

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1 February 2021 at 19:00 on the zoom Online platform.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr R Hogley

Councillors: G Barker, K Bellamy, T Bellamy M Blacka, D Carré, P Colling, J Dalton, P Dixon, T W Dixon, S East, B Feeney, D Firth, C Greaves, Di Hall, B Lockley, J Roberts, S Sheard.

Clerk: Mrs L Bennett. Deputy Clerk, Rich McGill also present.

Public Question Time

There were five members of the public present. Patricia Stubbs spoke on behalf of the Peak Horsepower group. Chris Woods represented the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance. Andy Wilson spoke on behalf of The Friends of Ramsden Road. Andy Leader represented the Peak and Northern Footpaths group.

These speakers all described the critical state of the Ramsden Road area and the surrounding roads that make up the area between the A6024 at Holme Moss and the Cartworth Moor Area. They were all of the opinion that Kirklees Council's stated aim to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order was not going to solve the problem of 4x4 vehicles, quad bikes and trail bikes denuding the area. None of these groups have been consulted by Kirklees. They asked the Parish Council to support the introduction of a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) as the only way to achieve protection for the area.

As this item was not on the agenda, the Chairman proposed that the matter be discussed at the Planning Standing Committee due to meet on 8th February and this was agreed.

Caroline Kimber spoke on behalf of 'Holmfirth Markets CIO', one of the groups tendering for the future management of the market. She said that the group wanted to add to the opportunities for local producers, artists and makers and create a sought-after venue and tourist attraction that encourages people to shop locally and sustainably.

2021 170 To accept apologies for absence

Cllrs Brook and Pogson gave their apologies and these were accepted. Cllr Greaves had advised that he would be late to the meeting. No apologies were received from Cllr Gould.

2021 171 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and to consider any written requests for new DPI dispensations

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None received.

2021 172 To receive any Officer interests in items on the agenda.

None received.

2021 173 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items to be held in private session.

2021 174 To confirm the minutes of the previous Full Council meeting, held on 14 December 2020 numbered 2021 140 to 2021 169 inclusive.

Resolved; to approve these minutes.

2021 175 To approve the Committee Minutes under delegated powers

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee on 7 December 2020 numbered 2020 01 to 2021 15 inclusive.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Climate Emergency Committee held on 16 December 2020 numbered 2021 43 to 2021 50 inclusive.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 December 2020, numbered 2021 106 to 2021 119 inclusive.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 January 2021, numbered 2021 120 to 2021 134 inclusive.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 18 January 2021 numbered 2021 58 to 2021 72 inclusive.

Cllr Greaves joined the meeting at 19:40.

Referrals from Standing Committees

Referrals from the Finance and Management Committee

2021 176 Approved the Payment Schedule for February 2021 (incorrectly titled in the agenda as the Schedule for January)

2021 177 Approved the payment of membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks for

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both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. (£234 each)

- 2021 78** **Approved a transfer from reserves of £1,545** to meet the budget for 2021/22, the deficit being caused by a lowered tax base for the forthcoming year. It was understood that the lowered base was not due to a reduction in the number of properties but more likely to have been caused by COVID leading to an increase in the number of people claiming Council Tax Benefit (or its new equivalent).

POLICY AND OTHER MATTERS

- 2021 179** **Appointment of an Independent Planning Examiner to review the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Resolved to endorse Kirklees Council's selection of any of the three candidates that have been suggested by the Neighbourhood Planning Examination Independent Referral Service (NPIERS) to review the Plan.

- 2021 180** **Remembrance Parades**

Resolved that the Parish Council would take responsibility for the management of the Remembrance parades in the Valley in Honley and New Mill. The existing organisers (local groups of volunteers) will continue to make arrangements and Cllr Greaves will liaise with the Honley group with Cllr Hall and Cllr Firth liaising with the New Mill Group. Insurance of the events and applications for road closures will be formally submitted by the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. The Council's insurers have advised that there will be no increase in insurance premiums as long as the Council takes full responsibility.

