

Holme Valley Parish Council

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2025 7pm

THE EXHIBITION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH, HD9 3AS

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr Glenn Kirkby

PRESENT:

Cllr Isaac Barnett
Cllr Donna Bellamy
Cllr Mary Blacka
Cllr Pat Colling
Cllr Harry Davis
Cllr Tom Dixon
Cllr Donald Firth
Cllr Chris Green
Cllr Jenny Holmes
Cllr Jo Liles
Cllr Alison Morgan
Cllr Hugh Osborne
Cllr Martin Rostron
Cllr Jane Rylah
Cllr Tricia Stewart
Cllr Sarah Whitelaw
Cllr Andy Wilson

APPROVED APOLOGIES & REASONS: Cllr Lawrence Baylin, Cllr Damian Brook, Cllr Andrew Fenwick, Cllr Charles Greaves, Cllr Steve Ransby.

TAKING MINUTES: Jen McIntosh (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO), Gemma Sharp (Assistant Clerk)

- DRAFT MINUTES –

The Chair made a brief statement before the business of the meeting commenced on issues brought to his attention regarding councillor conduct towards members of the clerk team.

There had been a number of communications where members of the team had been made to feel uncomfortable. All councillors were asked to reflect on their communications with the clerk team and ensure that requests and comments to the clerk team focus on legitimate council matters.

2526 56 Public Question Time

In accordance with *Standing Orders 3 e to g* members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

A member of the public – the chair of Holmfirth Civic Hall Community trust – was present to speak to item 2526 64 and two Kirklees officers were present to speak to item 2526 78.

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Both these items were moved forward in the agenda to after item 2526 61 and Standing Orders were to be suspended to allow the members of the public to speak.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2526 57 Recording of public meeting

The meeting was being recorded for public broadcast via the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL YouTube channel.

There were no other requests to record the meeting.

2526 58 Items to be heard in private session

There were no agenda items to be heard in private session.

2526 59 Apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reasons had been circulated prior to the meeting starting.

APPROVED: apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Lawrence Baylin, Cllr Damian Brook, Cllr Andrew Fenwick, Cllr Charles Greaves, Cllr Steve Ransby.

2526 60 Receipt of written Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests

Revised written declaration(s) of pecuniary and other interests are sent out under separate cover for councillors' information. Councillors are requested to delete the DPIs once read.

NOTED: receipt of written declaration(s) of pecuniary and other interests from Cllr Sarah Whitelaw.

DPI to have signature, addresses and other sensitive information redacted and be posted on the HVPC website. Copy to be shared with the Monitoring Officer.

2526 61 Declaration of interests in agenda items and written dispensations

TO RECEIVE: declarations of interests of councillors in agenda items.

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An **ACTION** for the Clerk from FULL COUNCIL on 24 March 2025 was to secure written dispensations from councillors appointed as HVPC representatives to organisations at the ANNUAL COUNCIL Meeting on 19 May 2025.

Forms have been distributed for completion by Cllrs Fenwick, Wilson, Ransby, Liles, Kirkby, Morgan and Green with respect to their representation on bodies that may seek grant aid from the Council at the appointment of the Council. Completed forms are to be presented at the next FULL COUNCIL meeting.

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Cllr Rostron declared an interest in EcoHolmes with regards to item 2526 66 grant request from Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership.

Cllr Wilson stated that the correct formal declaring of interests was key to maintaining transparency and retaining public confidence. He asked that individual councillors with affiliations relevant to the agenda declare them.

At this point in the meeting item 2526 78 Democracy Friendly Schools and item 2526 64 the Civic were heard.

Cllr Firth arrived at 7.07pm.

2526 78 Democracy Friendly Schools

Two Kirklees officers presented the Democracy friendly schools initiative to the Council. This was an award-winning programme, led by schools, tailored to individual schools and open to all schools. Hepworth Junior and infants School was an example of a school that had already achieved the award.

This was not in any way a political programme. The aim was to enable youngsters to develop a healthy approach to active citizenship from a young age.

RESOLVED: To set up a Working Party consisting of Cllrs Blacka, Holmes, Kirkby, Liles, Rostron and Stewart to prepare proposals for FULL COUNCIL on how the *Democracy-friendly Schools* initiative might be taken forward in the Holme Valley.

