communications Standing Committee after the Annual Council Meeting 12 July 2021. The new Committee could give consideration to making better use of the equipment we have or purchasing additional equipment. The new Committee Chair and the Deputy Clerk would liaise on future trials.

With regard to the installation of fibre broadband to the Parish Council office, the Deputy Clerk reported that BT had informed him that no additional cabling was required. Unfortunately, this had not proven to be the case. Two different BT engineers had visited the Civic Hall with a view to installation, but still the upgraded cabling has not been installed. Moreover, the delay may be lengthy if a listed building application needs to be submitted. The listed buildings officer had been off work and only returned the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June. She said that it may be the case that if the cabling goes via the rear of the building that a listed building application may not be needed. A further BT engineer visit was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report.

## **2122 13 Annual Awards**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved to defer awards, - like the Tidy Trader, Community Champions, or new awards to be determined, - to the next meeting.

## **2122 14 Hi-vis vests**

To note, the Council loaned out its 40 hi-vis vests to community volunteers at the Motorsport Festival. These were pupils from Holmfirth High raising money for a school trip to the Far East.

**RESOLVED:** The hi-vis vests will also be offered for use by events or groups we are sponsoring like the Honley Show.

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## 2122 15 Local signage referencing and commemorating Last of the Summer Wine

A local resident had emailed the Parish Council and the local MP regarding signage in Holmfirth related to Last of the Summer Wine. The resident feels that Last of the Summer Wine filming locations in Holmfirth are still extremely popular with visitors to the town, but that the signage is inadequate to the most popular sites like Nora Batty's steps, Compo's house and Sid's café.

**RESOLVED:** The local resident would be encouraged to liaise with a local community group, like the Business Association, to apply for a grant towards improved signage as a community organisation.

## 2122 16 Jubilee Beacons for 2022

2022 will be the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and all local councils are being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons on the 2nd of June 2022 in celebration of this. The Parish Council has been asked if it intends to offer grants to local groups.

**RESOLVED:** In principle, the Parish Council is likely to offer grants, but this would be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for their contributions over the year, and Members and the Officer commended the Chairman for his work on the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:47pm

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Chairman

# Holme Valley Parish Council Cash Book 2021-22

## HSBC Community Current Account

### Schedule of Payments MTD July 2021

| No | HVPC ref | Payment Sent Date | Payment method | Check v statement        | To pay                 | Inv date | Inv number | Description  | Net        | Vat     | Gross      | Authorisation to Pay  | Legislation     |
|----|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------|------------|--|------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HCHCT                  |          |            | GRANT: NEW FIRE DOORS LARGE HALL                       | £10,000.00 | £0.00   | £10,000.00 | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S133   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HCHCT                  |          |            | GRANT: NEW TOILETS, OFFICE SPACE                       | £30,000.00 | £0.00   | £30,000.00 | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S133   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HOLMFIRTH TECH         |          |            | GRANT: TOWARDS REPLACING TOILETS                       | £5,000.00  | £0.00   | £5,000.00  | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S133   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLLR 18                |          |            | REIMBURSEMENT: GIFT FOR CLERK                          | £40.00     | £0.00   | £40.00     | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | STAFF 02               |          |            | REIMBURSEMENT FOR ZOOM                                 | £11.99     | £2.40   | £14.39     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | STAFF 03               |          |            | REIMBURSEMENT FOR GODADDY X 3 JUN JUL AUG              | £29.97     | £0.00   | £29.97     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S137   |
|    |          |                   | DD             | <input type="checkbox"/> | O2                     |          |            | IPAD AND IPHONE CONTRACTS                              | £64.12     | £12.82  | £76.94     | Council 2021 198 199  | LGA 1972 S137   |
|    |          |                   | DD             | <input type="checkbox"/> | BT                     |          |            | CLOUD VOICE  | £2.49      | £0.50   | £2.99      | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | YLCA                   |          |            | TRAINING OFF TO A FLYING START CLLR 25                 | £30.00     | £0.00   | £30.00     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | YLCA                   |          |            | TRAINING OFF TO A FLYING START PART 2 CLLR 25          | £30.00     | £0.00   | £30.00     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | KIRKWELLS              |          |            | NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CHANGES                             | £2,940.00  | £588.00 | £3,528.00  | Council 2122 29       | T&CPA 1990 S61  |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | DOCUMENT LOGIC         |          |            | PHOTOCOPYING   | £25.00     | £5.00   | £30.00     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | RIALTAS                |          |            | OMEGA ACCOUNTS ANNUAL LICENCE AND SUPPORT              | £387.00    | £77.40  | £464.40    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | THE ORIGAMI FOX        |          |            | DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE ACTION WEBSITE           | £1,495.00  | £0.00   | £1,495.00  | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S137   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | BARNESLEY CHRONICLE    |          |            | HOLME VALLEY REVIEW JUN 2021                           | £250.00    | £50.00  | £300.00    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S142   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | RIALTAS                |          |            | YEAR END ONLINE CLOSEDOWN                              | £560.00    | £112.00 | £672.00    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | WYPF                   |          |            | PENSIONS   | £703.57    | £0.00   | £703.57    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S112   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | STAFF 02               |          |            | SALARY   | £1,423.65  | £0.00   | £1,423.65  | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | STAFF 03               |          |            | SALARY   | £823.04    | £0.00   | £823.04    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S137   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HMRC                   |          |            | PAYE TAX AND NI  | £1,285.25  | £0.00   | £1,285.25  | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HONLEY SHOW            |          |            | TROPHY & PRIZE SPONSORSHIP OF HONLEY SHOW              | £500.00    | £0.00   | £500.00    |                       | LGA 1972 S145   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | PRINCIPAL HYGIENE      |          |            | SERVICE SANITARY DISPOSAL UNIT HOLMFIRTH TOILETS       | £208.00    | £41.60  | £249.60    | Council 2021 198      | PHA 1936 S87    |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | THE PHONE CO-OP        |          |            | WEBSITE DOMAIN   | £76.00     | £15.20  | £91.20     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | HONLEY SHOW            |          |            | GRANT: FOR PUBLICATION OF EVENT PROGRAMMES             | £1,400.00  | £0.00   | £1,400.00  |                       | LGA 1972 S45    |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | THE ORIGAMI FOX        |          |            | DEVELOPMENT OF CARBON CALCULATOR FOR CESC              | £600.00    | £0.00   | £600.00    |                       | LGA 1972 S137   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLLR 07                |          |            | REIMBURSEMENT: GIFT FOR CLERK                          | £25.00     | £0.00   | £25.00     | Council 2122 29       | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | YLCA                   |          |            | TRAINING COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES &C CLLR 4          | £22.50     | £0.00   | £22.50     | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | DD             | <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSINESS STREAM        |          |            | WATER AND SEWERAGE CHARGES                             | £289.36    | £0.00   | £289.36    | Council 2021 198, 199 | PHA 1936 S87    |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR |          |            | EXPENSES MAY - 1. BENCHES; 2. TOILETS; 3. PUBS & COMMS | £93.65     | £18.72  | £112.37    | Council 2021 198      | LGA 1972 S111   |
|    |          |                   | BACS           | <input type="checkbox"/> | MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR |          |            | MAINTENANCE MAY - 1. BENCHES AND SHELTERS; 2. TOILETS  | £1,854.60  | £0.00   | £1,854.60  | Council 2021 198      | PCA 1971 S1, S4 |
|    |          |                   |                |                          |                        |          |            |  | £60,170.19 | £923.64 | £61,093.83 |                       |                 |

Cash Book Balance to carry forward:

**£133,615.57**

Information regarding [Yorkshire Motor Sport Festival](#) (YMSF) produced for [Holme Valley Parish Council](#) (HVPC).

19.07.2021 MB

## 1. The Event

Yorkshire Motor Sport Festival is advertised as ‘the largest’ and ‘the most spectacular day out in the north’; presenting a 3 x days outdoor event featuring the first ever closed-road Hillclimb event to be held in the North of England; vintage stock, rally and supercar displays; a truck, tractor and plant machinery show; fun fair; fashion shows; live music; Yorkshire-made shopping village; over 40 Yorkshire-based artisan food and drink vendors, licensed bars, air displays, a VIP area and children’s activities.<sup>1</sup>

It is understood that the event was originally planned for 2020 but rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID.

It is noted that this is the first time a motorsports event has been held in Kirklees and in the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) minutes (Appendices 7a-c) that a ‘Land Agreement’ is in place with KMC for 5 years, with the event due to take place annually. In correspondence with the Chair of the SAG this agreement is referred to as a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Various others reference this as a contract between Kirklees and the Event Organiser. Despite requests (including under the [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#) (FOI) no copy of any such agreement has not been provided.

It would be prudent for HVPC to have sight of any agreement prior to offering support.

## 2. The Event Organisers

[Yorkshire Motor Sport Festival Limited](#) (YMSF) is a private limited company set up in August 2019. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of [Holmfirth Motor Sport Festival Limited](#), a private limited company set up in February 2019. Accounts for 2020 show Net liabilities of (£76,428)<sup>2</sup>. The Directors of both companies are the same. The Event Organiser is Yorkshire Motor Sport Festival Limited (YSMF).

The festival terms can be found [here](#).

