

Holme Valley Parish Council

To all Members of the Publications and Communications Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Publications and Communications Standing Committee to be held at **HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9 3AS** on **MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021** at **7pm** to transact the following business: -

- AGENDA – (A)

Welcome **7.00 pm**

Public Question Time

Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Council, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to the Council.

2122 17 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014** **7.15 pm**

As Local (Parish & Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman to check if anybody wishes to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided.

The Parish Council has a YouTube channel to which Officers uploaded videos of virtual Council and Committee meetings during the pandemic and lockdown. After we returned to face-to-face meetings, the Deputy Clerk tried using recording equipment we had bought to record meetings but the audio quality from the conference microphone-speaker was very poor. Hence, since the start of the 2021-22, the Parish Council has only recorded audio-only records of meetings which are then edited and uploaded to YouTube. At the 6th September meeting of the Finance and Management Standing Committee, the Deputy Clerk trialled recording a video of meeting using a mobile phone on a tripod and that has come out reasonably well, and would be improved via better positioning of the camera. [This has been uploaded to the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube Channel.](#)

To consider, whether to return to recording meetings on video held in the Exhibition Room at Holmfirth Civic Hall.

2122 18 **To accept apologies for absence** **7.16 pm**

2122 19 **To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda** **7.17 pm**

2122 20 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations** **7.18 pm**

2122 21 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session** **7.19 pm**

2122 22 **To confirm the Minutes of the previous Committee meeting** **7.20 pm**

- To confirm the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Standing Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2021, numbered 2122 01 to 2122 16 inclusive.

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- 2122 23 Vice Chair of the Committee** **7.21 pm**
- To consider:** To elect a Vice Chair of the Committee.
- 2122 24 Events/Publicity/Anniversaries** **7.25 pm**
- At the last meeting of the Committee, the Committee said it would support Honley Show with regard to its centenary show.
- To note**, regarding the centenary of the Honley Show, the Committee and the Officer supported an application to the Parish Council for support with funding the event. The Parish Council thereafter resolved to sponsor the Show by paying for printing of their programme. Honley Show thanked the Parish Council on Facebook. **(C, D)**
- To note**, the establishment of the award “Holme Valley Parish Centenary Award” for handicrafts at the Honley Show. This is an award that is funded by Holme Valley Parish Council via this Standing Committee. The trophy was designed by local sculptor, Mick Kirby Geddes. **(E)**
- To note**, the Deputy Clerk has inquired of Honley Show organisers when they require someone to attend the Show on behalf of the Parish Council to present the award; awaiting reply.
- To consider**, the Parish Council’s actions with regard to the 75th anniversary of the Bolsterstone Choir crash in Holmfirth which will take place October 2022. A previous resolution was that the Deputy Clerk would write to the Choir in October 2021 to make connections and make and or seek suggestions for commemorations. **(F)**
- 2122 25 HVPC signs and information** **7.35 pm**
- Sign for the front of Holmfirth Toilets:
- To note**, the Deputy Clerk has ordered a sign from Zest for Print in Meltham and will arrange for it to be affixed once received.
- 2122 26 Council noticeboards** **7.36 pm**
- i. **To note**, the Deputy Clerk has updated the Parish Council’s notice board at the Civic Hall to include 1) the map of Council wards with Councillors photos, contacts and so on, 2) list of new Committee chairs, and 3) a small poster regarding the climate emergency action plan. The Deputy Clerk has also updated some other changeable content.
 - ii. **To note**, the Deputy Clerk has used the notice board Holmfirth Toilets to promote events relevant to the climate emergency actions plan, - If it’s Not Far, Leave the Car and the Great Big Green Week 18-26 September.

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2122 27 Press coverage

7.40 pm

Holme Valley Review:

- i. **To note**, Council News in the Holme Valley Review for [August 2021 \(G\)](#) and [September 2021 \(H\)](#) In the September edition, the Parish Council is also mentioned as sponsoring Honley Show regarding the programme and handicrafts prize.
- ii. **To note**, the [Annual Report of Holme Valley Parish Council included in the September edition of the Holme Valley Review pp10-11](#). Thanks to the Committee Chairs for their contributions. **(I)**
- iii. **To consider**, articles for the upcoming Holme Valley Review including the Christmas edition.

2122 28 Holme Valley Parish Council website and social media

7.50 pm

i. Website:

To note, the Deputy Clerk reports that new website content has consisted mainly of updating existing content new schedules of meetings, Councillor attendance record, news items, monthly accounts, grants, updates to the Annual Governance and Accountability Review, updates to Neighbourhood Plan pages, and so on. The Deputy Clerk has also asked all Committee Chairs and the Council Chairman to review the webpages pertinent to their committee or to the Council so that outdated information, for example referencing the Community Assets Support Committee, is amended.

ii. Facebook:

To note, the Deputy Clerk has made more use of Facebook regarding Parish Council business.

There were nice comments from Honley residents about the repair to a bench destroyed during a car crash. The commenter did not, however, realise the bench was a Parish Council bench, so the Deputy Clerk directed those commenting to our map of benches and other community assets and passed on thanks to the contractor who rebuilt the bench.

The Deputy Clerk has also shared posts from local partners or where the Parish Council has been thanked by community groups like the Holmfirth Bowling Club, and Honley Show. The Deputy Clerk has also shared posts from Honley Youth, which the Parish Council has part-funded, regarding work they are doing providing opportunities for local young people. As stated previously, the Deputy Clerk anticipates giving more time to social media if additional staffing hours take some administrative tasks away from him.

iii. YouTube:

To note, the [Parish Council's YouTube channel](#) continues to function well and does have regular viewers though numbers have dropped significantly since the Parish Council has gone to audio-only recordings.

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2122 29 **Recordings of Council meetings and Committee meetings** **8.00 pm**

This item was deferred from the previous meeting.