2526 64 Holmfirth Civic Hall – emergency lighting repairs

Proposed by Cllr Andy Wilson.

The Chair of the Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust was present and Standing Orders suspended to allow him to speak to the motion.

The Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust had authorised immediate emergency repairs to all emergency lighting at the Civic at an expected cost of £12,214. Recent failures in the emergency lighting indicated that this had fallen into disrepair and was in need of urgent attention given the safety implications for a public building. The work had been undertaken on Tuesday 26 August.

Although under the current lease general repairs fall under the remit of the Trust, the new lease currently under negotiation was highly likely to acknowledge that remedial works affecting the basic fabric/structure of the building was to be financed by the Parish Council.

The Trust had identified 3 possible options for financing these repairs:

1. Re-purpose more of the Foyer renovation fund.
2. Re-purpose funds set aside for the additional costs to the roof - £11,935.64 available.
3. Use part of this year's (2025-6) £40,000 repair monies from Holme Valley Parish Council.

It was noted that financing the repairs under the third option would mean that some other works originally pencilled in for 2025/6 would not be undertaken.

The preference of the Trust was to use monies remaining in the additional costs roof fund as set out in 2.

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As this represented a change-in-use, approval from Full Council was being sought.

APPROVED: a grant application change-in-use for up to £11,935.64 to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust for roof repairs.

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

2526 62 Minutes of Full Council meetings

APPROVED: amendment of draft minute 2526 37 to include apologies from Cllr Barnett and of the **APPROVED APOLOGIES AND REASONS** section at the top of the minutes to include Cllr Barnett.

APPROVED: the Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL Meeting held on 23 June 2025 numbered 2526 34 to 2526 55 including the amendment above.

THE COMMITTEE MINUTES UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

2526 63 Minutes of Standing Committee meetings

APPROVED: the Minutes of the SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE Meeting held on 9 June 2025 numbered 2526 01 to 2526 20.

APPROVED: the Minutes of the PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting held on 30 June 2025 numbered 2526 20 to 2526 40, **APPROVED** the PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting held on 18 August 2025.

APPROVED: the Minutes of the STAFFING COMMITTEE Meeting held on 21 July 2025 numbered 2526 01 to 2526 16.

APPROVED: the Minutes of the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Meeting held on 11 August 2025 numbered 2526 25 to 2526 44.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2526 65 Housing Needs Survey – grant request from the Reference Group on the Local Plan

Cllr Mary Blacka presented a request from the Reference Group on the Local Plan for a special grant to finance a Housing Needs Survey in the Holme Valley.

The surveys carried out by Kirklees Council were at a high level of granularity, so the reporting area was Rural West, which included the Kirklees Council wards of Colne Valley, Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South.

The survey would be managed by EcoHolmes and would be carried out by the firm that carried out the housing survey for the planning application for the Chippings development. Having such a survey would be invaluable in revising the Neighbourhood Plan.

The cost would be £15K.

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A recorded vote was requested on a motion to approve a grant of up to £15,000 for the conducting of a housing needs survey.

FOR: Cllrs Blacka and Whitelaw.

AGAINST: Cllrs Kirkby, Wilson, Rylah, Morgan, Holmes, Colling, Firth, Green, Liles, Bellamy, Davis, Stewart, Barnett.

ABSTENTIONS: Cllrs Dixon, Osborne, Rostron (interest declared and left the room for the duration of the item).

Motion was **REJECTED**.

2526 66 Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership grant request re Food and Drink Festival

A grant request from Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership (HVCAP) was sent to the Clerk by email on 15 July 2025. The Clerk apologised as the application was overlooked until later in August due to the Clerk being out of office. Because it was time-sensitive with regards to Holmfirth Food and Drink Festival it was brought to the attention of FULL COUNCIL for possible consideration.

The Clerk had shared all documentation regarding the grant with the Chair of the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE prior to the meeting to enable them to comment as they saw fit at the meeting.

APPROVED: an application from Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership for a Community Benefit grant of £928 for a celebration of local produce and how to prepare vegetarian food event as part of Holmfirth Food and Drink Festival.