The festival is ticketed directly by the organiser, with a policy that orders for tickets are final and cannot be exchanged or refunded once a booking is placed<sup>3</sup>. It is typically the case that events will be required to use a ticketing provider as this offers the consumer protection in the event of cancellation.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1: YMF Brochure & [YMSF Event Website](#)

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix 2: Holmfirth Motor Sport Festival Ltd. Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 29 February 2020

<sup>3</sup> See YMSF Website: <https://ymsf.net/legal/festivalterms>

The Organisers are not members of events industry trade associations<sup>4</sup> nor are they known to have any previous experience of managing comparative events. It is unusual for a company without relevant experience, set up in this way, ticketing directly, without a named bona fide principal designer and/or primary contractor (event management or production agency as per CDM 2015 legislation<sup>5</sup>) to be offered support by a Parish Council (on behalf of local businesses and residents), a Letter of No Objection by the Local Authority SAG and thereon licenses/orders by regulatory bodies.<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Relevant Guidance

General provisions and work practices are covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act of 1974 (UK), whilst provisions relating to fire precautions are covered by The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Specific reference should also be made to the following:

- [UK Gov legislation](#) at the time of planning and event delivery
- [Government guidance Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) : Organised events guidance for local authorities](#)
- Fire Safety Risk Assessment – Large Places of Assembly: HM Government (2007)
- Fire Safety Risk Assessment – Open Air Events and Venues: HM Government (2007)
- BS9999:2017 Fire safety in the design, management and use of building. Code of practice
- The Event Safety Guide: A guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Similar Events, HSG 195, HSE Books, (1999)
- The Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events, EIF Ltd. (2014). See also additional guidance published [online](#) and available to members
- Managing Crowds Safely, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. HSG 154, HSE Books (2000)
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (2015) (see [link](#)) incl. [legislation](#) reference to requirements for bona fide primary contractor
- The Licensing Act (2003)
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, Approved Code of Practice and Guidance, (1999)
- The Health and Safety at Work Act (1974)
- Temporary Demountable Structures, Guidance on procurement, design and use, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed (2017)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Edition IET Wiring Regulations (BS7671:2018)
- BS7909:2011 Code of Practice for Temporary Electrical Systems for Entertainment and Related Purposes

Further guidance in relation to motorsports is included below.

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<sup>4</sup> EIF or NOEA

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/cdm-2015/index.htm>

<sup>6</sup> HSE 'The role of a local authority Safety Advisory Group (SAG)'

It should be noted that the event was hosted on the weekend following the proposed removal of [Government restrictions for events imposed due to coronavirus](#) on the 21 June. As a result of the extension of restrictions (now 19 July 'Freedom Day') the event planning was changed at short notice, including the removal of various elements (e.g. air show and music) and a reduction in capacity in accordance with Step 3 Guidance. It is not known if the Event Management Plan (EMP) was updated prior to the event. The [Government Events Research Program](#) was still underway at this time with the [Download](#) pilot event for outdoors events above 10,000 capacity including camping not having taken place and therefore more specific guidance was not available. It is understood from Jane O'Donnell at Kirklees that the introduction of Lateral Flow Testing as a condition of entry was introduced by the Organiser rather than Kirklees, this not being part of any guidance at the time. However, it is also noted that tickets nor tests were checked for a large number of entrants.

No reference to legislation or guidance is included in minutes of HVPC meeting(s), SAG meetings or other information obtained by FOI request. There is no published or provided Event Management Plan, Event Safety Plan, Risk Assessment, COVID Secure-Plan or other documentation to evidence safe and compliant event planning.

#### **4. Licensing and Permissions**

The event requires various licenses to be granted by the Local Authority (Kirklees Council) for the event and Motorsport UK as the designated authority regards the motorsports aspect of the event.

##### **4.1. Motorsports**

[Motorsport UK](#) are the current iteration of the RAC and RACMSA and legitimately hold the right to seek a closure of the public highway for motorsport. Primary legislation providing the framework for closed road motor sport was passed in the 2015 Deregulation Act. Motorsport UK has since worked closely with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the secondary legislation required to make this framework available to event organisers. This secondary legislation: The Road Traffic Act 1988 (Motor Racing) (England) Regulations 2017, The Road Traffic Act 1988 (Motor Racing) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and The Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 have now become law in England, Wales and Scotland respectively. Closed road events in Scotland and NI have been around for 30+ years but are very infrequent in England and Wales as the process of application is onerous and requirements for planning complex. In this respect the event is unusual.

Motorsport UK (and thereon affiliated bodies) are allowed to seek a closure under The Road Traffic Act 1988 (Motor Racing) (England) Regulations 2017. Copies of the relevant licenses are provided as Appendices:

- Appendix 3: S12D Motor Race Order
- Appendix 4: S16A Special Event TTRO
- Appendix 5: S21 Town Police Clauses Order

As no report is available it is impossible to understand if the event was compliant with the motorsports specific legislation, guidance and requirements.

### Appendix 3: S12D Motor Race Order

The S12D Applicant is [Mid Derbyshire Motor Club Ltd](#) with Yorkshire Motorsport Festival Limited referenced as 'the Promoter'. This relationship and thereon the roles, responsibilities, liabilities and insurances should be included in the Event Management Plan (EMP) and thereon the event licenses. This is unclear. No copies of plans or Insurances have been provided.

Point C of the S12D application states that the Council has considered (a) the likely impact of the Event on the local community; (b) the potential local economic and other benefits and (c) any other local considerations that the Council thinks relevant. Point D states that the Council is satisfied that: (a) adequate arrangements have been made to allow the view of the local community to be taken into account; (b) the Promoter has shown that the Event is commercially viable; and (c) effective arrangements have been made to involve local residents, the police and other emergency services in the planning and implementation of the Event. The S12D order is signed and dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

No information regards point C considerations are published or provided by KMC (incl. via FOI).

These considerations would typically include:

- **A Business & Residents engagement plan**
- **Traffic Management Plan (including access and consideration of event traffic impacts on the wider area)**
- **Socio-Economic impact study, including involvement and impacts on local businesses**
- **Environment impact study**

Schedule I of the order identifies the closure of Wolfstones Road and Bradshaw Road only for the event, noting that that this differs from the TTRO (Appendix 4). It is understood that the original event proposal was for a Hill Climb only and that this was subsequently expanded to a larger event. It is not clear if any consultation or impact studies were ever undertaken for the larger event proposal. It is certainly the case and confirmed by Kirklees that no consultation was undertaken in 2021 due to COVID.

Schedule II of the order is the Organising Permit provided by Motorsport UK to Mid Derbyshire Motorsport Club.

Schedule III of the order comprises the conditions of the Organising Permit including vehicle requirements, event timings and specifically those requirements incumbent on the Promoter (see Point 6). The following notes focus upon those requirements relating to event planning and residents rather than the motorsports specific aspects.

(a) That the Event does not take place unless a final Event Management Plan has been submitted to the Council and approved not later than 7 days before the Event is due to commence ('the Event Management Plan'). It is understood that this was not fulfilled due to the change in guidance during this time. According to industry bodies, no other events of this type of scale were allowed to proceed with such short planning time due to the risks involved.

(b) Provide a full risk assessment covering all aspects of the Event (in particular the safety of all involved). As above, again, this was and could not be fulfilled other than as a dynamic plan.

(c) Submit applications for temporary road closures, including section 16A Order application, and any other temporary traffic regulation order that may be required, together with maps and traffic management plans for the routes in question, showing the exact locations of any closures and necessary diversion routes for the approval by the Highway Authority as the Event Traffic Management Plan. A copy of the Temporary Traffic Regulation (Special Event) Order, 2021 is included as Appendix 4 and notes on this are included below.

(m) Provide a Residents Handbook to the occupiers of all buildings accessed from roads closed during the Event or who are likely to be affected by or inconvenienced by the event no later than 2 weeks before the Event. The Handbook shall include full information about the event, including proposed timings, emergency procedures, and how the public can contact the Promoter in the case of an emergency as well as complying with any other requirements in the Event Management Plan. Detail regarding communication with Residents is included below. An Information Sheet presented in lieu of a Residents Handbook is included in the documentation as Appendices 9 & 10. Notes on this are included below. No signage was displayed in the local area including details of the event or contact information. An A5 flyer was displayed in the window of Ten Fourteen bar on Dunford Road and Wheelsbrook Services on Hollowgate. Further posters were displayed in Holmfirth during the week of the event.

Appendix 6<sup>7</sup> details the application process and conditions for Closed Roads events as set out by Motorsport UK. The relevant section Landowners, Residents and Commercial Operators states that thought needs to be given to those occupying roadside properties and consideration of access arrangements including approach roads. As per the requirements of the SAG (see minutes) visits to residents and mail drops are noted as one of the most essential tasks to be carried out. It is understood from businesses and residents that such a maildrop was not undertaken. Few businesses or residents were contacted in advance and the Information sheet was only circulated via email on Thursday 24 June, the evening prior to the event. This initially contained no information (see Appendix 9) but was later corrected (see Appendix 10) and included in the documentation provided by Kirklees as part of the FOI request. It is noted that the Information Sheet had not been updated following the changes to the event planning (removing the live music) etc.

Upon contacting Motorsport UK, it was stated that the event had the 'full support' of the Parish Council and residents.

#### Appendix 4. Temporary Traffic Regulation (Specials Event) Order 2021.

This document enables the closure of the roads under Section 16a of the Road Traffic Act 1984. The order, typically known as a Road Closure details the timings from Friday 25 June to Sunday 27 June 2021, restricting access to traffic, including bicycle and pedestrian movement (except for emergency access). The order outlines an alternative (diversionary) route. It is noted (8) that Access by residents to properties adjoining the highways (as specified) will not be affected by the Order, provided that residents adhere to any safety measures put in place by the Promoter, and follow all procedures as directed under the resident's handbook provided by the Promoter.