The Deputy Clerk attended online training [Guide To Broadcasting Council Meetings](#) on how to equip and run hybrid Council meetings where Members are present and others “attend” via a video or audio link. The Deputy Clerk reports that the training was interesting though, as it was delivered by sellers of the equipment, the facilitators were reluctant to answer questions on the legality or illegality of hybrid meetings. YLCA tell us that hybrid meetings are currently illegal. People involved in the training video also said the same. There was discussion about whether members of the public could join and contribute to the public session before a meeting given that that is not legally a part of a Council meeting.

To consider, whether the Parish Council should consider further actions at this stage about broadcasting meetings.

To note, fibre broadband has at last been installed in the Council Office. Download speeds are 7 times as fast as previously. Upload speeds are 20 times as fast. Uploading videos to YouTube used to take overnight; now takes 30 minutes.

2122 30 **Annual Awards** **8.05 pm**

- **To consider**, plans for Council awards like the Tidy Trader, Community Champions, or new awards. This item was deferred from the last meeting.

2122 31 **Hi-vis vests** **8.10 pm**

To note, as per a resolution of the last meeting, the Deputy Clerk has contacted Honley Show to offer the hi-vis vests as a loan.

2122 32 **Local signage referencing and commemorating Last of the Summer Wine** **8.15 pm**

To note, the Deputy Clerk’s email to a local resident regarding the Parish Council’s response to his request for better signage to Last of the Summer Wine film locations. **(J)**

2122 33 **Jubilee Beacons for 2022** **8.25 pm**

This item was deferred from the last meeting.

2022 will be the year of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and all local councils are being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons on the 2nd of June 2022 in celebration of this. www.queensjubileebeacons.com

To consider, how the Parish Council might support the event in terms, for example, of offering grants.

Close 8.30 pm

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chairman and the Council only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence. The Committee may agree to defer (in whole or part) any items on the Agenda, if necessary.

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr D Carré

Members: Cllr J Brook, Cllr R Hogley

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Public Question Time

Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Council, there was opportunity for an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to the Council. One member of the public was present to give a short presentation on Honley Show, which is in its centenary year, and was hoping to get support from the Parish Council. The Committee resolved, though, that the member of the public would do the presentation under agenda item 2122 07 under a suspension of standing orders.

2122 01 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

As Local (Parish & Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anybody wished to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. No one wished to record the meeting. The meeting was being recorded in audio format by the Deputy Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

2122 02 **To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr K Bellamy had tendered an apology for non-attendance.
RESOLVED: Members approved Cllr Bellamy's apology.
Cllr Lockley was not present.

2122 03 **To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None were disclosed.

2122 04 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

2122 05 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

RESOLVED: The Committee decided that no items needed to be discussed in private session.

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2122 06 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Committee meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2021, numbered 2021 47 to 2021 53 inclusive were approved.

2122 07 Events/Publicity/Anniversaries

Standing orders were suspended. A representative of Honley Show gave a short presentation on the Show and the plans for the centenary.

Members considered how the Parish Council would support the Honley Show.

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the Deputy Clerk would liaise with Honley Show organisers to submit a grant application and supporting documentation for consideration at the next meeting of full Council 12 July 2021 with a recommendation from the Publications and Communications Standing Committee to approve the application.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to commit expenditure of £500 from the Special Projects budget on a Parish Council sponsored trophy and prize for the "Best in Show Handicrafts for 8–16-year-olds." Honley Show organisers would source the trophy with consultation with the Officer and Committee Chair. The expenditure could cover additional prize money for years ahead dependent on the cost of the trophy.

NOTED: Members noted, regarding the 70th anniversary of Holme Moss transmitter, that Arqiva, who own and operate the transmitter, had not responded to the Deputy Clerk's request to find out if anniversaries of the transmitter are celebrated, and whether, - pandemic-dependent, - the Parish Council might be involved in celebrations.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would contact Arqiva about the 75th anniversary in a few years' time.

NOTED: Members noted that the Duke of Edinburgh had died before his 100th birthday, and that the Parish Council had followed protocol in honouring his memory under pandemic restrictions.

Members considered whether and/or how to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Holme Valley minibus service which took place in 2020 when we were under lockdown; and whether and/or how to draw attention to the fact that the Parish Council contributes significantly to the funding to the minibus service.

RESOLVED: Members resolved not to expressly commemorate the 40th anniversary as it was considered that too much time had now passed. Instead, it was resolved that the Committee would work with the Climate Emergency Standing Committee and Stotts Buses to promote the use of buses during one of the "If it's not far, leave the car" initiatives. It was further resolved to defer discussion of publicising the Parish Council's contribution to funding on the minibus to a meeting of the new Publications and Communications Standing Committee 2021-22. The Deputy Clerk would consult with Stotts buses about ways that the Parish Council's financial contribution to the Holme Valley Minibus Service might be publicised.

Cllr Hogley at this point noted the upcoming Platinum Jubilee of the Queen and emphasised the Treebilee scheme for planting trees and wildflower pollinators which the Climate Emergency Standing Committee plans to promote with Holme Valley Schools.

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2122 08 HVPC signs and information

- i. Asset Transfer Plaques for the Civic Hall and Holmfirth Toilets:
 - a. **RESOLVED:** With regard to the siting of the commemorative plaque at Holmfirth Toilets, the Committee voted that the plaque should not be moved for fear of damaging it. In the future, the plaque might be moved after Kirklees moves the needle bin.
 - c. **NOTED:** Members noted that the commemorative plaque had been affixed to Holmfirth Civic Hall.
 - d. **RESOLVED:** The Committee voted to not Commission the commemorative plaque for Honley Library until the handover was finalised and signed, but expenditure was approved for up to £400 on the plaque.
- ii. Pavement Sign for the Maintenance Contractor:

NOTED: Members noted that the pavement sign for the maintenance contractor was now in use.
- iii. Sign at the rear of Holmfirth Toilets:

NOTED: Members noted that the sign had been affixed to Holmfirth toilets.