2526 67 Council Budget 2025-26 Year-To-Date including Earmarked Reserves

Year-to-date Council Income and Expenditure report by Budget Heading September 2025 and reports on Earmarked Reserves were shared ahead of the meeting.

NOTED: Income and Expenditure against Budget and Earmarked Reserves year-to-date reports.

2526 68 Schedule of Payments

The Schedule of Payments for August 2025 and the month-to-date Schedule of Payments for September were shared.

NOTED: Schedule of Payments for August 2025.

Items from the Schedule of Payments for month-to-date September 2025 were discussed, including a payment of £7,187 in respect of installation of solar panels.

The Deputy Clerk/RFO was thanked for his work.

2526 69 Rialtas Subscription

This item was **DEFERRED** to the next FULL COUNCIL meeting on 20 October 2025.

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2526 70 Unused grant monies expected to be returned

Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership (HVCAP) had a £5,000 grant approved at a CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE meeting on 17 December 2020 (minute 2021 49) for land use mapping. As the grant had remained unused the monies were to be returned on 23 September 2025 to General Reserves.

NOTED: the expected return to General Reserves of £5,000 in unused grants monies from HVCAP on 23 September 2025.

MATTERS RESERVED FOR FULL COUNCIL

2526 71 Referrals to the Monitoring Officer

NOTED: that no referrals were under consideration by the Kirklees Monitoring Officer.

2526 72 Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 9 November 2025

The Council nominates representatives for each of the poppy wreath-laying ceremonies at the 8 war memorials sited in the Holme Valley, including the parades in Honley and New Mill to take place on Sunday 9 November 2025.

Public Liability Insurance was in place.

NOTED: the expenditure of £160 on 8 poppy wreaths.

APPROVED: representation of Holme Valley Parish Council at Acts of Remembrance on Sunday 9 November 2025 as follows.

War Memorial and contact names/ presiding minister TO BE CONFIRMED	Arrangements from 2024 shown – arrangements for 2025 to be confirmed unless otherwise stated	Cllr attending 2025
Holmfirth	10.45am Holy Trinity Parish Church Wreath is first laid in Church as part of service then taken by car to the War Memorial at Holme Valley Memorial Hospital. (Mr John Booth will bring the wreath to the church to give to the attending Councillor.)	Cllr Glenn Kirkby
Brockholes	10.50am Wreath laid at War Memorial itself followed by Service at St George's Church at 11am.	Cllr Jo Liles
Hepworth	9.30am Service in Holy Trinity Church Hepworth then Act of Remembrance at Church Lych Gate	Cllr Tom Dixon
Holmbridge Revd Nick Heaton	10.50am Wreath-laying Ceremony at War Memorial in grounds of St David's followed by Service inside.	Cllr Sarah Whitelaw
Honley Fiona Roberts Honley RBL Revd Anna Lumb	CONFIRMED 9.45am for 10am Service at St Mary the Virgin followed by Procession to War Memorial and Act of Remembrance/ wreath laying at 11am.	Cllr Chris Green (Cllr Greaves

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anna.lumb@leeds.anglican.org 07386479441	Procession then re-forms and goes back through village centre ending in People's Park around 11.20am.	attending to lay Kirklees wreath)
Netherthong Revd Nick Heaton	10.50am Ceremony at War Memorial followed by Service in All Saints Church.	Cllr Isaac Barnett
New Mill Neil Tinker New Mill RBL	10.30am Remembrance Service at Christ Church followed by Procession and Wreath-laying Act of Remembrance (inside)	Cllr Donald Firth
Upperthong	10.45am Service at St John's Upperthong followed by Ceremony of Remembrance at the Lych Gate	Cllr Andy Wilson

Clerk to confirm details prior to event.

2526 73 Holmfirth Civic Hall – review of lease

The Chair of Civic Lease Working Group, Cllr Donna Bellamy, reported that the project was nearing completion. The Working Group was due to meet on Tuesday 23 September when Heads of Terms and a side letter covering governance would be finalised.

Cllr Bellamy was thanked for leading the working group.

NOTED: the progress report regarding the review of the lease with Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust.

2526 74 Flags at the Civic – update from Communications and Engagement Working Group

The ANNUAL COUNCIL meeting on 19 May 2025 **RESOLVED** that the following motions be considered by the Communications and Engagement Working Group as part of the Council's wider engagement and branding strategy (Minute 2526 28).