The Road closures comprise:

##### Part 1 – Road Closures

Wolfstones Road – between Wilshaw Road and Bradshaw Road

Bradshaw Road – between Wilshaw Road and Thick Hollins Road

Wilshaw Mill Road – between Bradshaw Road and Australia Farm

Wickens Lane – between Lower Wickens Farm and Wolfstones Road

##### Footpath Closures

Public Footpath HOL/60/20

Public Footpath HOL/71/20

##### Part 2 – Diversion Route

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<sup>7</sup> MSUK Road Closures 2019-07024 Guidelines document outlining the application process  
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Dean Road  
Thick Hollins Lane  
Wilshaw Road

A drawing showing the closures and diversions is included in the documentation. A map showing the impacted area is not included.

#### Relevant Appendices:

- Appendix 11 'Road Closure Advert' 21 May 2021
- Appendix 12 a-c 'Blue Notices' – noting that these are for 2020 and the event dates and timings are incorrect. It should also be noted that 3x notices for an event of this scale is wholly inadequate.
- Appendix 13 Huddersfield Examiner newspaper advert Tuesday 25 February 2020
- Appendix 5 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 – Section 21 (this largely reflects Appendix 4 relative to the Temporary Closure of various roads in connection with the event).

#### **4.2 Residents Access**

In addition to highways, bridleways, footpaths and managed land with public access have bylaws requiring that public access for many of these have right to 'pass and repass' that cannot be extinguished by at TTRO. In consequence, it is an obligation that a plan for passage through such land, including that owned by HVLC (and others) is provided, detailing access controls such as barriers, stewarding and crossing points. No such plan has been provided.

- An absence of planning or guidance would leave the organiser and statutory bodies open to post event complaints, or worse, from individuals in their community that had their well-being harmed.
- Most local authorities require evidence of local consultation that resolve most of the reasonable local requests for access - primarily as they have power to issue orders, they may become liable for consequences that could or should have been foreseen.
- Known health appointments (hospital and doctors' appointments, home visits, meals on wheels etc.) and emergency access should be key issues as they would seem to be an obvious threat to well-being or life. 3x such concerns were raised by email from the residents. As there has been no consultation since 2019 it's impossible to estimate how many others may have been or would be impacted if the event were to take place again in the future.

With regards the issues raised by residents' emails, including those on approach roads regarding the lack of consultation, restriction of access and prior warning: Access to enjoyment of your property is

enshrined in the Human Rights Act 1998<sup>8</sup>. Obstructing access by refusing to allow reasonable access through negotiation would seem to contravene this legislation.

#### Part 1

- Article 1 protects everyone's right to life.
- By implication this could include the right to preserve and enhance life prospects through timely health care.

#### Part 2

- Article 1 Protection of property
- "Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law"
- Justifying the public interest for a planned event with known consequences could also be challenging.

The approach by the Organiser and Kirklees seems to illustrate the lack of engagement, risk assessment and management for 'local life' that needs to carry on around any event.

### **5. Traffic Management & Planning**

There is no train station which services the event area and no special bus services provided. A shuttle bus service was advertised as running from Honley and 2 x park and rides with electric buses are noted in the SAG minutes, however, these were cancelled at short notice. Therefore, all attendees were required to access the site via road with direction to travel through Holmfirth.

No disabled or accessible provisions were made.

It is a condition of the guidance that organiser and local authorities should work closely with local transport authorities, utilising the [Travel demand management toolkit](#)<sup>9</sup> to develop a clear transport management plan to reduce pressure on the local transport network where events are taking place in the local area.

There is no evidence provided of such traffic planning, considering the increase of traffic into or through Holmfirth. Despite requests this has not been provided by the Organiser or Kirklees. The

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<sup>8</sup> [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_Rights\\_Act\\_1998](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Act_1998) and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-demand-management-toolkit-for-local-authorities>

SAG notes a capacity of 30,000 and car parking for over 7,000 cars. At this capacity the event would be significantly larger than any other events previously having taken place in or around Holmfirth and would have a severe impact on traffic into and passing through Holmfirth. Whilst at a capacity of the 2,000 the event traffic impacts were reported as moderate, including delays of 30-45 mins on Dunford Road and Greenfield Road, at a higher capacity we should expect disruption to increase to an unmanageable level. This should be considered and evidenced as part of the planning, including with those businesses and residents who would be affected.

A key cause of complaint is that the scale of the event as proposed would have severe impacts, and that businesses and residents have not been fully consulted or informed by the Organiser or Kirklees.

It is noted in the minutes of the SAG on the 19 May 2021 that Holmfirth and Netherthong were the main areas of concern and that stop and go operatives would need to be in place at Greenfield Road towards Huddersfield Road. Slow signs would also need to be in place. This was not undertaken.

The Blue Notices (Appendix 7) – notification as part of the License application show only 3 x signs for the entire area and these do not appear to have stayed in place for any duration.

It is a condition of the licenses that Road Closures Advance Warning Signage is displayed at least 14x days prior to the start of the event and residents on these and impacted approach roads contacted. This was not undertaken. Signage was only installed 4x days prior to the event . 3x signs only were installed Wolfstones Road only. Only 2 x signs related to the Road Closures (the other being for site traffic. Signs included the wrong dates for the closure (22<sup>nd</sup> not 21<sup>st</sup>) and no contact information. This unfortunately led to residents being unable to complete school runs and unable to access further information. It was also noted by residents that despite closures coming into place on the Monday, no work commenced until Wednesday. Therefore, the duration of the closures should be considered.

No notices regarding footpaths were in evidence, in contravention of the legislation, guidance and event licenses. This was a cause for complaint restricting regular walkers access to the Trig point.

No signage was evident in Upperthong and Netherthong as outlined the Residents Information Sheet.

## 5.1. Event Licenses

The event requires licenses to be granted by the Local Authority under the 2002 Licensing Act, including a Premises License (Appendix 8).

If an event is granted licenses a Decision Notice or the licenses themselves would typically be posted on the Local Authority website. An example of a comparative Decision Notice, including conditions can be found [here](#). It is understood that copies of Licenses were not posted by Kirklees publicly on their website due to 'a back-end error'. A copy of the Premises License obtained via FOI is included as Appendix 8.

The Licensable activities included within a Premises License include the Sale of Alcohol, Performances of Dance, Live Music and Provision of entertainment or similar. The conditions attached to the license in Annex 1 focus on the sale of alcohol, which is typical. Annex 2 includes conditions more specific to the event operations. The licenses are notable for a lack of conditions applied relating to business and residents, and environmental impacts, especially given that the event is motorsports.

## 6. The role of the Parish Council

Representative(s) of the Parish Council would typically sit on or attend the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) for an event of this type and scale, representative of businesses and residents. This would include a review of the event planning, including the Event Management Plan (EMP) specifically referencing the Business and Residents engagement plan, Traffic Management Plan (TMP), Crowd Management Plan, Medical Plan and Event Safety Plan including a COVID assessment and safety arrangement plan / COVID Management, Socio-economic impact study detailing the benefits to businesses and residents and an Environmental Impact Study, aligned to a Sustainability Plan for the event. This would be notable the case for HVPC having declared a Climate Emergency. If not attendant on the SAG the Parish Council should certainly be sighted on the event and provided with appropriate assurances prior to offering any support.

It is noted by the SAG and MSUK that the event has the 'full support' of HVPC and whilst some initial concerns had been raised by residents these had been resolved. It is understood that the event was discussed at a HVPC planning meeting in March 2020<sup>10</sup> at which concerns were raised and it was agreed that the event would be discussed in full council. This was not done due to COVID and other priorities. Whilst the event has passed it if it is to return annually, at a significantly larger scale it is important that the Parish Council, businesses and residents form part of the planning.

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<sup>10</sup> [https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/89475-B\\_15\\_06\\_20\\_-\\_Draft\\_Minutes\\_-\\_Planning\\_09\\_03\\_20.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0nN85Xztk3v8tOCiJRYPS2F2C2ETnX0enro82XU89mKsLLKnEbFEyUcZw](https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/89475-B_15_06_20_-_Draft_Minutes_-_Planning_09_03_20.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0nN85Xztk3v8tOCiJRYPS2F2C2ETnX0enro82XU89mKsLLKnEbFEyUcZw)

## Implications for the Land Charity

It is understood that some initial discussions took place with the Organiser regarding the use of HVLC land at Wolfstones for spectators to view the event, and then for stewards to use the space. Further information was requested from the Organiser, which was not provided. Subsequently, it is understood that the Organiser decided not to use the land, although it is unclear what access controls were implemented. For the use of land, a landowner normally gives permission through a license to occupy, which permits temporary use of land, for a defined period and purpose on specific terms. Whilst a license transfers some responsibility there is still some level of liability and a duty of care. A Land Charity would typically object to an event on this basis, if the event is in close proximity, creates a viewing area or encourages passage through. When a PC/landowner has been supportive a condition of the license has typically been assured asset protection supported by a MoU or other such legal agreement. Either way, as trustees, there is a duty of care to seek written assurances from the Organiser as HVLC may hold some residual legal liability.