Members considered whether that sign should be replaced with a larger sign and to move this sign to the front of the toilets.

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the sign at the rear of Holmfirth toilets, given that it is in a conservation area, is of an adequate size and was visible across the car park.

RESOLVED: Members resolved that an identical sign should be created for the front of the toilet, - location to be agreed with the maintenance contractor. Expenditure was approved for the sign.

2122 09 Council noticeboards

- i. **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk has done some work with regard to the Parish Council's notice board at the Civic Hall to try and make it more useful and interesting. The board now consists of 1) Council News (from Holme Valley Review) 2) Meetings Calendar 3) a Photo of the Month 4) contact details for the Parish Council and 5) Notice of Accounts 2020-21. The deputy clerk had also added some historical photos from each of the parish wards. This will be varied with more colourful, contemporary photos in future months.

NOTED: Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had updated the map with the parish wards and photos of the Councillors. This will be added to the notice board once the Accounts paperwork comes down in early August.

RESOLVED: Members felt that 1) the dates on the map should be changed to "up to 2023"; 2) the Committee chairs should be included on the noticeboard; 3) the Climate Emergency Action Plan progress poster should be added to the board.

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- ii. The Deputy Clerk reported that the noticeboard at Holmfirth Toilets had been installed and looks well but there has been little opportunity to use it to promote local events.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would contact local community groups which the Parish Council has supported for publicity to advertise upcoming events. The Deputy Clerk would add contact details to the notice board for people wanting to have their flyers displayed.

2122 10 Press coverage

Holme Valley Review:

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted editions of the Holme Valley Review for February, April, May, and June 2021
- ii. Members considered articles for the upcoming Holme Valley Review re-scheduled for 2nd August 2021.
RESOLVED: Articles might be on 1) new Chairs of Committees 2) new Councillor biographies 3) Neighbourhood Plan update 4) grant awards 5) change in makeup of Committees.
- iii. Members considered whether Committee Chairs will prepare their Annual Reports for publication in the 2 August edition of the Holme Valley Review or the subsequent 6 September edition.
RESOLVED: Members resolved that the Committee Chairs would prepare their annual reports for the September 6 edition.

2122 11 Holme Valley Parish Council website and social media

- i. Website:
NOTED: The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's report that new website content had consisted mainly of updating existing content such as information for new Councillors, new schedules of meetings, Councillor attendance record, news items, monthly accounts, Annual Governance and Accountability Review, updates to Neighbourhood Plan pages, policies and so on.
RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Committee Chairs 2020-21 should review their Committee webpages to make note of where updates were needed. The Officer would communicate this.
- ii. Facebook:
NOTED: The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's report regarding favourable responses from the local Community Facebook pages with regard to grants paid out by the Parish Council. Comments from the Honley page were, "Good to see money is coming back into the local community to support much-needed things" and "the split of funding is better now than it has ever been. Honley have quite good representation now which is a lot better." The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk said he could give more time to social media if additional staffing hours take some administrative tasks away from him.
- iii. YouTube:
NOTED: Members noted that the [Parish Council's YouTube channel](#) continued to function well and videos do have regular viewers who use the videos to keep up to date with Council business, but the move to audio-only recordings may affect the number of users.

2122 12 Recordings of Council meetings and Committee meetings

The Deputy Clerk reported that virtual and hybrid Council meetings had been made illegal following the ruling of the High Court 28th April 2021. In any case, Officers had found that running and recording larger hybrid meetings was exceedingly difficult with audio quality poor using the recently purchased conference speakerphone. Currently, Officers were recording in audio format on a mobile phone and uploading audio-only to the YouTube channel. Nevertheless, this was said to be quite a lengthy process for the Deputy Clerk as he has to 1) record audio 2) edit audio 3) create a title card 4) create a video from the audio and a title card 5) upload to YouTube.

Members considered whether we should trial any other options for recording in-person Council meetings for purposes of continuing to upload to YouTube, - for example, video using a camera/phone.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to defer consideration on this item until the formation of a new Publications and Communications Standing Committee after the Annual Council Meeting 12 July 2021. The new Committee could give consideration to making better use of the equipment we have or purchasing additional equipment. The new Committee Chair and the Deputy Clerk would liaise on future trials.

With regard to the installation of fibre broadband to the Parish Council office, the Deputy Clerk reported that BT had informed him that no additional cabling was required. Unfortunately, this had not proven to be the case. Two different BT engineers had visited the Civic Hall with a view to installation, but still the upgraded cabling has not been installed. Moreover, the delay may be lengthy if a listed building application needs to be submitted. The listed buildings officer had been off work and only returned the week commencing 28th June. She said that it may be the case that if the cabling goes via the rear of the building that a listed building application may not be needed. A further BT engineer visit was scheduled for 6th July 2021.

NOTED: Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report.

2122 13 Annual Awards

RESOLVED: Members resolved to defer awards, - like the Tidy Trader, Community Champions, or new awards to be determined, - to the next meeting.

2122 14 Hi-vis vests

To note, the Council loaned out its 40 hi-vis vests to community volunteers at the Motorsport Festival. These were pupils from Holmfirth High raising money for a school trip to the Far East.

RESOLVED: The hi-vis vests will also be offered for use by events or groups we are sponsoring like the Honley Show.

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2122 15 Local signage referencing and commemorating Last of the Summer Wine

A local resident had emailed the Parish Council and the local MP regarding signage in Holmfirth related to Last of the Summer Wine. The resident feels that Last of the Summer Wine filming locations in Holmfirth are still extremely popular with visitors to the town, but that the signage is inadequate to the most popular sites like Nora Batty's steps, Compo's house and Sid's café.