1. That the Parish Council commissions and purchases a high-quality flag featuring its official coat of arms.
2. That the flag be flown at Civic Hall, Holmfirth on either daily or civic occasions and at other times as deemed appropriate by the Clerk or Chair of the Parish Council.
3. That a modest budget of up to £400 be allocated from General Reserves for the procurement of the coat of arms flag and replacement of the Union flag and any necessary fittings or fixtures required.
4. That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

The Communications & Engagement Working Group had considered the proposal to purchase a replacement Union flag for the Civic and to commission a Holmfirth coat of arms flag.

The Working Group did not recommend any further action because:

- The Union flag has already been replaced by the Civic Trust.
- The flags and poles belong to the Civic Trust, so HVPC has no responsibility for them.
- Government guidance is to fly the Union flag as often as possible; other flags may be flown only in certain circumstances (the Civic is in possession of a Yorkshire county flag for Yorkshire Day).
- The Holmfirth coat of arms represents Holmfirth only, not the whole parish.
- Holme Valley Parish Council now has a new logo representing the whole parish; using the old crest could cause confusion.

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- No budget was assigned for this in the year 2025/26.

RESOLVED: no further action to be taken regarding flags at the Civic in light of feedback from the working group.

2526 75 Social Media Policy

The background to this item was that the Complaints Panel had met on 20 July 2024 and considered 4 complaints, one of which was that members of the Planning Committee had engaged inappropriately on social media ahead of the consideration of a specific application.

The Complaints Panel did not uphold the complaint, taking the view that the social media interaction referred to did not cross the line of what should be considered to be more than normal interactions with the public.

The Complaints Panel requested that councillors reflect on their use of social media and ensure continued adherence to the Code of Conduct regarding all communications.

More recently, in line with the Media and Communications Policy, an issue had been raised with the Clerk about inappropriate online responses from the public to councillors' social media output and possible actions the Council could consider taking in response to this. The clerk sought advice regarding this from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

Whilst the Council does have a Media and Communications Policy with a section on social media, it may wish to consider adopting a specific Social Media Policy such as the model NALC policy.

A discussion followed as to how the Council wished to proceed and it was resolved to **DEFER** the item to the next FULL COUNCIL meeting on Monday 20 October 2025.

Assistant Clerk to produce an overview briefing paper for the meeting.

2526 76 Holme Valley Parish Council – action plan update

The Clerk reported that they had been struggling to find time to update the Action Plan first presented in December 2024 and apologised for this.

NOTED: update regarding the Holme Valley Parish Council Action Plan.

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

2526 77 Transparency, Representation and Local Scrutiny in Holmfirth Town Centre Works

Cllrs Damian Brook, Jo Liles, Harry Davis, Donna Bellamy and Andy Wilson requested this item. A range of views were shared regarding the Parish Council's involvement to date with the works in Holmfirth Town Centre, following a recent meeting that had taken place convened by Holmfirth Businesses Together.

RESOLVED:

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1. **To assert to that HVPC should be a central stakeholder** in these works and should receive the same level of information and engagement as any other stakeholder group, particularly given its formal status as an elected body representing the wider community.
2. **To affirm that HVPC should play a role in monitoring** the Holmfirth Town Centre works, including:
 - Receiving regular updates from Kirklees Councillors.
 - Raising concerns and providing feedback for the benefit of residents and businesses.
3. **To inform Kirklees Council that an invitation to participate** in all future stakeholder meetings involving Kirklees officers, elected representatives, or external partners would be welcomed.
4. **To add a standing agenda item to Full Council** titled *Holmfirth Town Centre Works – Updates and Oversight*, to ensure information sharing and representation of the community's views as the project progresses.

At 8.57pm it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders so that the remainder of the business could be considered.

2526 79 Urban Nature Reserve/Local Nature Action Plan

Cllr Green wished to ascertain interest in HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL developing a local nature action plan and/or perhaps an urban/local nature reserve.

This stemmed from conversations arising from the Honley Open Gardens event earlier in the Summer and reflects the fact that the Council has a Biodiversity Policy.

National guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/create-and-manage-local-nature-reserves>.

Guidance specifically for local councils can be found here:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/xbgjofk0/sdc-local-nature-action-plans-guidance-for-town-and-parish-councils-1-1.pdf>.

RESOLVED: to form a working group consisting of Cllr Green, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Liles and Cllr Firth to research and develop ideas for a local nature action plan and/or an urban/local nature reserve in the Holme Valley.

A motion to establish in principle an Earmarked Reserve of £5,000 for the development of a local nature action plan and/or an urban/local nature reserve, dependent on the return of £5,000 to General Reserves on 23 September, being an unused grant given to HVCAP, was **DEFERRED** – working group to report back.

REFERRALS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

2526 80 Updates from the Communications and Engagement Working Group

The group met on 16th June, 30th July and were due to meet again on 26th September 2025.

The Working Group had formed an action plan for 2025 to the end of the council term in 2027 to help prioritise and plan for work over the coming 2 years.

The Working Group had also agreed terms of reference.

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The councillor presence at Holmfirth Food and Drink festival on 13th and 14th September 2025 was to be an informal consultation exercise to support the work of the Local Plan reference group (particularly focusing on local food production)

Following a review of external communications commitments the frequency of paid articles in TiTo magazine was to be reduced from monthly to quarterly from October 2025. This will allow for key messages to be distributed while reducing costs. The cost would remain the same per issue at £210 + VAT.

The Communications & Engagement Working Group recommended using some of the training budget to engage Social Progress to:

- Deliver training to improve councillors' confidence and skills in engaging with social media; and/or
- Work with the clerking team and the Communications & Engagement Working Group to support the development of a clearer strategy for the council's social media channels.

A proposal from Social Progress was included with the agenda papers for consideration.

NOTED: the update from the Communications and Engagement Working Group.

NOTED: A new *Local Directory* section has been added to the HVPC website. The page brings together signposting for key public services and facilities serving the Holme Valley and is designed to cut down on some of the enquiries from the public about services that are not provided by HVPC. The directory can be maintained and built upon over time and Councillors are invited to make suggestions for additions to the Assistant Clerk. <https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/local-directory/>

RESOLVED: to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 for training activities with Social Progress from the Communications and Engagement budget line via virement into councillor training budget line.

2526 81 Big Community Event Saturday 8 November 2025

Council was reminded that the Big Community Celebration was to take place on Saturday 8th November 2025, the core theme being *Our Valley – Our Future: Environment and Youth*.

Publicity was planned over the coming weeks - councillors were asked to share the messages with their own networks. It was the intention that a new "what we do" leaflet and video would be available for use on the day and available for external communication afterwards.

There were 2 main asks of councillors connected to the event:

- Support on the day to be meet and greeters, and to run the HVPC stall.
- Support in the run up to the event to share publicity and pull together materials – particularly grants case studies, for the display and other HVPC general materials (gathering photos and quotes from grant recipients and other services users).

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

2526 82 Resignation of a member of the Planning Committee

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The Committee was notified of the resignation of member Cllr Harry Davis, effective from 19 July 2025.

NOTED: the resignation of Cllr Harry Davis from the PLANNING COMMITTEE.

2526 83 Election of Committee Vice Chair

NOTED: the election of Cllr Steve Ransby as Vice Chair of the PLANNING COMMITTEE.

2526 84 Placement of the mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) - suggestions

The PLANNING COMMITTEE was asking for suggestions of places to locate mobile SIDs to pass to Kirklees Council. suggestions to be passed to Cllr Andy Wilson and/or the Assistant Clerk.

2526 85 Kirklees Local Plan Review

APPROVED: recommendation that the Working Group and Reference Group report directly to FULL COUNCIL rather than through the PLANNING COMMITTEE.

2526 86 Design Guide for Shop Fronts – request for assistance

This item was deferred to the next FULL COUNCIL meeting.

2526 87 Planning Committee - membership

The number of members is currently relatively low (7) which means on occasion the Committee is only just quorate and risks being non-quorate if there are several absences at one time.

It is also the case that there are no members representing Honley.

Cllr Wilson would like to explore different options to help alleviate this such as recruiting additional members and/or recruiting stand-by members (to attend only when needed).