## **7. Audience & Demographics**

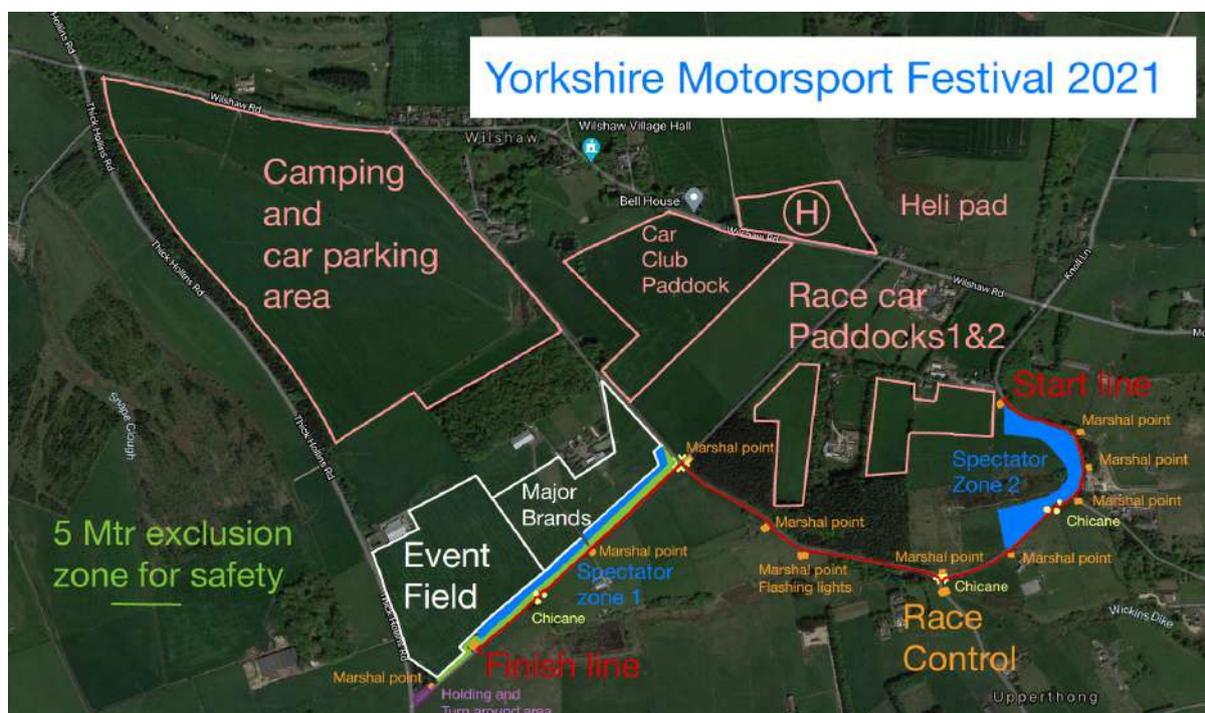
The event was marketed nationally to motorsports enthusiasts via trade press and social media. Very little local advertising was undertaken. Whilst this approach is supportive of tourism the event was not targeted at residents of the Holme Valley nor were any local concessions offered.

Event marketing references an attendance/capacity of 50,000 over 3x days from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June. Whilst it is unclear of the agreed or licensed site capacity at any one time, it is noted in the SAG minutes that the Organiser would have infrastructure in place to cope with 30,000 people on any day with an expectation of 15,000 per day. Capacity was subsequently set in accordance with DCMS [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) events guidance for local authorities](#) with the extension of Roadmap Step 3 until 19 July limiting outdoor events to 4,000 people or 50% of a site or venue's capacity, whichever is lower. This capacity refers to event attendees only, with staff, workers and volunteers covered by the work exemption.

It is understood from Jane O'Donnell, Head of Health Protection at Kirklees that the event capacity was further reduced to 2,000 (including all public, staff and participants) in the days immediately prior to the event due to concerns regarding COVID-19. It is understood that the Director for Public Health (DPH), Rachel Spencer-Henshall was on holiday and not sighted of COVID-secure plans for the event and thereon Jane O'Donnell had convened a meeting at which the reduction in capacity was agreed. Although requested, a copy of the COVID-secure plan has not been provided by the Organiser or Kirklees. It is noted in the minutes of the Safety Advisory Group on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (5.1) that the Risk Assessment did not include any COVID measures. Redacted minutes of 3x SAG meetings obtained by FOI are included as Appendices.

## 8. Event location

The event site is located between the villages of Wolfstones, Wilshaw and Upperthong in the Holme Valley. The event utilises a number of fields (noted as 120 acres at the 3 March SAG) secured by the Organiser from landowners. This includes space for car parking (advertised as sufficient for 7,000 cars) and camping as show below:



The above site map (see Appendix 14) is via [Mid Derbyshire Motor Club](#) website, who are listed as the organiser of the motor racing aspect of the event. A site plan was requested but not provided by Kirklees, however, outline plans are included as part of the S16A Special Event TTRO, S12D Motor Race Order and S21 Town Police Clauses Order, included as Appendices to this document.

Whilst it appears that a large area of fields was secured from local landowners, the arrangements of which are not clear, the approach roads and impact on local residents should be a key consideration of the event planning. It is noted in the minutes of the SAG that 'access is poor because of the nature of the site'.

As above, the event also utilises closed roads for motor racing. It was confirmed at the SAG that these roads have been resurfaced and checked before and after. It is not clear at whose cost these works were undertaken nor if damage caused by the event has been repaired and at whose cost.

## 9. Business & Residents liaison

There would normally be extensive public consultation with local businesses and residents, also including the Parish Council, to agree if the event is appropriate and in keeping with local interests. It is typically the case that motorsports events receive objection from local residents. It is understood from Kirklees that initial consultation with residents was undertaken at The Oil Can Café in 2019 where there were no objections raised. As above, this is unusual for a motorsports event. In fact, according to MSUK, this has not happened before. As a resident neither I nor my neighbours were aware of the consultation, or event, until May 2021. It is understood from Kirklees that no further consultation was undertaken due to COVID-19. Further information about this is included below.

A specific Business and Residents engagement plan, including a copy of the initial notices and mail drop sent to all residents within the Impacted Area should be published and readily available on request. There is no reason such information should be withheld.

It should be noted that there is a difference between the Event Area, comprising the land upon which the event is held, contracted by the Organiser, including the public highway in this instance, and the Impacted Area, these being the wider areas affected by the Event, determined by the scale of the event and ingress/egress routes for attendees. For a large-scale event of 30,000 this would include all residents of Holmfirth. This distinction is not included in any documentation and does not appear to have been made by KMC SAG and the Chair of the SAG in any correspondence.

At the SAG meeting on 3 March 2021, it was noted that local communities were involved and supportive.

At the SAG meeting on the 19 May YMSF advised that they had produced a community report and visited all of the residents to inform them how they can access their properties in the run up to and during the event. According to YMSF there had been one complainant and the organisers had been to meet them to discuss the arrangements and they were now satisfied. Also, on the 19 May SAG it is noted that Organisers had consulted with Holmfirth Parish Council and Holme Valley South Councillors. Holme Valley North Councillors were noted as concerned about the impact of the event in their area. An action from this was that a meeting to be set up with HVN Councillors to discuss arrangements.

## 10. Environment Impacts

There is no information evident (by any parties) regarding conditions applied to support for the event in relation to traffic planning or the environment. Whilst there are some suggestions noted, these are not evident in any licensing conditions or documentation. The Residents Information sheet provided includes the following note on Environment Matters:

*We are fully aware that Holme Valley Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency and that, being a motoring / transport themed event, our event may be perceived as being contrary to this, despite the biggest arising impact being from Festival visitors simply coming for an enjoyable day out, as they would to a music festival, country show or football match. Unlike many other events however, we do want to mitigate our impact and to that effect we have introduced a number of measures to assist in this:*

- The Festival will use both general waste and recycling waste bins, and encouraging the proper use thereof, with the aim of at least 85% of waste being recyclable. Teams of litter-pickers will also be employed to ensure the Festival site and surrounding area is kept clean throughout and 'left as we found it'.*
- Food and refreshment vendors are being actively encouraged to minimise, and ideally completely replace, their use of any single use plastics and to provide food in re-cyclable containers, with wood cutlery rather than plastic.*
- Generators for providing Festival power will have low emission engines running with an AdBlue emissions reducing additive.*
- Use of public transport by visitors is being encouraged.*
- Wherever possible we are using local contractors, suppliers, and businesses to assist with the Festival, thereby both reducing 'miles travelled' and supporting the local economy.*
- We are providing Zero Carbon Yorkshire with a Gazebo for them to provide an information and education facility to visitors, which will include a converted electric classic car on display.*
- Following the end of Festival, the event's carbon footprint will be evaluated and, to help mitigate the Festival's footprint, a fund will be created to support local Holme Valley environmental projects, these to be selected in conjunction with Holme Valley Parish Council and its Climate Emergency Committee.*

The above statements do not reflect the Events Industry Purple Guide, NOEA<sup>11</sup> or others. It is typically the case that events are required to comply with standard industry guidance, have set KPIs and way of measuring the impact of the event.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.noema.org.uk/campaigns/ethical-sustainability/>

It is understood that Kirklees nor others took any steps to measure the environmental impact of the event, nor that Kirklees have requested a post-event report. Information from HVPC including the Climate Emergency Group regarding the funds created for local projects and how these are to be distributed would be welcome.

## **11. Socio-Economic Impacts**

Without any specific information, metrics or a post-event report it is difficult to qualify any social or economic impact of the event, evidence is purely anecdotal. However, according to the SAG, catering was provided by DJ Catering from Leicester and contrary to advertising, no local suppliers were involved. The owner of Scholes Chippy was offered a pitch for £500+ £175 for entry and 30% of profits. This offer was declined as this would require a significant increase in prices and Scholes Chippy would need to look locals in the face following the event. It would seem that similar other local traders were likewise not involved. It is not understood which, if any local schools, organisations or charities were involved.