RESOLVED: The local resident would be encouraged to liaise with a local community group, like the Business Association, to apply for a grant towards improved signage as a community organisation.

2122 16 Jubilee Beacons for 2022

2022 will be the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and all local councils are being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons on the 2nd of June 2022 in celebration of this. The Parish Council has been asked if it intends to offer grants to local groups.

RESOLVED: In principle, the Parish Council is likely to offer grants, but this would be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for their contributions over the year, and Members and the Officer commended the Chairman for his work on the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:47pm

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Chairman



Honley Show Centenary Event



**September 18th 2021
Honley Cricket Club
Commemorative Programme**

Kindly Sponsored by Holme Valley Parish Council

Honley Show poster showing sponsorship of the programme by Holme Valley Parish Council.

Facebook interface showing the Honley Agricultural Show Society page. The main content is a post from the Honley Cricket Club commemorating their centenary event.

Honley Agricultural Show Society | Contact Us | Like | Message

Centenary Event
 100 Years
 September 18th 2021
 Honley Cricket Club
 Commemorative Programme
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Reliving the tractors on their way out of the main ring yes...
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Author
Honley Agricultural Show Society
 Also need to say a very big thank you to Holme Valley Parish Council who have very kindly sponsored our programme this year - thank you very much from all of us!
 Like · Reply · 6 d · 3 likes

Honley Show Facebook post of poster announcing the Show programme showing “Kindly Sponsored by Holme Valley Parish Council” and thanks from Honley Show to Holme Valley Parish Council.



Honley Agricultural Show Society

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Children's Handicraft Centenary Trophy 2021

If you're between 8 and 16 you could win this new and quirky Trophy for the first year in 2021.

It's sponsored by our friends

<https://www.facebook.com/HolmeValleyParishCouncil> and is by local artist Mick Kirby Geddes. Thanks again guys - you're really coming up trumps for us this year!

We'd love to see entries themed around 100 years ago so if you've got an old fashioned bun recipe or decoration idea now is the time to try it out.

Or a budding artist may like to produce a creative drawing or painting (any medium) with the theme of 100 years ago. It could be a building image, artefact, a gravestone rubbing, textile, jewellery or you could even make your own sculpture!

More experienced artists could use any medium to demonstrate life on the farm.

Your only limitation is your imagination. More details are here

<https://honleyshow.co.uk/handicrafts/#handicrafts>

The prize winner will need to be creative, original and produce an individual piece. Of course we're also looking for a product produced exclusively by the child with minimal parental influence.



The Holme Valley
Parish Council
CENTENARY AWARD
Honley Show Handicrafts



As an illustration of the importance with which Bolsterstone views the event, this is the glass window that was created for the 50th anniversary of the tragedy.



Colourful planters are bringing some summer cheer to Meltham town centre. Plants have been provided by the Meltham Morrisons store and watering will be carried out by the town's Pink Elephant restaurant. All planting was done by Meltham Mayor Roberta Bampton (pictured right) and Chris Sinclair, pictured. Also pictured are Evie Donnelly, Morrison's store manager (left) and Rachael Chadwick, Morrison's Community Champion (second right).



Video celebrates team's success

By Susan Hampshire

A YOUTUBE video has been released to show the story of the successful Honley Vaccination Team.

The video can now be viewed at <https://youtu.be/bGF1oL1MJ4g>

Our Story – Honley Vaccination Team, Our Fight Against Covid 19, includes commentary from some of the volunteers and physicians involved in rolling out the vaccine in the local area.

The three-minute video tells how doctors, nurses, pharmacists, council staff and volunteers all worked together to create a pioneering vaccine centre.

In the video, Sylvia Centre from the vaccine team said how important it was to have a reputation as a kind and caring vaccine centre.

Many of the volunteers speak



about why they got involved in the vaccine roll out and how they couldn't stand by and do nothing to help.

The Honley vaccination centre has been so successful that it was recently approached by NHS

England and Kirklees Council to roll out similar vaccination centres in nearby Slaithwaite and Clayton West and to work with local factories to ensure workers are vaccinated.

The team at Honley includes around 240 volunteers.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Chairman and Committees appointed

AT ITS Annual Meeting, Cllr Michael Pogson was appointed as Chairman of the Council, succeeding Cllr Rachel Hogley.

Cllr Pogson has represented Brockholes Ward since October 2016 and thanked members for 'electing him to the privileged position' which he will hold until May 2022. He will be assisted by Cllr Joe Sweeney, representing Honley South

Ward, who was voted as Vice Chair.

All the Full Council Standing Committees were re-appointed except for the Community Assets Support Committee which was dissolved.

Its responsibilities were split between the Finance & Management Committee, which will manage all grants, and the Service Provision Committee, which will

oversee all services as well as community assets including the three buildings owned by the Parish Council (Holmfirth Civic Hall – managed by Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust, – Honley Library and Holmfirth Public Toilets).

Chairs of the Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

- Finance & Management Committee – Cllr Pat

Colling.

- Planning Committee – Cllr Mary Blacka.

- Publications & Communications Committee – Cllr Jason Brook.

- Service Provision Committee – Cllr Sean East.

- Climate Emergency Committee – Cllr Rachel Hogley.

- Staffing Committee – Cllr Rachel Hogley.

Supporting our community assets

AS RESIDENTS may be aware, Holmfirth Civic Hall is currently undergoing a significant refurbishment project improving its toilets and ground floor.

The Parish Council was pleased to award a grant of £30,000 towards this project

and additionally provide £10,000 to replace the large fire doors in the Large Hall.

These projects are all managed by Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust and we welcome the continued improvement of this key building in the valley.

Plan passes examination

WE ARE very pleased to report that the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan has completed its independent examination and the Examiner has issued his final report with modifications we have to make to the Plan.

The Examiner confirmed that "With the modifications in place the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan will meet the Basic Conditions and can proceed to a Referendum."

