

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2020 via the Zoom Platform

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr P Davies

Councillors: Cllrs G Barker, T Bellamy, D Firth, R Hogley, J Roberts, S Sheard

Members co-opted at this meeting: C Anstey, S Barker, F Bennett, G Bradley, A Colwill, A Morgan, C O'Halloran, J Queening, Matthew Tulley

Climate Emergency Co-ordinator: Michelle Brown

Officer: R McGill, Deputy Clerk/RFO

Welcome

Public Question Time

Three members of the public were present for the Public Session including Cllr D Carré. Cllr Carré chose not to speak during Public Question Time. A member of the public attended the meeting as an observer on behalf of the River Holme Connections community group. A third member of the public attended the session to discuss an ongoing planning application at Wesley Avenue, Netherthong, and wanted support from the Committee to ensure that the large-scale development was “greener” than currently planned. This member of the public was referred to the Planning Standing Committee of the Parish Council.

2021 15 **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) Council meetings can now be recorded. The Parish Council was recording the meeting in video and audio formats through Zoom for upload to the YouTube video platform.

2021 16 **To accept apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received. Cllr D Gould was absent from the meeting.

2021 17 **To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None were received.

2021 18 **To receive Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None were received.

2021 19 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

2021 20 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

RESOLVED: No items to be heard in private session.

2021 21 **To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 8 June 2020, numbered 2021 01 – 2021 14 inclusive were confirmed.

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2021 22 Welcome to Councillors as Members to the new Standing Committee

Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr D Firth, Cllr R Hogley and Cllr J Roberts were welcomed by the Chair onto the Standing Committee.

2021 23 Welcome to Climate Emergency Co-ordinator

The new Climate Emergency Planning Co-ordinator, Michelle Brown, was introduced to the Committee and explained her role in meeting the outcomes of the Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan.

2021 24 Co-opted members

Councillors approved the co-optation of 9 Members to the Standing Committee.

RESOLVED: C Anstey, S Barker, F Bennett, G Bradley, A Colwill, A Morgan, C O'Halloran, J Queening and Matthew Tulley were co-opted onto the Committee.

2021 25 The name of the Standing Committee

Cllr Sheard proposed changing the Committee name to Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Standing Committee to reflect the holistic nature of the crisis.

RESOLVED: Whilst acknowledging the wider nature of the environmental crisis, the Committee, voted for reasons of clarity of message, not to change its name.

2021 26 Climate Emergency Mobilisation

The Climate Co-ordinator, Michelle Brown, reported on mobilisation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan. Michelle was working towards a week-long virtual event covering aspects of the work of subgroups such as transport and domestic energy saving. She also brought the group up to date on progress with the water bottle filling station for central Holmfirth and its publicity. Michelle spoke on the impactful branding for the Climate Emergency Action Plan she was developing, and the goal of identifying Climate Change Champions. The Climate Emergency Facebook page had been set up and Michelle encouraged people to share information and links.

2021 27 Climate Emergency Sub-groups to feed back

Energy, Housing, Buildings (home energy efficiency measures, renewables)

- Member Steve Barker commented on his work with Frances Bennett. The Energy Efficiency Audit on Parish Council owned properties had had to be deferred due to the closure of buildings.
- Mmbr Frances Bennett had drafted some pages of the Home Energy Savings booklet.
RESOLVED: Drafting the Home Energy Savings booklet would be a targeted priority of the Subgroup.
- **RESOLVED:** Mmbr S Barker was to press on with the energy audits of Holmfirth Civic Hall and Honley Library.

Transport/Travel (public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, biking)

- Mmbr Cath O'Halloran reported that the sub-group was focusing on trying to reduce the number of car journeys and encouraging cycling and walking. Members were liaising with River Holme Connections regarding their project to create a riverside cycleway, ultimately, from Holme village to Huddersfield.
RESOLVED: The members of the Subgroup would aim to make contact with interested parties in the Honley community.

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Waste/Consumption (minimising waste as well as recycling)

- Mmbr John Queening reported. Many potential projects had been hindered by the pandemic. But the Repair Café is to restart.

Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use (engaging farmers and landowners; local focus)

- Mmbrs Alison Morgan and Andrew Colwill were liaising with colleges regarding mapping land use in the Holme Valley. Cuddy's Farm was to be a pilot site for the mapping regarding land use, land-type and biodiversity. Furthermore, Andrew was working to develop a boundaries map of the local area to map the ownership of all land in the Valley.

2021 28 Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership

John Queening presented an overview on the Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership which has been established. The advantage of the Climate Action Partnership was that, as registered with the Charities Board, it could bid for funding in a way that a smaller group could not and in a way that the Parish Council cannot. Mmbr John Queening asked for support from the Parish Council to use the Climate Action Partnership badge and branding alongside its own.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council's relationship with the Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership would be put forward for consideration by Holme Valley Parish Council at a future meeting of the full Council.

2021 29 Update on Lottery Application

Member John Queening reported on the lottery application which had been unsuccessful, but positive things had emerged from the bid such as the creation of the Climate Action Partnership.

2021 30 Review of Committee Budget and for 2020/21

NOTED: The Committee noted the RFO's report on year-to-date expenditure of the Committee.

NOTED: The Committee noted the need to make preparations for the setting of next year's Committee budget before the next meeting 16 November 2020.

[Member Frances Bennett joined the meeting at this point.]

RESOLVED: Members were to be encouraged to join sub-groups of the Standing Committee and, thereon, asked to give consideration to budget-needs of the sub-groups. The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator would be contacting Members about this.

2021 31 News

Update to the installation of the water bottle filling station – discussed previously.

NOTED: The Standing Committee noted the "Tackling the Climate Emergency Emission Reduction Pathways report" from West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

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Chairman