## 12. Conclusions

People should be free to enjoy their choice of event and entertainment provided it's legal, compliant with legislation, guidance, safe and doesn't negatively impact on others, in this case specifically businesses and residents within the local area. This is clear in the conditions set out by the licenses including MSUK. It is also clear that these conditions have not been met. The event planning does not follow the legislation, guidance or best practice.

1. Despite repeated requests there is no evidence provided to suggest that the event is appropriate for the area and would not at an increased scale cause severe disruption to traffic and access to Holmfirth.
2. It is a condition of the licenses that the Event Organisers have fully engaged with and obtained the support of the local community, including the Parish Council. Whilst it is stated that this has been done and that the event has the 'full support' of HVPC and residents, this is not the case.
3. There is no economic impact study or evidence to suggest that the event provides a financial benefit or adds social value to the Holme Valley.
4. There is no environmental impact study or sustainability policy to support the claims made by the Organiser or in accordance with HVPC Climate Emergency. There is no evidence of good practice or a sustainable approach to event planning.
5. Kirklees Council have not requested a copy of the Post Event Report which would usually be provided by the Event Organiser to evidence that conditions had been met and that the event could go ahead in the future. Without any such measurement it is impossible to qualify the event as having a positive impact.

I would like to propose that Holmfirth Valley Parish Council withdraws any support (explicit or implied) for the Yorkshire Motorsports Festival and requests that Kirklees Council and Motorsports UK revoke licenses for hosting future events.

### **13. Additional Research including feedback from residents**

I posted on Honley and Holmfirth Community Facebook pages with a request for responses via email.

The posts on Facebook tend to follow the lead, so if the initial tone is positive, the thread follows on, and likewise if the thread is negative. On balance the responses to my posts on Facebook were positive, however, the posts directly to YMSF were far more negative. In conclusion, Facebook is not a reliable measure, however, there were some serious concerns raised.

I received around 20 emails from residents, including those who have also contacted the Organiser, Kirklees and HVPC directly. Emails were quite balanced, with many welcoming an event but more raising consistent concerns about the scale, lack of engagement, comms planning, lack of local involvement, event planning, safety and access restrictions including to regular walking routes.

**1**

I would like to positively endorse the festival. I am hosting a lovely couple in my self-catering accommodation who are involved in the event. I see nothing but positives for the area for hosting such events in the future. The traffic was heavy last night in Holmfirth but not really much more than normal in my opinion. Let's get more tourists (and their cash!) into Holmfirth.

**2**

As a Meltham resident, I walk up and around Wolfstones at least three times a week, and I am extremely disappointed that the roads have been closed to pedestrians as well as motor vehicles for a whole week for what is essentially a three-day event. Whilst I appreciate things need to be set up, I do not see why I cannot walk on the roads I have been walking for years on the days that the events are not running, surely a three-day closure suffices. Of course, this year is a watered-down event, and if the organisers can sustain a loss then after Covid this will come back much bigger and be more invasive. I doubt it will bring much into the economy, certainly Meltham won't benefit much from it as it is a self-contained event.

**3**

I saw your post on Facebook whilst I'm not a promoter/competitor I am a family who bought a ticket last year and we are going tmw. I just thought I'd give you my feedback: (sorry for the long email).

The event was advertised in the magazines you get posted in your letterbox- we bought tickets for 2020 (understandable it was cancelled), we transferred our tickets in good faith.

Reasonable communication Dec/Jan and then in June when we still hadn't had tickets I started to get concerned. Now I persevered with this (I think many people have simply given up) but I sent about 10

emails/tweeted/messenger and eventually someone did phone me back - but they had no idea what day we had booked (how does this represent a safe event).

We have 2 adult tickets nothing for the children so I'm assuming they don't need a ticket. Also emailed to query this and how to get there as nothing on the tickets.

I'm emailed Kirklees Council to ask them how you get to it as I assume approval has been given by them - again I just kept being giving the YMSF website which isn't up to date and hard to navigate.

I'm all for supporting local events e.g Honley show/Folk Festival/Food Festival but these are far better organised!! I don't get the impression this is a local event, customer service extremely poor which doesn't give a good impression considering it is being held in the Holmfirth area, would have expected local vendors as well.

It would certainly have put me off visiting the area again if the customer service is anything to go by (and I am local) - I think the event has been hyped up and I hope we are not disappointed tmw.

All the Facebook posts are worrying about lack of tickets, the couple who have just found out there is no disabled parking and have gone home, families that have planned for park and ride and it looks like it isn't running.

All I want to say if we are putting our name to it as Yorkshire and it is being held in our villages we need better representation from local vendors, we live in a beautiful area we could have promoted this better and Kirklees should have taken better ownership of an event that was never going to meet expectations.

#### 4

I noticed your Facebook post about the Motorsport event.

I think it's fantastic that we can attract this kind of gathering in the Holme Valley.

I do have one concern though.

My regular footpath that I walk was blocked today with signage from the event. This path is behind the farm opposite Wolfstones.

I don't recall seeing a notice for a temporary closure of a public right of way.

As a local councillor are you aware of what has happened here?

I am happy if the organisers have gone through the correct procedures but concerned if they haven't.

## 5

Just to share my thoughts with you on the motor sport festival.

We live in Upperthong and have been really disappointed by the lack of inclusivity for locals at this event. It seems that the roads and footpaths have been closed for private profit rather than for the good of the village.

Unlike the folk festival or Tour de Yorkshire / Tour de France where the locals are rewarded for the inconvenience by the opportunity to be involved in the events and see what's going on, this appears totally self-serving with no thought for locals at all.

We have been inconvenienced by the road closures as it would be our usual route home although to be fair, the diversions when driving are not huge. For us, we do a circular walk around the village almost daily and having the roads and footpaths closed has really impacted this.

As mentioned above, the biggest disappointment has been the them and us attitude of the organisers and the way that they feel able to close public roads and paths for private gain without any consideration for anyone living in the area and the total lack of involvement for non-paying locals.

Unless this changes, I would strongly oppose any future events of this kind going ahead.

## 6

We've been up Saturday and Sunday. We live one mile away and had no inconvenience whatsoever. We saw the adverts months ago and have been looking forward to it. Yes, the evening entertainment was cancelled at the last minute, but given the state of affairs over the last 18 months, to have such an event on our doorstep was quite frankly magnificent! A festival field, beers, food, ice cream, cars, hill climb, seeing friends. Truly grateful! Yes, some things were lacking, pedestrian access was hairy! No grandstands, no live music, but because we patronised the event this year, we get free tickets next year! Also, speaking to business owners in the area they saw 30% increase in takings from visitors to the festival. We've had a great weekend and we're looking forward to a bigger and better festival next year!

Note: It is understood that the business referred to is the Royal Oak who took 30% more on Friday night due to a party of 'tractor drivers' who spent £300. No other benefits were gained from the event and overall feedback from the Royal Oak was negative to the point of not being repeatable in print.

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I am a Netherthong resident.

I have no particular objection to the event as such and was not really adversely impacted in Netherthong. I must say that I avoided the Wilshaw/Holmfirth area for the duration.

However, what does concern me is the scale of the event if it were to take place again next year and then possibly annually. It was heavily scaled down but if it were to take place as originally intended, the impact on a rural area with narrow roads could be very different and spill over into neighbouring villages and cause havoc.

Also, there was some initial publicity of the event last year but no particular information, all a bit mysterious. There had not been any publicity via Kirklees or HV Parish council or canvassing of residents, which was very poor. Surely they would have had to obtain certain permissions? Were they hoping no one would notice until these permissions had been granted and it was too late to object perhaps?

I would therefore ask that this matter be properly debated and consulted on, should there be a move to make it an annual event. I am also concerned about the pollution angle, which is not in keeping with Holmfirth's stance on climate change. We live off New Road and could smell the oily stink of what appeared to be a vintage car driving up New Road.

**8** (from someone who's Facebook posts advertise the event)

I just want to email to say how wonderful this event was!!

It brought such an excitement and sense of community to the area! They used so many local suppliers too - Guest Dining at Farnley Tyas for the catering in the members tent, Speedshop Mechanics at Waterloo for the organiser's own cars, Chain Reaction clothes from Honley were involved too plus many many more!

I fully applaud and support it and as local Honley resident I very much hope to see it back again next year!

I wanted to reply via your email and not on social media regarding the Yorkshire Motorsports festival.

## NEGATIVES

- We live across from Wolfstone heights - down the lane from Upperthong Village Hall (New Closes Barn)
- We own the land that the public footpath crosses up to the race road. It would have been nice to have received a mail drop regarding the event and coming onto our land to add warning notices - we heard and received nothing. They came and put tape across our field gate and signs saying the footpath would be closed on Thursday evening/Friday morning at some point.
- **Nobody came to remove it** - I didn't want a walker ripping down the tape and throwing it into our field which currently has 9 sheep in it. So last night Monday 28th June my son walked up and removed the information - it would have been polite to consult us and remove the items after.
- The road was closed all week - which seems a little extreme, they didn't really do anything until the weds/Thursday. Again, I use this road daily to take my child to school in Netherthong - again a mailshot through the door would have been appreciated. You can pay Royal Mail for this service they could have targeted - Wilshaw, Upperthong, Netherthong or the whole of Holmfirth.
- They seem to push green credentials - but access via foot was not really possible for us - we would have had to walk up Dean Road to the Ford Inn, then turn down Thick Hollins road (which has no pavements and is very fast and actually quite dangerous to walk) down to the crossroads then back into Wilshaw. The electric bus seemed to be used to transport people up and down to the paddock - it's not a long walk...yes for people who find walking difficult. But surely a bus from Holmfirth centre, Honley and Meltham would have been a better idea. Or have access via more than one point.
- This morning all the road signs and traffic cones are just pushed to the side of the road (it's narrow anyway and it's not that safe to leave things lying about)
- We watched a car crash into a road sign on the bend, it knocked it over - who fixes this and the dry-stone wall it also bashed into? The organisation or Kirklees (taxpayers' money)
- The stewards didn't really seem to be checking Covid results overly, as long as you pointed your phone at them, they nodded you on.
- The viewing of the race wasn't very good, I think a grandstand terrace would have been good so you could watch the actual races. I think this was due to covid restrictions.
- Advertising seemed to be mainly through Facebook - I saw it, but lots of oldies don't have social media. Maybe more press locally would have been an idea.