The Parish Council's Planning Consultant has now made

the required changes and the modified Plan will go to the Peak District National Park Authority's Planning Committee on 6th August and to Kirklees Council's Cabinet on 31st August for their endorsement.

The final step is then to go referendum which should take place in late October when residents of the Holme Valley will decide whether to adopt the Plan so its policies thereafter inform local planning decisions.

Look out for more detail on the Final Plan and the referendum process soon.

Councillors presented our former Clerk, Liz Bennett, with gifts to remember us by. Good luck, Liz!



Supporting local events

THE Honley Show is holding its 100th Anniversary Centenary Show on 18th September and the Parish Council was delighted to be able to support this popular event in our community by providing a grant to pay for the publication of its

5000 event programmes.

The Show is a much-loved annual event and we were also pleased to mark its hundredth year by sponsoring a handmade Handicrafts Trophy which will be awarded annually to a young crafter aged 8 – 16.



The rain just held off for Upper Denby's big bash on Monday. Around 100 runners, youngsters and adults took part in the annual charity races after a break due to the Covid-19 restrictions halted the Denby Dash. The races up and down the countryside and around the village have become a hugely popular event and watched by a strong supporting crowd. Adult runners from a variety of clubs competed in a five-mile off road race whilst the youngsters completed two shorter races up and around the 'Pirate Galleon' on Denby Delf, a local nature reserve. Prizes were presented at The George Inn afterwards. The race, organised by Denby Village Conservation Group, raises funds for the ongoing maintenance of the village greens, benches, dog-poo bins, the defibrillator in the telephone box and notice and information boards on Denby Delf and the new pictorial meadow flower planting on several spots in the village, which have received numerous compliments from visitors to the village.

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Walker attacked and mugged by gang

POLICE are appealing for information after a man was robbed by a group of three men.

At 8.50pm on August 18, the victim was walking in Wessenden Head Road, Holmfirth, when he noticed a man standing next to his car.

The suspect struck a conversation, before it is reported that two other

men approached the victim from behind and assaulted him, before stealing his wallet and watch.

The three men then fled the scene in dark blue Vauxhall Astra GSI, driving off at speed.

The victim was unharmed during the incident, but shaken.

The first suspect

described as a white male, 6ft 2ins of slim build and aged in his late 20s.

He had ginger hair, which was long on the top with short sides, and had a bit of stubble, wearing a black hoodie with a white Adidas logo.

The second man is described as a white male, and the third man is described as white, around

5ft 11ins, of heavy build.

Officers are keen to identify the three men, who may be able to assist with enquiries.

They are also keen to speak to anyone who may have seen a dark blue Vauxhall driving erratically around the area or may have dash cam footage that can assist with enquiries.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tackling the Climate Emergency – an update of recent work

Helping our assets become more sustainable

The Parish Council undertook a professional 'energy audit' of two of our key community assets over the summer – Holmfirth Civic Hall and Honley Library.

These comprehensive reports provide expert analysis of current energy usage within each building and what opportunities could be developed to reduce their carbon footprints.

We look forward to working with the Trustees of both buildings to progress options for the short, medium and long term as we strive towards being Net Zero by 2030.

Helping you save money



and the planet

Go to our dedicated Climate Action website to download an energy savings booklet full of suggestions to help us all make small changes to our homes and habits to reduce our impact on the planet.

Many of the ideas will

help save money too!

Visit www.holmevalleyclimateaction.co.uk and click on Energy in the Actions menu.

Also look out for the Great Big Green Event from 18th – 26th September when we are planning local events and activities in Holmfirth!

Introducing the new clerk, Jen McIntosh

Hi! I'm Jen. I'm thrilled to be the new Clerk to Holme Valley Parish Council.

Having been lucky enough to live in the Holme Valley since 1999 – first in Honley and now on Cartworth Moor – the work of the Parish Council is of personal importance to me.

This is a role that matters and I will do my absolute best to support the elected councillors in their vital work in every possible way that I can.

My West Country accent reveals that I'm not Yorkshire born and bred. I'm from Wiltshire originally and still have strong family roots there.

However, the Holme



Valley is definitely 'home'. My two grown up children both went through the schools in Honley and my Mum-in-law lives in Hepworth.

Whether I'm wandering footpaths trying to spot little owls, dropping into a local hostelry for refreshment or on my way

to a sewing class, this is where I belong.

I am loving the varied nature of the role of clerk.

I've been based in secondary schools in West Yorkshire and the Greater Manchester area all my working life in a variety of roles, including a time as headteacher.

Most recently I taught English in a Calderdale school.

I know I'll miss the young people I've had the privilege of working with but I welcome the change that my new role brings.

It is fabulous to be finally working where I live and giving a little something back to the local area.

Prompted by local concerns raised with Holme Valley Parish Council about the local and environmental impact of the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival, we held an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 26th July. We heard from local residents, particularly in the Upperthong area, who had been most affected by the event and discussed the challenges of balancing the economic and social benefits of large festivals with the environmental and disruptive impacts. We agreed to write to the organisers of the Festival and Kirklees Council to outline the concerns raised and to withdraw support for YMSF until such a time as we are satisfied that all legislation, guidance and best practice with regard to the event are met.

HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

A look at the past year
in the Holme Valley



Report from the Chairman 2020-21 – Cllr Rachel Hogley

“A Year Like No Other”

Alongside our community, the Parish Council has experienced a tumultuous last year as we have faced operating during the coronavirus pandemic.

I was honoured to lead the Council during this difficult period as we embraced remote working, grappled with Zoom meetings and sought to support local people as best we could.

One of the great strengths of the Holme Valley is its sense of community and we were pleased to be able to contribute funds to the Holme Valley COVID Mutual Aid network which rapidly developed to help those in need across our area.