With regards to the latter, Committee members would need to notify the Assistant Clerk as soon as possible if unable to attend so that a substitute may be secured.

RESOLVED: to appoint all councillors who are not members of the PLANNING COMMITTEE to be substitute members, deputised to attend and vote at any meeting at the request of the Assistant Clerk*.

*With the exception of Cllr Donna Bellamy.

A list of substitute members to be maintained by the Assistant Clerk and substitute members to be contacted in turn should a substitute be required.

2526 88 Planning Committee - approaches

The Planning Committee was currently trialling a sub-committee for application scrutiny to take place every other meeting via Zoom and will review in November 2025, with a Committee remit and purpose review planned for March 2026.

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NOTED: Update regarding the PLANNING COMMITTEE, remit and purpose.

SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE

2526 98 Holmfirth Toilets – reroofing, repairs and solar panel installation

The SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE project to carry out repairs to Holmfirth Toilets roof and then install solar panels was progressing at pace with works due to start the week beginning Monday 29 September 2025.

Based on original estimates of up to £32,847, expenditure of up to **£34,475.10** for Phase 1 of the project was **APPROVED** by FULL COUNCIL at a meeting on 23 June 2025 (minute 2526 50).

This reflected the total amount of money within the Service Provision budget and reserves 2025-6 available for the project.

The Working Group selected a buildings and roofing contractor having considered 3 quotations. Actual costs were now estimated to be **£39,072.50** including VAT.

There is a possible shortfall in available funding of **£4,597.40**. The working group wish to resolve this before the works commence and was therefore asking COUNCIL to consider additional expenditure of up to £4,597.40 from General Reserves for repairs and reroofing of Holmfirth Toilets and installation of solar panels.

At the meeting planned for 22 September 2025 the SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE would consider possibilities regarding identifying further funding for the project from existing budget lines, reserves and EMRs. This could include identifying EMRs to disassemble, with funds going back into General Reserves.

APPROVED: additional expenditure of up to £4,597.40 from General Reserves for repairs and reroofing of Holmfirth Toilets and installation of solar panels.

CORRESPONDENCE

2526 89 Reports from Kirklees Ward Councillors

An action for the Clerk from the CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting of 23 October 2023 was to add a standing item on FULL COUNCIL agendas for Kirklees Councillors who are also Parish Councillors to report back on relevant activity and news from Kirklees.

This agenda was also shared with other Kirklees Ward Councillors from Holme Valley South and Holme Valley North to invite any feedback from them regarding news from Kirklees.

No reports were received.

2526 90 Community Governance Review

This item was deferred to the next FULL COUNCIL meeting.

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2526 91 Gartside Unit tenancy resignation

The current tenant of the Gartside Unit, EPIKS, gave notice to quit the tenancy on 22 July 2025 with the last day of occupancy being 31 October 2025.

NOTED: current tenant of Gartside Unit has given notice to quit, the last day of tenancy being 31 October 2025.

2526 92 Request for contact – Holme Valley South Community Connector

This item was deferred to the next FULL COUNCIL meeting.

2526 93 Fostering in Kirklees slides

At the meeting of the FULL COUNCIL on 3 February 2025 Cllr Jane Rylah spoke of the shortage of fosterers in Kirklees (see minute 2425/168). A slide presentation with further information has since been provided since.

NOTED: information provided regarding fostering in Kirklees.

2526 94 Public Spaces Protection Order - Holmfirth

A Holmfirth Public Spaces Protection Order has come into force.

NOTED: the Public Spaces Protection Order for Holmfirth, now in force.

2526 95 **NEW** Assertion 10 in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for year ending 31 March 2026 – digital and data compliance****

DEFERRED to the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2526 96 Standing item – the Climate Emergency

Council was reminded that items on this agenda should have been viewed where appropriate through the lens of the Climate Emergency the Council has declared.

2526 97 Items for Publicity

The Community and Engagement Working Group asked councillors to consider writing a paragraph on something they had done to help an individual, or group in their ward or to make a short video explaining their involvement in a project or organisation. These contributions could go into the next flyer publicising what the Council does.

The Council would publicise updates about the Holmfirth Town Centre works.

The meeting **CLOSED** at 9.35pm.

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