- A few cars were parked on Thick Hollins road - which was dangerous - no one seemed to be monitoring this - moving people on to the vast amount of FREE parking in the field - which is safer for everyone.

## POSITIVES

- We attended the festival, we bought a weekend family ticket - (would have been nice to have been offered a token-free ticket due to road closure proximity, public footpath notice, and inconvenience of noise).
- We really enjoyed walking around, the food stands were good (not many - but again covid restrictions and number restrictions may have been to blame) the quality was good and not stupid money!
- The McLaren and Bentley Stand people were really nice and spent a great deal of time talking about engineering and apprentice opportunities in the company! We were really impressed with both of those stands.
- Toyota again was great - the event was well spaced out - I never felt unsafe.
- I really hope it will happen next year - but maybe the organisers could widen their net with regards to consulting people who live next to the track.
- It was great to be back out and attending a show again - parking was decent.
- Classic cars and supercars were fantastic to walk around and look at.
- I would be happy to attend again - but maybe the organisers could have a little more courtesy for local residents - p.s I hope they come and take all the road closed signs and cones soon.

## 10

With reference to your post on Holmfirth Community Group I would like to make the following comments.

As a resident of Upperthong for forty years this event did not impact adversely on us or our village. Indeed, the organisers were keen to involve all community groups in Upperthong from the initial planning for the event, sadly cancelled in 2020.

Our entire family, plus friends who came especially from St Anne's, had a great weekend.

The organisers should be congratulated for staging the event despite the ongoing obstacles and issue that had to be overcome owing to the current Covid situation.

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I have been in business in the centre of Holmfirth for over 22 years, (cornerhouse cafe established 1969)

I have several points I wish to raise

Firstly, severe lack of local advertising

someone from Lancashire on the Tannoy!

very poor spectator points (which I have been told directly by locals)

the organisers lacked compassion and understanding

companies like Patronas turning around and leaving

however, do not get me wrong, I do think this is a fantastic opportunity to put Holmfirth on the map

maybe it should have been delayed 2 months or rescheduled for next year due to covid

there has been concerns about pedestrian safety on the way to enter the venue along with disabled parking to name but a few more issues

as for disruption, it was far less of an impact than the tour of Yorkshire coming through. or closing off hollowgate for the food festival or folk festival (maybe the lights in the centre of holmfirth may need looking at!)

it just needs more organisation, understanding.

it was fantastic to see finally people visiting the centre to explore what we have, rather than last of the summer wine.

the signage to the site was appalling, as initially festival traffic was directed onto Hollowgate.....!!!! which trucks just followed.

camping rules were ridiculous

I know of so many people that didn't go due to no live music. (yes i know its a pandemic, but maybe should delay event)

the cost of entry!!!! its not the Yorkshire show!!!! or the Birmingham NEC

I could keep going on..... but to bring such an event to the area, which is struggling, is fantastic. and I really hope it takes place next year (suggestion... Kirklees can scrap charges for parking at christmas etc..... so why not for that weekend, as the park and ride never happened, another negative) or allow separate fringe venues for owner's clubs.

I do know of one lovely individual that allowed on sunday of the event, use of her private field / hill.... all they asked was to take rubbish away, and not to stand too close to walls as the event organisers, could not stop someone being in a private field, but could stop the hill climb, they initially wanted to use their field , but would not pay for charging people to use the private field.....I feel this is very money orientated and not an event, i do understand people need to make a profit, but there should be some compassion.

To summarise,

Could be a fantastic event, and great for Holmfirth (and surrounding areas)

Needs a LOT of work

## 12

In response to the below put on the local FB group, I would like to say the following.

As someone who lives very close to the site, and well aware of the noise acoustics in the valley, I was dreading it given the absolute lack of consultation and warning we had.

On those days I was at home, however, there was no noise detectable, and the disruption seemed minimal. As long as no weekend or late-night music performance licences are granted, future events should be ok. I can clearly hear the weekend music festival held at the junior school and that is a mile away - valley acoustics here are strange things.

One thing that was problematic though was the traffic. I live on a well-known accident blackspot junction between Acre Lane, Thick Hollins Drive, Coach Road and Thick Hollins Road. The increase of traffic volume, and its non-local nature made an accident much more likely. I would like to suggest the organisers contribute to a mirror or traffic measures on this bend, or the council to prioritise this. If you are waiting on Thick Hollins Road to turn into Thick Hollins Drive, you cannot see what is coming round the bend towards you. It has previously been raised as a local priority in consultations. This weekend increased the risk (as did people walking on / parking on Thick Hollins Road).

## 13

I live in Upperthong opposite The Royal Oak so very close to the festival and can see the track out of the bedroom window.

Apparently, the festival was very well promoted for last year when it was supposed to have taken place however I don't feel like this was done for this year.

There was one sign by Upperthong village hall to state the road would be shut however I don't often travel that way and only saw the back of it a few days before the event while coming the opposite way and the grass had grown to obstruct the information therefore as a resident I was not informed of the road closures, and there was no signage while travelling into the village from Honley/Netherthong which I do often from work/visiting family.

As a resident I feel that some literature through the door stating exactly what roads would be shut and when and that none of the walking routes would be open either would have been extremely helpful as would other residents I have spoken to in the village.

I wasn't able to attend the event due to work commitments so I can't comment on that however while travelling from Meltham towards The Ford Inn which is quite a fast road there was a mum pushing her child in a pushchair followed by further festival goers spread out 3 abreast into the road all walking to enter through the pedestrian entrance on Thick Hollins Road. I personally feel that this was not a safe

route to send pedestrians due to the speed and volume of traffic on that road and if the event is to go ahead next year, then a safer route should be found, maybe through fields with landowner permission or even fencing a walkway along the road to keep pedestrians in single file.

I have read an article on The Telegraph & Angus this morning saying it was a success and that contracts are in place for next year so hopefully residents will be better informed with the specifics and some of these 'contracts' benefit and include local businesses.

#### 14

My thoughts on the festival are generally positive.

It was a great weekend with lots of interest for those who like motors.

COVID issues apart, consideration should be given to:

Better advertising

More local businesses to be involved (eg catering)

Better viewing facilities - with easier access.

Disabled toilets - or signs for same

Update website with latest info. E.g. what happened to park and ride?

What happened to COVID checks?

Bus up Bradshaw Road was a waste of time and money.

Access across track 90deg bend at Bradshaw Road was a problem. A long way to Steve's small holding and across the fields.

These are areas for improvement. Generally, the event seemed fairly well organised and I look forward to next year's event - especially as we have been promised free tickets.

#### 15

I live in Wilshaw.

Thoughts.

The residents of Wilshaw were never consulted about this event.

**Was there any increase in the economy of Wilshaw?**

NO. Wilshaw has no shop, no pub. There is no economy.

*I choose to live in Wilshaw because there is no shop or pub. Exactly because it is quiet.*

**Was there inconvenience?**

Yes, 7 days of road closures.

**Was there an increase in traffic?**

Yes, the traffic levels were terrible. Our roads are small.

There was little respect shown by contractors during the week and on the weekend itself Wilshaw Rd was dangerous. Speeding cars and motorbikes was a constant threat.

**Was the driving dangerous?**

Undeniably

**Was there noise pollution?**

Yes

**Was there air pollution?**

Unquestionably

**Is Wilshaw in a conservation area?**

Yes. Nobody has mentioned this.

**16**

We live at Carr Farm on Wolfstones Road and have had to put up with the full brunt of these lot for of restrictions, closed roads and a weekend of at times unbearable noise.

We incurred costs of £300 and massive inconvenience having to remove our horses from their home on our land to livery.as the noise would have no doubt sent them into a frenzy, risking serious damage or death. The invoice for this, has been sent to YMS ,they have been somewhat vague as to whether or not it is their obligation.to reimburse .No payment so far. We will have to see.

We let them use our entrance as a marshal point, Payment was fag ends and used chewing gum. My daughter, Clare considers this most disrespectful and cleared it up for mum and dad. I doubt if we will let them access again.

Along with access Our main concern was noise. I was told that competing road cars have to conform to a national standard. In spite of this nonregulated off-road track stockcars were allowed, The noise from these was very much louder and totally unnecessary. Goes to show they cared little, failed to take on board our valid concerns. There was no need for these to run.

They allowed us race day access via Wickens Lane and made it difficult by blocking it with a marshals car and course ambulance. One of the ambulance woman locked horns with Clare over her right of access which she found a distressing experience. The male driver enforced his right not to move when he could. An obnoxious individual. Who has no right to brush up his ego at the residents cost?