I would like to extend my thanks to all those volunteers, including parish councillors, who put in so much energy and effort to assist their neighbours as we all faced the challenges of lockdown.

On the positive side, I, like many, have appreciated our beautiful environment even more and been grateful for our excellent local businesses that have gone above and beyond in providing for us over the last year.

Thankfully we are now gradually emerging from this strange and challenging period and I am confident that our community will be stronger as we recognise and embrace opportunities together in the future.

Reflecting on the year as Chair, it's been a different experience from my predecessors with few events or functions to attend on behalf of the Parish but I have still kept very busy working closely with other councillors and the clerk team to deliver positive change in our community.

My one ‘opening event’ was marking the new Boules court at Brockholes Village Hall: a great example of local people and groups working together to bring a new facility for all ages to the



valley. Earlier in the year, I proposed five strategic priorities for the council to help coordinate and clarify everything that we do to help local people understand how we spend their money on local priorities.

Each of the Chair reports below reflect their committees’ activities but I would like to highlight a few key elements within each priority which show how we are delivering for our local community, economy and environment. **Value community assets & services:** We have awarded £24,000 in grants to help secure the future

of important local facilities both old and new including village halls, Thongsbridge Wild Space through River Holme Connections, Hepworth Band Room and Holmfirth Bowling Club.

Build community resilience: We have committed to boosting local youth provision and are working with local business associations to support better CCTV in Honley and Holmfirth as well as continuing to subsidise local minibuses and fund dog waste bag dispensers throughout the valley.

Support the local economy: Our Holmfirth public toilets remained

open throughout Covid and continue to provide a key service for residents and visitors.

We are delighted to have secured a tenant in the unit next door, bringing an income stream and a new retail offer to the town.

Our grants for community events and projects has increased to £20,000 to allow us to support the return of the wonderful range of events organised locally.

Champion local democracy: The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has been led by HVPC but written by the community for the community, successfully completed its Independent Examination and will go to local referendum in the autumn.

If adopted, its locally specific policies will formally be considered in planning applications helping give our residents a stronger voice in local development.

Improve our environment: We recruited a Climate Emergency

Coordinator to help drive forward our Climate Emergency Action Plan including installing a drinking water dispenser on Holmfirth public toilets, completing an energy audit of Holmfirth Civic Hall and Honley Library and developing a range of other projects to drive us to net zero by 2030.

More details are on our dedicated website: <https://holmevalleyclimateaction.co.uk/>

Whilst I have not had the opportunity to meet as many local people as I would have liked through this last lockdown year, I would like to thank all those who work so hard to make our community thrive and make the Holme Valley such a great place to live.

The Parish Council seeks to represent our community and work in partnership with others to serve our community of nearly 30,000 people.

It has been a pleasure to lead the Parish Council and I wish my successor, Cllr Michael Pogson, the best of luck for his year as Chair.

‘Sustainable housing a priority for councillors’

Cllr Mary Blacka Chairman, Planning Committee

This is my first report as Chair of the Planning Committee as I took over from Cllr Judith Roberts after the Annual General Meeting in September 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Cllr Roberts’ years of service as Chair of the Planning Committee and her detailed local knowledge.

The work of the Committee, as for the Council as a whole, was disrupted by Covid 19.

However, we managed to cope with the intricacies of Zoom and run efficient and productive meetings on-line.

We have now returned to meeting in person.

Because the Planning Committee often attracts several members of the public, wishing to raise issues in the open session at the beginning of the meeting, we have had to move recent meetings to venues larger than the Exhibition Room in the Civic Hall to allow for social distancing.

The Committee is very pleased that the passage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) through its various stages has been relatively smooth.

There are still some stages to complete, including a public referendum.

Once the plan is fully ‘made’ we will be able to use its locally focused requirements when

assessing planning applications.

Our heartfelt thanks are due to Cllr Rachel Hogley who has steered the NDP through its many stages and continues to do so.

Considering proposed developments is always a balancing act.

We wish to preserve and enhance the special built environment of the Holme Valley but know that economic development is also needed.

We are all aware that there is a great need for sustainable and affordable housing in the Holme Valley and that, unfortunately, developers prefer to build large, expensive houses.

One recent initiative is to promote the Parish Council’s Climate Emergency agenda by making positive comments on any planning applications which address green issues and to object to larger developments when these issues have been poorly addressed.

I would like to thank all members of the Planning Committee and the Deputy Clerk, Rich McGill, for their support for me as a new chair.

This is a demanding committee in terms of time, meeting much more frequently than other committees, to stay in step with Kirklees Council’s planning cycles.

Collectively, committee members have a wealth of local knowledge and experience and we do try hard to come to balanced judgements on planning applications and on wider issues.

Appointment shows Council’s commitment to deliver Plan

Report from the Chairman of the Climate Emergency Committee – Cllr Paul Davies

The work of the Climate Emergency Committee continued during the pandemic and the Parish Council demonstrated its commitment to delivering its Climate Emergency Action Plan by appointing our Climate Emergency Co-ordinator, Michelle Brown, to co-ordinate the work on the action plan.

She has helped ensure the delivery of the following outcomes:

- Ran a week-long online community engagement event with videos and streaming of events.
- Set up of a standalone website. Increased use of bite-size videos.

- Installed the water bottle re-filling station in Holmfirth town centre.

- Implemented an energy audit of Parish Council buildings, with resultant action plan to reduce energy use.

- Progressed the land-use mapping initiative in the valley through partnership working with Huddersfield University.

- Worked on active transport initiatives – cycling, walking etc - including identifying sites for bike racks. ‘If it’s not far, leave the car’ scheme also in process.

- Home Energy Savings Booklet completed.

- Ensured that the subgroup’s work continued through the use of zoom meetings.

- More partnership-building with community groups (HOTT, River Holme Connections, schools) and individuals (local farmers).

