

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## **MINUTES OF THE SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 25 January 2021 ( Online) at 19:00 hrs.**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Michael Pogson

Councillors: Cllrs K Bellamy, Cllr Blacka, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Brook, Cllr East, Cllr Feeney, Cllr Roberts

Officers: Ms E Bennett (Clerk)

Cllr Pogson agreed to take the Chair as Councillor Bellamy was not feeling well enough. Cllr Brook has stood down as Chairman for the committee until the end of the year.

### **Public Open Session**

Joanne Watson spoke about her responsibilities as a First Responder. She is also responsible for overseeing all the Defibrillators in West Yorkshire. She is available if anyone wishes to contact her for advice about defibrillators. Much of what she described had been added to the supporting documents for this meeting and stands as a resource for the councillors and Clerk.

June McClean attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Honley Business Association who are asking for support in managing the CCTV in Honley.

Susan Greenwood from Kirklees Youth Alliance introduced herself and the organisation she works for. She is available if any councillors wish to discuss Youth related issues. She is already working alongside Café 100 in Holmfirth and the Holmfirth Tech with a view to increasing Youth provision locally. Her role is to link up organisations and to provide support, training, and funding. She is a “voice“ for these organisations.

Cllr Carré was attending as a member of the public to learn more about the Youth provision and to hear the presentation form the Kirklees Children and Young People’s Service.

#### 2021 32 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Firth.

#### 2021 33 **To receive Members’ personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr Roberts expressed an interest in the item on defibrillators as she is involved with funding via the League of Friends of Holmfirth Memorial Hospital who fund the installation of defibrillators.

#### 2021 34 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

#### 2021 35 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

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It was agreed that items on the Addenda Panel (2021 38) to the Holmfirth War Memorial and the item on the Maintenance Worker contracts (2021 49) should be held in private session.

2021 36 **To confirm Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Noted** that the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee on 23 November 2020, numbered 2021 23 to 2021 32, had been approved by Full Council.

2021 37 **Presentation on the on the planned introduction of Family Hubs and support for families throughout Kirklees.**

Standing orders were suspended to allow questions from those present.

Carol Ann Smith , Project Manager in Children’s Services at Kirklees Council and two colleagues described this new development for services. There will be four “hubs” in Kirklees and the Holme Valley falls within the “rural” section. The relevant building is in Slaithwaite town Hall, but Ms Smith was keen to point out that services were not necessarily going to be available in that building , the emphasis being on making the services accessible to users in their own areas. The Family Hubs model aims to be flexible and responsive, supporting families who need help when and where they need it, whether that be online via social media and websites, face to face in the family home, in a group using a main Family hub site, in a school community hub building, a community building or a local outside play space. Our aim is to support families, children, and young people throughout their lives, this means providing support to expectant mums and families before children are born, as children grow up and helping young people become independent young adults. We welcome and feedback they can give and ask for their support in promoting the engagement with residents within their area.”

The service aims to address inequalities, poverty, school readiness, public health cuts, help for those with Special Educational Needs ( SEND)relationships in families and more.

There were some comments from a councillor to the effect that there had been a massive reduction in Children’s services in the last 10 years due to funding shortages for Kirklees Council.

There would be further public events aimed at engaging the public. There would be a zoom on 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 6pm to 7pm and another on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am.

2021 38 **War Memorials  
(Private Session)**

A proposal from a group called “ Holmfirth Remembers” that a new panel for the Holme Valley Memorial is supported by the Parish Council. This panel would add new names in remembrance of soldiers who fought in World War I (and possibly some in World War II still to be identified)

The committee are broadly in favour of supporting such a panel as long as they can be reassured that the families of the said soldiers are not compromised by this action. There are also permissions to be gained and further advice to be sought

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from The War Memorial Trust .

**Resolved;** for the Chairman to seek further clarification form the initiator of the request and the Clerk to continue to support the initiator in pursuing the permissions and advice on the nature of such a panel from the War Memorial Trust.

2021 39 **To Consider a request form the Hepworth Church that the lettering on the Memorial be renovated.**

**Resolved;** that the maintenance contractor is not permitted to paint the lettering . The Clerk is to seek advice and a grant from the War Memorial Trust.

2021 40 **To consider whether to approve the re-siting of the bench at Long Ing Road in Hade Edge.**

The committee acknowledged the receipt of six comments from local people all suggesting that the bench should not be moved and the adjacent landowner's comments about the nuisance caused by the young people who use the bench. The committee also learned that the owner of adjacent land, where the bench could be moved, had not been located.