The marshals were in the main a jovial lot of volunteers. A minority of officials let it be known they owned Wolfstones Road. I enjoyed putting one in his place!

The first we knew of the event was a visit by the organisers to tell us that they had obtained all the permissions from KMC. No information was obtainable by me from KMC and neither Donald Firth or Nigel Patrick could tell us anything. No road or footpath closure notices were seen posted. Even the pre closure yellow board notices were not clearly placed. A culture of keeping the locals in the dark was very obvious from KMC and YMS to minimise any objections to jeopardise YMS interests and defend KMC faceless administrator who authorised this no doubt for some unspecified benefit. Maybe minutes of the decision meeting could be released to me and the public domain. The whole process has been very underhand.

I have to question the circumstances of how this event has been allowed without full public transparency and scrutiny particularly by those ratepayers, whose lives are affected by organisations and interests from outside the district purely for their profit at local ratepayer's cost. A deal done behind closed doors And huge inconvenience to many residents of Holmfirth .What benefits and profits actually came to Holmfirth.

Track viewing opportunities for the public were very limited. Very few were seen taking advantage where possible. They got their experience in the static exhibition fields which looked comprehensive, interesting and very well attended. The racetrack benefitted the immediate race organisers and drivers only. The trade-off is disruption, which can be done without by the public of Holmfirth, whose spending is milked out of the area. I am told by one local trader that the terms and conditions of him attending would have necessitated him having to charge a huge mark up to his normal rates., ripping off his locals. He considered the conditions too onerous and unusual.. He declined their invitation to attend. Traders appeared to be from outside Holmfirth.

It should NOT be allowed to continue to run again in its current form but confined to static displays only. Any future music event fully scrutinised for noise and disruption. The interests of the ratepaying residents have been run roughshod over, and any compensations ignored by both the organisers and KMC who must now owe me a domestic rate rebate

They were given the track access and road closures for 8 days. Why?.

There is no hill on Wolfstones hill climb. This event should be up Holme Moss, where they wanted it originally It has accommodated a cycle race, why not a car race.? Impact on residents could be zero

## **17 (summary provided as part of longer chain of email complaints from residents)**

As promised, here is a more detailed email of our concerns.

We found out about the event very late when a friend emailed us a link from the local newspaper to the event. Bearing in mind that the original event was supposed to have 30,000 people going to a site less than 1/2 a mile of our property and there was considerable air pollution, noise pollution and covid risk, we are still shocked and disappointed that nobody from either the organisation or Kirklees council consulted the local communities of Upperthong and Wilshaw about any of this. The type and scale of the event contradicts Kirklees Council's biodiversity strategy, and we are astounded that Kirklees Council closed our public roads for up to 10 days for the benefit small interest group private event with significant negative environmental and residential impact with little evidence of community gain. There are a number of areas that we are extremely anxious about and are therefore asking you to ensure that this event does happen at this site in future. Our concerns are set out below.

### **Environmental Impact**

Upperthong, Wilshaw and the surrounding area is rich in biodiversity. It is home to breeding lapwings, snipe, barn owls, little owls, hares, newts, deer, bats and hedgehogs to name but a few species. The hedgerows are full of birds and other flora and fauna. We could very clearly hear the racing from our house on each of the days and also noise from the campsite when some activity had taken place. Therefore, the impact on wildlife must be significant. Kirklees Council have committed to promoting biodiversity and preventing detrimental climate change. We are therefore surprised not to have seen any environmental impact assessment. We would expect to see assumptions relating to the 3 days of racing, the traffic that could come into the area, and specifically to the areas surrounding the racetrack, and the roads that local and event traffic will be diverted through over the 10 day closure period. We believe that we have a right to see information about a) noise and vehicle pollution as a result of the races b) pollution caused by traffic relating to the vehicles of the expected 30-50,000 people coming into the rural site site, c) litter from people attending the races, site and surrounding rural areas, d) other human waste. We are sure if this is correctly assessed, an event on the original planned scale and impact could not go ahead

### **Local access and access for emergency services**

It appears that the event was widely publicised outside of the Holmfirth area but there has been limited, if any publicity or consultation in Holmfirth. We do not have a rail station, and we have poor direct transport links to this area. This combined with the nature of the event means that people are more likely to drive and /or or bring racing and show cars too. Even with the relatively low numbers who attended this year, there was a significant increase in traffic before, during and after the event on small, often single-track roads where traffic was diverted down. This directly effects residents of Upperthong and Wilshaw and also a broader group of residents who live on roads where the traffic travels to the event through Holmfirth, Netherthong, Meltham, where the transport infrastructure struggles to cope during the popular tourist summer months. We have seen no information about the

assumptions of increase in vehicle traffic and the impacts on local people and emergency and delivery services as a result.

My partner is a carer for his elderly mother and so needs quick access onto Dean Road and out of Holmfirth at all times. We are aware of someone who lives near to the site who needs to attend HRI clinics 3 times a week and another family who have caring duties. We are only 3 examples of residents who are in the directly impacted area. Our largely single track, narrow roads were either closed or traffic is diverted down them during the event. When traffic starts to queue for the event, people inevitably shortcut through the other small single-track roads. There are already problems getting in and out of Upperthong via Ashgrove Road as the Greenfield Road entrance is only wide enough for 1 vehicle. There will be similar considerations in other locations and other Holmfirth residents will have a wider range of access needs. Similarly, we would like to understand how emergency vehicles would get through when there are up to 50,000 more people and the resultant traffic the areas. Please can you help us to understand assumptions that enabled our public roads to be closed for 10 days without any resident input.

#### **Covid and other health and safety risk**

Having such a large number of people in a small area with limited infrastructure presents a covid risk to local people whether they are attending the event or not. We understand that the event organisers were asked to submit covid plans on numerous occasions and eventually submitted them just prior to the event and used a practice that was not recommended for events nationally. Feedback from the event showed that protocols were not enforced, and people were able to walk into the site without any covid testing. Part of the terms of the event licence was that a resident's handbook would be issued 7 days prior to the event to let us know local access and health and safety information. We and neighbours chased Kirklees Council on numerous occasions and finally received a template with no details on Friday 25 June. A subsequent copy was then forwarded with more details which advised that we should not arrange for shopping or other parcels to be delivered whilst the roads were closed. For those living directly on the closed roads, they were asked to give prior notice for when they needed to go out or into their property. Clearly this advice was far too late and totally inappropriate for a private, small interest group event.

We are not aware if any other residents receiving this information. Kirklees Council have advised us that this event had been planned many months ago, however the organisers only attended the Kirklees safety committee meeting 3 times and one of these was just before the event at Kirklees' request because appropriate health and safety information had not been provided.

The areas surrounding the site in Upperthong, and Wilshaw are popular with walkers, cyclists, runners and horse riders. They walk along the single-track roads that traffic was diverted down. Therefore, in view of all of the above, we have no faith in the organisers and Kirklees Council to deal with significant health and safety risks to attendees and the community appropriately.

### **Farming and livestock**

The main site and racetrack are in the middle of a rural farming area. Neighbours have livestock, including pregnant cattle in the fields bordering the racetrack and where traffic is diverted down. We have spoken to 2 farmers who were extremely concerned and who had had no contact from the event organisers or Kirklees council. Please also see environmental impact section.

### **Local businesses and community benefit**

The event appears to be for the benefit of a handful of sports car owners and enthusiasts. The organisers have largely used corporate sponsorship and non-local businesses to provide services in the site. The community economic benefit is unclear and nobody at Kirklees Council can tell us which local businesses are expected to benefit and how. There is anecdotal feedback about holiday accommodation being full, but we do not know if this is due to a) normal summer tourism, b) the fact that due to covid travelling abroad was unlikely c) the due to the event. I expect that we won't have quantifiable evidence until the end of the summer in this respect, but please can you let us know how this will be measured.

We fully support events that bring community, well-being and economic benefits to all groups in the Holme valley, and those events that are safe and, on a scale, and site appropriate to the infrastructure of this beautiful rural location. Sadly, this event does not meet these expectations

Please can you ensure that this is discussed as a matter of urgency and provide assurances that this event will not be held on this site again.

### **18**

I would say it was good, we had a day pass and I think there was enough to do for a day, for those that had a 3 day pass I would say it was limited.

We did thoroughly enjoy it and I think with better administration, more representative for local traders and better viewing of the hill climb it would be much better. I would fully support the event in the future.

We did have our tickets and lateral flows checked but I do know other friends who had neither checked.

It wasn't really clear where everything was so we did a bit of walking round, e.g nothing was sent with the ticket as to how to get there, programme, map etc so that can also be improved upon, and I think anyone could have printed off tickets and got in and there was no checking of QR codes etc.

Overall a good event but just needs a bit of improvement on organisation etc.

## 19

Myself and other neighbours live within 300 metres of Wolfstones Road where the time trials are taking place. One of my neighbours has pregnant cattle that graze in the field immediately adjacent to Wolfstones Road.

We have received no information from the event's organisers and have not been consulted at any stage in the process.

I received some information via Adele Poppleton yesterday after repeated requests for the residents' handbook which is a requirement of holding such an event.

There has already been a significant amount of disruption to local residents, and it is clear to myself and many others that the public rural lanes are totally unsuitable for holding such an event. There have already been numerous complaints made to local councillors and MPs.

In light of the unsuitability of the location and lack of communication and information relating to this event there will be a formal complaint to Kirklees Council and the Motorsport Governing Body. At this point there will be an opportunity for all parties to present relevant information.

## 20

I think the main issue was communication or lack of it.