- 2021 181** **Strategic Priorities for the Parish Council**

Cllr Hogley provided a proposed set of Strategic Priorities for the Council to help provide overall clarity of purpose for committees and understanding by the public about what HVPC seeks to achieve in the future. Using the two documents recently published by the Parish Council (the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Climate Emergency Action Plan), which outline clear visions and associated actions, and HVPC's current activities and services, the key themes identified are Community, Economy and Environment.

These have been used to identify five key priorities which cover all elements of Parish Council activities:

- Value community assets & services
- Build community resilience
- Support local businesses the local economy
- Champion local democracy
- Improve our environment

Each of these priorities has numerous associated actions already underway and being developed as outlined in the document. The document builds on earlier

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Council documents in 2006 and 2013 where the Council expressed its willingness to engage with the community and develop partnerships with people and groups in the community

Resolved to accept the strategic priorities within the document; to agree to publish them; and to discuss them in each Standing Committee to identify how the priorities can be achieved..

2021 182 The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

Resolved to support this bill and carry out the following actions:

To Inform the Local Media of this decision.

To write to the local MP asking him to support the bill.

To write to the CEE Bill alliance expressing our support (campaign@ceebill.uk)

2021 183 The Future of The Holmfirth Market

Noted the circulated presentation from Holmfirth Market CIO and the comments made by Caroline Kimber, from that organisation, at the public session. Cllr Davies advised that he had resigned from the membership of 'Holmfirth Forward' who are involved with the above bid. Cllr Hogley outlined her conversation with Kirklees Officer, Chris Cotton, regarding the application process underway to identify a successful licensee for the market by Easter 2021. There were several interested parties and whilst some members regretted the loss of the market hall, the commitment to a market provision in the town was welcomed.

2021 184 Approved the Schedule of meetings up to the end of June 2021. Some adjustments to future dates were identified including concerns raised over having two meetings on the same evening and an updated schedule will be prepared for July 2021 onwards.

2021 185 Footpath '60' at Wolfstones.

Noted that this issue is now the subject of Public Enquiry

2021 186 Noted that the Motorsport Festival was due to go ahead at Wolfstones in June 2021. The Climate Emergency Committee is looking at ways of using a carbon offset for the festival.

2021 187 Noted a letter of thanks from the Holmfirth Bowling Club for the £5000 grant which has enabled them to complete their new toilet block.

2021 188 Cllr T Bellamy gave a verbal report from his attendance at local meetings of the Yorkshire Local Council Association (Y.L.C.A.)

There had been much discussion around the proposed devolution issue and the forthcoming elections for a Mayor for West Yorkshire. These elections were due to be held in May but might be delayed until October because of Covid issues. He informed the council that the YLCA and partner agencies were exploring

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opportunities for a post COVID tourism support group. **Cllr Bellamy has also attended meetings of the Peak District National Park.** There have been proposals to improve connectedness between the PDNP and surrounding Councils. They would like to see improved footpaths and cycle tracks.

2021 189 The Council noted the sad death of a past Parish Councillor, David Humphry, who was a councillor for four years. Some of the longer serving members of the council remembered him well.

2021 190 Chairman's Report

Cllr Hogley had recently attended a conference on The Future Landscape Projects along with Cllr Davies and others from the Climate Emergency Committee. The Future Landscapes Project covers the whole of the catchments of the Colne and Holme rivers. Kirklees Council are guardians of this project which will bring together the whole range of groups who have a part to play in managing watercourses, tree planting, biodiversity, recreation, sustainable farming and many more issues.

Cllr Hogley also canvassed views on whether councillors would want to continue with running virtual meetings beyond May, if they were able. There is also the potential for holding 'hybrid meetings' where the council meets in person, but participants can join on a remote platform. There was general agreement that online and hybrid meetings would be welcomed for a variety of reasons. The Clerk will respond to the YLCA questionnaire accordingly.

Cllr Hogley has asked the RFO to look at the cost of getting the necessary technology installed in the Exhibition Room .

21:05 Close of Meeting.

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Chairman