**Resolved;** that the bench will not be re-sited at this time. The behaviours complained of seem to fall within the usual limits and though irritating for the adjacent landowner the need to pick up litter and other waste would only be moved a short distance away.

2021 41 **Noted;** that two memorial plaques had now been affixed to the bench in Scar Hole Lane in memory of the parents of Mr Butterworth.

2021 42 **To consider a review of the first draft of the Policy on Memorial Benches.**

The matter of refusing any new benches was quickly accepted. There was a lot of discussion about how many plaques could be affixed to any chosen bench, how long could they be expected to remain in position and how the Council would arrange for a review of such plaques at the end of any agreed period.

**Resolved;** that the policy would be re-drafted to include that up to four plaques per bench and each could be expected to be retained for 25 years (except in extreme cases where perhaps a bench was removed beyond the control of the Council). The onus would be on the instigator of the plaque to contact the council about arrangements beyond that date.

2021 43 **Youth Work.**

Cllr Feeney and Cllr Black said that it was, in their opinion, important to support the development of Youth Services in the valley. It was noted that Honley had

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raised all the money needed to employ a Youth Worker and so the service was developing.

**Resolved;** that Cllr Feeney will continue to meet with providers of Youth Services in the Valley so that the Council in order to encourage their growth and to enable the council to react to further developments with a degree of knowledge.

## 2021 44 **Holme Valley Minibuses**

Noted; the rebate of £8000 to the Council due to the cancellation of buses during the first Covid 19 Lockdown

## 2021 45 **Dog Waste Strategy**

**Noted;** that all volunteers who refill the dog waste glove dispensers were sent a Christmas card thanking them for their efforts.

**Noted** that two new Dispensers have been erected – a replacement at Hassocks Lane in Honley and a new one in Ryecroft Lane.

**Resolved** that the clerk ask Kirklees Council to add a waste bin at the Ryecroft Lane site

## 2021 46 **Phone Boxes**

**Resolved;** that the newly acquired phone box outside the Post Office in Town gate should be made available to the Climate Emergency Committee for use as an information centre or as they see fit.

## 2021 47 **Defibrillators**

**Noted;** the information supplied by the Clerk and Joanne Watson that has given a good summary of how defibrillators are positioned, paid for, and maintained.

## 2021 48 **CCTV**

(This item was taken earlier in the meeting so that the member of the public could be included) Standing orders were suspended to allow the representative of the Honley Business Association to join the discussion.

There was discussion about how the Honley CCTV had been paid for originally, how over the past year the maintenance seemed to have fallen away and how they had started the process of renewing the CCTV system at three location in the village. They still need another £12000 to complete the renewal with their new provider. There was still further work to be carried out by the council in fully understanding how the CCTV in the Holmfirth Bus Station had been funded and serviced and what would be the best way to proceed .

**Resolved** ; that The Honley Business Association would be encouraged to apply for a grant toward their outstanding costs in updating their CCTV arrangement as there was still £5000 remaining in this year's budget for CCTV.

**Resolved** that a working party would form to discuss the future of the CCTV in

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Holmfirth and elsewhere in the valley and that the Clerk would continue to investigate the key players i.e., the Local Police, System vision and the Kirklees 'Safer Communities' department.

2021 49     **Maintenance contracts**

**Resolved;** to form a working party to review the contracts and decide the best way forward in renewing them. This would include Cllr Pogson (Chair of Finance and Management) Cllr Colling (Chair of Community Assets Support Committee) , Cllr K Bellamy (Chair of the Service Provision Committee) and Cllr Dixon because he was involved with the development of the existing contract.

2021 50     **The request from Kirklees Council to share the cost of renewing litter bins in Holmfirth.**

It was agreed that the Committee are reluctantly willing to support this item as it was the council who shared the cost of installing them. However, there is no budget provision for this.

**Resolved** for the Clerk to discuss with the RFO which budget could be used .

2021 51     **Noted;** Letter of thanks from Honley Business association thanking the Council for the grant of £1000 to the Christmas lights.

**Noted;** the letter of thanks from the Holme Valley Transport Scheme for their grant of £2000.

**Noted;** Thanks, from Scholes Methodist Church for the Christmas tree.

2021 52     **Noted;** the complaints about overflowing litter bins at Digley Reservoir and Ramsden Reservoir. The complainant, Tim Walshaw, is pursuing this complaint with Kirklees Council and Yorkshire Water and will keep the Clerk informed.

**Close of meeting at 9.29 PM.**

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Chairman