I imagine they only have a small team and with the uncertainty of Covid they did well to actually hold an event.

## 21 (original email notifying the event)

My apologies if you are already aware of The Yorkshire Motorsport Festival 2021 (ymsf.net and attachment) but having learned about it from someone living in the South of England it has become increasingly apparent that all the publicity (and there has been a great deal) has been kept outside the local area.

This was first planned in 2020 and delayed by Covid but will now take place on a 125-acre site (HD9 4EB) on the 25th to 27th June 2021.

The festival is addressing the obvious environmental issues with the following statement.

'Set within West Yorkshire's scenic countryside, we are proud to be Britain's greenest motorsport Festival; recycling a minimum of 90% of waste generated, using electric park and ride buses, and offsetting the event's carbon emissions through local environmental projects.'

Despite this the star attraction is road racing on closed roads in the vicinity and the promotion of petrol driven vehicles. The organisers have informed us that the main car park which is off Wilshaw Mill Road has 50 acres allocated for car parking to accommodate 7,000 cars with an extra 20 acres for

use as a campsite. In addition, there are 20 acres allocated on Bradshaw Road, Honley for park and ride which is where the electric buses would be used. This feels like a good example of 'greenwash'.

Apart from the horrendous traffic problems of setting up and taking down a festival of this size and the number of vehicles attending, the festival is promoting Holmfirth in a way which would appear to be in direct opposition to the work being carried out by environmentalists and the Parish Council declaring a climate emergency in 2019.

The site will cater for shopping, food and drink so local businesses are not going to gain custom. If, as is probable, Holmfirth becomes gridlocked it will be the opposite as locals will not be able to gain access to the town.

If you and your organisations feel this Festival is unacceptable, please let all your members and friends know what is planned and make your opposition known. There is a Parish Council Climate Emergency Committee meeting on Monday 24th May. Whilst it is probably too late to stop it now, unless Covid delays it again, it would be good to know that we could have a voice in future decisions as to it becoming an annual event.

Note the website showing the attached brochure was coincidentally suspended after a local query on traffic control. It does however give a much better picture of the way the festival has been promoted.

## **22**

See also email complaints by Clare Wakely to HVPC Cllr Hogley & Pogson directly.

DOCUMENT ENDS

**19TH July 2021**

Dear Mr Wilson,

**Re : Yorkshire Motorsport Festival 2021.**

I am writing to you as the Commercial Director of the Festival and I refer to my previous communications with you in this regard.

I have set out here a few of the headlines for you, which I hope will assist.

We did try to involve the Community in the Festival and were frustrated that Covid regulations led to the cancellation of some events planned in the lead up to the Festival and of course at the Festival itself. In particular, all the music had to be cancelled at very short notice, and as we were showcasing a number of local bands, this was a particular disappointment for all involved.

However, at Upperthong Cricket Club on Thursday night a cricket match was held and the boundary was circled by the Benjafield Bentley Club, with a collection of pre - 1930 Vintage Bentleys. This proved to be a great success, raising money for the Upperthong Cricket Club. The Hot Rods made an appearance at Honley Cricket Club on the same night, providing great interest across the local area.

As mentioned, we did endeavour to keep the Festival as local to Holmfirth and area as we could, some examples of which are as follows :

- i) The lads setting out on the Festival site, were local;
- ii) The litter pickers (20) were all local;
- iii) The car park stewards were local;
- iv) Trade Stands were predominantly from Yorkshire
- v) Restaurants and licensed premises in the area reported brisk trade over the 3 days of the Festival;
- vi) Hotels and B & Bs were fully booked, as far back as Tankersley;
- vii) Supplying of goods, such as signage internally, at the Festival Site was supplied locally;
- viii) The Member's Enclosure Sponsor was a company from Meltham;
- ix) Member's Enclosure food was prepared and supplied by a company from Farnley Tyas
- x) All water on site was supplied locally from Meltham and Shepley ;
- xi) All toilets were locally sourced.

I hope this gives you a flavour of the local involvement at the Festival.

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Turning now to your specific points, from your last e mail, I would comment as follows:-

### **Litter, Noise and Disturbance**

1. As referred to above – feedback on the running of the Festival over the 3 days and the set up and take down operations from the Landowners and Stakeholders has been unanimously positive;
2. We complied with all Motorsport UK regulations and they had representation on site throughout the Festival. All competing vehicles were tested for noise limit compliance, and any offending vehicles were removed from and prior to participation.
3. Notwithstanding a last - minute withdrawal by our preferred and contracted supplier of Road Closure Stewards due to a Covid alert in their proposed team for the Festival, Stewards were in place throughout the Festival on a 24 hour basis. We were made aware of one instance of an incursion into a landowner's field, which was swiftly dealt with by our on - site team, without any issues and/or disturbance. Similarly, the Festival visitors were all generally well behaved and we are unaware of any public nuisance disturbances.

### **Environmental Matters.**

- A. See above re litter. Our target re Waste being recycled is in the process of review, but all indications are that our target was achieved, and indeed surpassed.
- B. Objective achieved;
- C. Objective achieved;
- D. The original Park & Ride plan was rendered unviable due to the significant reduction to visitor numbers enforced on us. We did experience some issues in regard to the internal bus service between the Festival and Motorsport areas, simply as a direct result of safety issues imposed by the Motor Sport UK Marshall/s, which restricted the available routes for the service; public safety of course rightly took precedence over transportation usage;
- E. Please see details supplied above;
- F. Facility provided and display took place;
- G. The Carbon footprint is being evaluated and a contribution to the Holme Valley environmental projects will be agreed in due course with HVPC/Climate Emergency Committee.
- H. The overwhelming reaction from within the local area and from those visiting has been universally positive. In respect of the former, please see the large number of positive reviews posted on the Holmfirth Events Facebook page, which provides a good indication of current local feedback. As to the latter, we have received many equally positive communications from those visiting from abroad and from other areas of the UK, (suitably complying with all appropriate self - isolation protocols, I should stress)

**YMSF.NET**



It is also worth noting that, despite the obvious Covid constraints, almost without exception the motorsport competitors, trade displays and vendors have all expressed a desire to return next year, and likewise a great number of the Festival visitors, have also commented that it's been fantastic having an event such as this on their doorsteps, without having to travel across the country.

In conclusion, lessons were learned from the inevitable mistakes that were made in this inaugural year, exacerbated of course by the Covid restrictions under which we were compelled to operate.

We are already well ahead with planning for next year and receiving some exciting interest from a wide variety of high - profile sponsors and stakeholders.

We also look forward to engaging with all the relevant Parish Councils, to ensure that any and all concerns are taken into account, as far as practically possible..

Kind regards



**IAN R. S. JORDAN  
COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR  
YMSF**

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Yours faithfully,  
Geraldine Clark

Complaint from Liz Heywood received 24/5/21

I attach the publicity for this proposed event, which I suspect very few people in the valley know about. I am appalled that in the midst of our acute climate emergency, such celebration of the combustion engine could even be contemplated. And even further appalled at the thought of the

beautiful lanes and area around Wolfstones being subjected to what amounts to environmental vandalism.

I do not know if the Parish Council has any power to intervene in this matter, but would ask that the information is circulated to all council members], and in particular to members of the climate emergency group.

I suspect that if valley people knew about this, a great many of them would share my shock and opposition.

Yours etc

Liz Heywood

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**Response to Chairman's letter**

Dear Liz,

Thank you for your email of the 25th May and for the full reply from the Chair of the Council, it is appreciated. I would be grateful if you could pass on these comments in response to the points made. Noting that Kirklees Council are responsible for the permits required for such an event I am also copying our local representatives.

It is understandable that there are tensions brought about by this situation. It is a David and Goliath story where David has been blind folded and has no idea of what is about to hit him. Since finding out about the Festival I've spoken to many local people, none of whom knew what was planned. Jason McCartney tells me it has been well publicised and quoted

Huge motorsport festival set for Kirklees this June in first for the region - YorkshireLive (examinerlive.co.uk)

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/huge-motorsport-festival-set-kirklees-20404195>

shown on Yorkshire Live in April. This is very poor in comparison with the amount of publicity in other parts of the country.

Now word is getting out locally the ymsf.net website has an article 'How Green is our Valley' extolling their green values and how they will be helping local business and tourism.

I quote from other parts of their website

'\*Discover the best of Yorkshire with 50 top local retailers at the Yorkshire Shopping Village'.\*

The featured retailer is Capital Cashmere, a family owned business based in Shropshire.

2021 sees the best 'staycation' publicity we have ever had and a chance for tourism to revive after the horrendous effects of Covid. Welcome to Yorkshire [www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com) are promoting walking and cycling holidays in Yorkshire - no sign of YMSF here. The news yesterday spoke of the difficulty in getting accommodation in Yorkshire as it is so popular.

Promoting

tourism as a reason for this event can only be seen as unfortunate, showing Holmfirth as out of step with the growing concern for climate change and the environment.

The 40,000 plus visitors and all the vehicles involved will cause problems on our narrow roads, the site will cater for every need and as movement will be difficult visitors are not going to see the Valley properly or support local shops. One weekend a year will not help tourism, unlike the Tour de Yorkshire where people actually saw and then visited the Valley.

Your reply speaks of balance. If the Parish Council and Kirklees believe in balance they could at least have made sure the people who will bear the brunt of this pollution knew what was planned and by whom. The only way to dissipate tension is to have open and honest discussions about what would seem to be permission given in direct opposition to the well publicised environmental policies of both Kirklees and the Parish Council.

Many thanks,

Best wishes,