- Supported the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

- Supported newly co-opted members who have brought new experience, skills and a fresh outlook.

- Working on a plan to do more with local allotment/growing space provision.

All of the above provides a great base from which to build on and I am sure that the new Chair of the Climate Emergency Committee – Cllr Rachel Hogley – together with Michelle will continue to drive the implementation of the action plan in both a collaborative and positive manner.

Grants Awarded		Date of Award	Amount
Organisation / Body - Specific purpose of grant			
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust – Covid-19 aid (staffing)		Apr 2020	£4,000
HV Covid Mutual Aid Group – R2 Distillers bulk hand sanitiser		Apr 2020	£240
Full Life Church Food Bank – to food parcels		Apr 2020	£6,300
Holme Valley Covid Mutual Aid – expenses for volunteers (returned unused)		May 2020	£2,000
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust – deep clean		June 2020	£1,000
Holmfirth Bowling Club – towards new toilet block		June 2020	£5,000
Wooddale Community Association – towards playground resurface		June 2020	£2,000
Upperthong Village Hall – repair of village hall		June 2020	£2,000
River Holme Connections – creation of riverside path, Thongsbridge		June 2020	£4,994
Brockholes Village Trust – fencing for Boules Court		June 2020	£2,000
Holmbridge Cricket Club – accessible path to pavilion		June 2020	£5,000
Valley Minibuses		Paid monthly	£25,000
Christmas trees (x 6)		Sept 2020	£250
4 large Christmas trees provided by Kirklees Council		Sept 2020	£2,873
Holmfirth Christmas lights (not applied for)		Sept 2020	
Honley Christmas lights		Sept 2020	£1,000
Holme Valley patient transport scheme		Sept 2020	£2,000
Honley Youth Club		Sept 2020	£1,000
Honley Library Children’s – events throughout the year		Oct 2020	£1,000
Honley Growers – for planting around Honley library		Oct 2020	Deferred
Honley Cricket Club – towards sight screens		Oct 2020	£200
Holmfirth Country Markets – perspex screen (Covid-19)		Nov 2020	£207
Holmfirth Tech Random Acts of Kindness – gift boxes of cheer		Nov 2020	£1,000
Holmfirth Arts Festival		Nov 2020	£1,000
Honley Village Trust – towards youth workers		Nov 2020	£4,000
Hepworth Band Room – building repair		Dec 2020	£2,000
Climate Action Partnership CIO – grant for land use mapping		Dec 2020	£5,000
Climate Action Partnership CIO – energy audit of Council buildings		Dec 2020	£2,500
Honley Business Association – towards CCTV equipment		Feb 2021	£5,000

£86,564

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TL = temporarily on leave from the Council

Cautiously opening up activities again

■ **Report from the Chairman of the Publications and Communications Committee Cllr Duggs Carré**

All of our regular events and festivals which the Parish Council often has the pleasure to support have been cancelled and it was not until late July 2021 that a cautious start was made to open up community activity once more.

Many of the events and projects the Parish Council had given grants out to had to be cancelled due to Covid.

The Tour de Yorkshire and VE Day commemorations are but two examples.

A decision was taken not to award our awards last year for Tidy Trader Awards and Community Champions.

We know many traders had a tough year and we would have found it difficult to choose from the many in our community that stepped up this year.

It is still unresolved about the awards for the year ahead.

But it's not all "doom and gloom" we still met as planned and many things were done.

Behind the scenes we have been working on a few projects to promote positive news and information in the valley.

The following list is just some of them:

- Purchase of new noticeboard for Holmfirth Toilets to promote local events and services that the Parish Council supports.

- Update of the noticeboard by the Civic Hall.

- Purchase of new pavement sign for the maintenance contractor so people know some of the work we fund – especially the maintenance of the 150 parish benches.

- Purchase of hi-vis vests for use by community volunteers.

The Parish Council is becoming more proactive in regard to commemorating local events that reach milestones (like the Honley

Show Centenary) by creating an annual checklist of upcoming milestones in regard to big events of the past that could/should be marked.

The Parish Council held all meetings via Zoom and videos of these meetings were uploaded to YouTube for members of the public to view.

As we saw from the viral interest in the Handforth Parish Council these meetings can be of interest to many and what is now said in every future meeting will be available to view to everyone in the world.

We think this level of transparency is a good thing.

Now we are back to face-to-face meetings that the public can attend we are routinely uploading audio recordings of all meetings.

To support this the Parish Council recently agreed the purchase of video and audio recording equipment, projector etc to trial improved recordings of hybrid meetings, streaming Council meetings and recording for YouTube.

As more Councillors now use laptops to look at papers for meetings and with the new trend of uploading content to the web the Council Offices were upgraded to fibre broadband to facilitate meetings in future.

We are committed to promoting our work using various avenues including our monthly column in the Holme Valley Review free newspaper.

We also have our own Facebook page and website.

All are used to keep people informed on key work programmes such as the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Climate Emergency and the granting of awards.

On a personal note it was my first time holding office on a formal committee and I thank my fellow councillors for their support and ideas.

a review of staff workloads and Council is looking into how workloads can be better managed.

There are some changes in names and faces to report.

We created and appointed to a new post – that of Climate Emergency Coordinator.

We said goodbye to Liz Bennett as Clerk (many thanks, Liz!) and appointed Jen McIntosh as new Clerk (welcome, Jen).

We must also offer our thanks to our Deputy Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for his commitment and hard work.

Many thanks also to our Maintenance Contractor.

Though working to a contract rather than being employed he is a real part of the team.

Much appreciation and thanks to all involved with this Committee over the past year and looking forward to welcoming the forthcoming changes and challenges.

Income and expenditure affected by pandemic

■ **Report from the Chairman of the Finance and Management Committee Cllr Michael Pogson**

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact on the Council with meetings of the Finance and Management Committee continuing to be held via Zoom.

