

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Online)

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Michael Pogson

Councillors: Cllrs K Bellamy, Cllr Blacka, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Brook, Cllr Sheard

Officers: Ms E Bennett (Clerk)

Public Open Session

Cllr Roberts was present as member of the public.

2021 01 **Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

As Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anyone wished to do so, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. The meeting is being recorded on the Clerk's computer and will be published on You Tube with a link from the website.

2021 02 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Feeney and Cllr East. Cllr Firth did not proffer apologies. Cllr Dalton is suspended from the committee.

2021 03 **To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None received.

2021 04 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

2021 05 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

It was agreed that no items required to be taken in private session.

2021 06 **To confirm Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Service Provision Committee meeting held on 6 January 2020 , numbered 1920 47 to 1920 59 inclusive, be confirmed.

2021 07 **To Consider a grant request form Honley Business Association on behalf of the Honley Youth Club.**

Resolved ; that a grant of £1000 would be made to the Honley Youth Club for the purpose of supporting special Covid-aware activities. This grant will be made under the 1972 Local Government Act , Section 137.

2021 08 **To Consider a grant Request form Honley Business association for a grant of £1000 towards the Honley Christmas lights switch on event.**

Resolved; to make the grant of £1000 . There was some discussion about whether the HBA were ready to make the event Covid -aware. The applicants will be advised that if the money is not used this year due to Covid restrictions, that they would be able to keep the

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grant monies for next year. The grant is made under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137.

2021 09 **Grant Application from the Home Valley Transport Scheme.**

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2000 be made to the Holme Valley Transport Scheme. This grant is made under the Local Government Act and Rating Act 1997, Section 30.

Benches

2021 10 **To Consider the proposed Policy for Memorial Benches**

Resolved; to approve this policy and recommend it to Full Council for approval. The Committee does not wish for new benches to be erected for this purpose but supports the addition of memorial plaques to existing benches.

2021 11 **Recent requests for Memorial Benches**

Noted; that requests for new benches in memory of deceased relatives had been turned down in light of the above Policy.

2021 12 **To consider the New asset map on Google maps that displays the Councils assets and to consider payment for this work.**

Resolved; to pay £400 to the innovator of this map as a one- off payment , and that the money will come from savings made in the Lockdown period when there was no work completed on benches and shelters. The committee and clerk expressed their thanks for this new tool which has made the locating of benches so much easier. There will be no continuing payment for any further updating of the map and pictures therein.

2021 13 **To note the activities regarding repairing benches and to consider the request from a member of the public to move a bench at Long Ing Road in Hade Edge.**

Noted; the updating of benches and their repair.

Resolved; regarding the request to relocate the bench at Long Ing Road, the committee are happy to consider this but ask for further clarification and a period of consultation with the community.

- a) The Clerk will contact the local community association
- b) The Clerk will put a notice on the bench indicating that this matter will be discussed at the next Service Provision Meeting on 25 January 2021.
- c) The Clerk will ask whether the requester is willing to pay for the relocation (approximately £70)

2021 14 **To consider the result of the survey of Benches**

Noted; the completion of the survey, that most benches were safe and in reasonable repair and that any found to be in need of repair or painting were added to the work schedule for the maintenance contractor. The asset register had been updated with newly discovered benches. The committee thanked the councillors and staff who helped to complete the survey.

Christmas Trees

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2021 15 **To consider the progress on installing living trees in 5 villages.**

Resolved; that where possible (Scholes and Honley) the community would be asked to source a living tree, cost the purchase and installation and ask the Committee for the money required.(up to £200)

Resolved; that the committee would support the purchase of cut trees for all the 5 villages (Scholes, Honley, Uppershong, Hinchliffe Mill and Holmbridge) for this Christmas if it is too late to plant a tree. (at a cost of approximately £100 per tree). The Clerk will organise for these to be purchased from a local supplier.

2021 16 **To consider the purchase of 4 Christmas trees form the Kirklees Park Department for Brockholes, Netherthong, New Mill and Wooldale (the Holmfirth tree is provided free)**

Resolved; to purchase these trees at a cost of £4137,60 (including VAT)

2021 17 **Holme Valley Minibuses**

Resolved; to support the use of these buses through the climate emergency committee while realising that the declining passenger numbers, even before Covid-19, are cause for concern. That the Clerk would circulate the figures on bus take- up to the Climate Emergency committee.

Resolved; for the clerk to pursue a rebate for the grant to the service while the lockdown meant that drivers were on furlough.

Resolved; to support the WYCA intention to reduce fares for young people.

Resolved; Cllr Blacka to contact the resident in Hade Edge regarding the bus routes and connectivity in that area. Also noting that many communications had elicited no solution so far but that all parties were engaged in trying to rectify this.

Dog Waste

2021 18 **To Review the Dog Waste Strategy from 2017**

Resolved; to continue to support this policy, to pay for waste gloves , new dispensers, and to congratulate all the volunteers who refill the dispensers. The Chairman is to write to the volunteers and express the thanks of the Committee. There are now 15 dispensers around the valley with new one, makes 16.

Resolved; To purchase and install a new Dog Waste Glove dispenser at Ryecroft Road , Scholes.

Phone Boxes

2021 19 **Hepworth Phone Box.**

Resolved; to surrender the adoption of this box to the owner of the Public House where the box is situated, in line with BT policy.

To consider the adoption of three further phone boxes in the Valley

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Resolved; to support the adoption of the traditional red phone box in the Holmfirth Bus station but to reject the ones in Wooldale and Honley as they are of a modern design that might present difficulties in the future.

Cllr Dixon left the meeting. (21:30 PM)

Defibrillators

2021 20 **To consider whether the three defibrillators in the local area and which the HVPC paid for, require maintenance .**

Resolved; that three defibrillators at the civic Hall, The Corn Loft Guest House and the Toilet block in Holmfirth are probably maintained by the people who installed them, System Vision.

Maintenance Contractor

2021 21 **To note that the contract with the contractor has been renewed. To consider whether the Maintenance Contactor might be considered for an employed position with the council.**

Resolved; the Clerk would look at the relative costings of the Council for self-employment versus employment and bring these findings to the next Service Provision meeting in January.

2021 22 **Noted; letter of thanks from the Holme Valley Transport Scheme for last Year's grant.**

2021 23 **Noted ;** over -zealous hedge cutting by Kirklees Council

Noted ; Complaint from a neighbour to the civic Hall about disruption caused by remedial works.

Noted; Complaint about rats at the duck feeding area.

Noted ; a complaint about foul smelling waste bins at Sands Recreation park in the summer.

Noted; A complaint about graffiti on bus shelters (which have since been painted over by the maintenance contractor)

Close of meeting at 22:00 pm

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Chairman