

Holme Valley Parish Council

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

held on **MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025** in **THE EXHIBITION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH, HD9 3AS.**

The meeting was called by the Chair, Cllr Pat Colling, in accordance with **Holme Valley Parish Council Standing Order 6(a)** 'The Chair of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the council at any time' (*HVPC Standing Orders* approved 13-5-2024 minute 2425/12).

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr Pat Colling

PRESENT:

Cllr Isaac Barnett
Cllr Donna Bellamy
Cllr Mary Blacka
Cllr Damian Brook
Cllr Harry Davis
Cllr Tom Dixon (Vice Chair)
Cllr Donald Firth
Cllr Charles Greaves
Cllr Chris Green
Cllr Jenny Holmes
Cllr Jo Liles
Cllr Alison Morgan
Cllr Steve Ransby
Cllr Tricia Stewart
Cllr Sarah Whitelaw
Cllr Andy Wilson

APPROVED APOLOGIES & REASONS: Cllr Lawrence Baylin, Cllr Andrew Fenwick, Cllr Glenn Kirkby, Cllr Hugh Osborne, Cllr Martin Rostron, Cllr Jane Rylah.

TAKING MINUTES: Jen McIntosh (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

DRAFT MINUTES

2425 207 Public Question Time

All were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

Cllr Harry Davis was congratulated and applauded for his recent election as member for Fulstone Ward.

The Chair wished to state that she was disappointed that there were no members of Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust present to make representations regarding item 2425 214.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2425 208 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

Local (Parish and Town) **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** meetings can be recorded. The meeting was recorded in video format for the [HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL YouTube Channel](#).

There were no other requests to record the meeting.

2425 209 Election of new member for Fulstone Ward

Cllr Harry Davis was elected parish councillor for Fulstone Ward and had signed the acceptance of office and completed a Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests. In terms of committee membership, the only committee due to meet before the ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING on 19 May was the PLANNING COMMITTEE on Monday 28 April.

TO NOTE: the election of Cllr Harry Davis, member for Fulstone Ward.

APPOINTED: Cllr Harry Davis as a member of the PLANNING COMMITTEE with immediate effect.

2425 210 Items to be heard in private session

Any recording to be halted during such items and members of the public asked to leave the meeting.

RESOLVED: to hear agenda item 2425 214 in private session due to commercial sensitivity.

Recording to be halted during discussion. Any motions to be heard in public session.

2425 211 Apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reasons had been circulated prior to the meeting starting. This Extraordinary Meeting was taking place with short notice during a major school holiday.

APPROVED: apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Lawrence Baylin, Cllr Andrew Fenwick, Cllr Glenn Kirkby, Cllr Hugh Osborne, Cllr Martin Rostron and Cllr Jane Rylah.

Gemma Sharp, Assistant Clerk, was unable to attend as she was taking annual leave.

2425 212 Receipt of written Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Harry Davis's written Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests had been shared under separate cover prior to the meeting.

NOTED: receipt of written Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests for Cllr Harry Davis.

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2425 213 Declaration of interests in agenda items

RECEIVED: declarations of interests of Cllr Andy Wilson and Cllr Steve Ransby in item 2425 214 – they are Trustees of Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust, appointed by Holme Valley Parish Council.

Cllr Wilson and Ransby would remain in the room and were free to speak to the item but would not vote.

2425 214 Change of Use request from Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust

Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust had requested a change of use for a grant awarded by Holme Valley Parish Council 27 March 2023 Minute 2223 170. The grant was originally a contribution of £30,000 towards ongoing works. The ongoing works covered were to be a refurbishment of the foyer, stairs and landing areas. It was later agreed that £7,434 of the grant be used for repairs/upgrades to the fire alarm system, leaving £22,566.

The change of use requested for the remaining funds was to cover current operational expenditure.

The Council went into private session for this item.

Once discussions had concluded the Council **RESOLVED** to consider motions related to the item in public session.

1. **APPROVED:** the change of use to operational expenditure for up to £22,566 of a grant awarded by Holme Valley Parish Council to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust in 2023 towards the costs of works to the foyer, stairs and landing.
2. **RESOLVED:** to refer to the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE the reviewing of the monthly financial information required from the Trust.
3. **RESOLVED:** to task the Clerk to liaise between the Trust and councillors to agree a date for combined meeting of Trust and Council to explore and develop a vision for the Civic.

An **ACTION** for the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at its meeting on 2-6-2025 was to clarify the financial information it would require from the Trust going forward.

An **ACTION** for the Clerk was to research and report back on steps the Council would need to take should the situation arise where lease is surrendered by the Trust.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.