Whilst this proved difficult at first, I believe that my fellow committee members adapted well, and this enabled the Finance and Management Committee to continue its business without too much disruption.

However, both the income and expenditure of the Parish Council have been affected by the pandemic with some of the services that the Council funds, – toilets and buses, for example, – closing during the lockdown

period and there was a reduction in the number grant applications received by the committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee members and especially our RFO Rich McGill for their hard work, support and commitment.

I am pleased to report that the Council has again agreed a budget that means there will be no uplift in charges to householders this year.

Continued financial prudence has enabled the Council to choose to maintain charges to allotment holders and garage tenants at the same rates as 2019/20.

A new Internal Auditor has been appointed and I am happy to report that the Audit went well with no major concerns.

The RFO has informed me that the Council has successfully moved over to

Accounting statements 2021-22		
	31/03/20	21/03/2021
Balances brought forward	£224,724	£269,150
Precept	£274,970	£275,871
Total other receipts	£6,887	£8,123
Staff costs	£37,122	£58,700
Loan interest/ capital repayments	0	0
All other payments	£200,308	£147,343
Balances carried forward	£269,150	£347,101
Total value of cash and short term investments	£266,670	£337,368
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	£5,266,353	£5,271,894
Total borrowings	0	0

a new accounting system which has been of great assistance in managing the Council's accounts and we now upload the Council's Financial Records to the website monthly for residents to view.

Over the last year the Council has streamlined its Grants application process.

Furthermore, one of

our Committees, – the Community Assets Support Committee, – has been disbanded and a number of its functions passed to the Finance and Management Committee.

This will mean the Finance and Management Committee will oversee the majority of grant applications going forward.

For ease of understanding, the Precept is money raised through local taxation. Other income, here as Total other receipts, is raised through things like tenancies, bank interest and from donations in the Holmfirth public toilets. Staff costs have increased because we have recruited new staff between the two terms – a Deputy Clerk/RFO and a Climate Emergency Co-ordinator. You will note that payments by the Parish Council have gone down significantly. Under the pandemic, lots of services were curtailed. Grant applications reduced markedly. This has meant that the Parish Council has more reserves than anticipated and will need to make adjustments in next year's budgets calculations. The accounts are subject to audit, and are available for public view. Some accounting records are accessible from the homepage of the Parish Council's website or residents can review the accounts at the Council offices. The website will be updated once the external audit has been completed.

Number of applications down on previous years

■ **Report from the Chairman of the Community Assets Support Committee Cllr Pat Colling**

Despite Covid 19, the CASC committee continued to meet (via Zoom) and to support community assets throughout the valley.

Unsurprisingly, the number of applications was down on a normal year, and the total amount spent was down too: our budget for the year was \$85,091, and we spent \$23,897.

The projects we awarded grants to include fencing a boules court in Brockholes and several facility improvements including Holmfirth Bowling Club, Wooldale Community Association, and

Upperthong Village Hall.

Our work with the Friends of Honley Library Trust regarding the community asset transfer of Honley Library from Kirklees to the Parish Council has gone on longer than we had hoped, but, at the time of writing, the final documents are with lawyers.

We are hopeful that we will complete in time to take over in the autumn of 2021. This process has proved MUCH lengthier than any of us anticipated and I continue to be inspired by the Friends of Honley Library Trust team and look forward to our continued partnership in the future.

In Holmfirth the committee continued to

work with Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust and has provided funding towards works now started on the hall.

The Holmfirth public conveniences continued to be managed by the committee.

Our tenants, Monty's Loft, have had a tough year in the shop space next door to the toilets.

The pandemic struck the month they took it on, then there was flooding.

They have now been properly open for several months and we wish them every success.

I would personally like to thank all members of the committee and our past council clerk and current deputy for their hard work and contributions to the

meetings.

We have had to be adaptable, and everyone has rallied to make the year successful.

Some of you will know that the CASC committee has been disbanded.

It was agreed by councillors, staff, and an outside assessor that we had too many committees and too many meetings.

There was some overlap of CASC'S responsibilities with the Service Provision and the Finance and Management committees so they will be divided between them with the toilets and shop, Honley Library, and the Civic Hall overseen by Service Provision and all grants now awarded by Finance and Management.

Changes have been unavoidable

■ **Report from the Chairman of the Staffing Committee Cllr Trevor Bellamy**

There have been many unavoidable changes to our normal work routines over this past year.

Covid led to officers working from home and setting up all Council and Committee meetings by Zoom.

Councillors and staff working from a home environment led to varied reactions from all involved with much debate as to the merits of the scope and the duration of the changes and activities involved.

Covid has given lots of opportunities for training as there have been a lot of excellent and varied online classes for officers (and councillors) through our Yorkshire Local Councils Association membership with its much-used and appreciated support and advice facilities.

The Committee commissioned

Services we oversee are getting back to normal

■ **Report from the interim Chairman, Service Provision Committee, Cllr Michael Pogson**

Following on from my report from last year, 2020/2021 has been another eventful year for the Service Provision Committee.

Cllr Jason Brook was elected chair of this committee at the start of the Council year in 2020 but was not able to take up this role due to ill health.

The Vice Chair, Cllr Cath Bellamy, was then herself struck with ill health and also could not take on the Chair's role.

Therefore it was agreed that I would step in as interim Chair of this Committee until they were both recovered.

For much of the year, meetings have been held via Zoom rather than in person and I can report that the committee members and Council staff have adapted well to this way of working and ensured that the business of this committee has been able to continue.

The Covid-19 pandemic impacted on some of the services that the committee oversees such as Holme Valley minibus service, and its benches, shelters, churchyard, and phone box maintenance.

However, I am happy to report that these are getting back to normal.

The committee has been more than happy to continue to provide grants for Christmas festivities and Christmas trees and we have continued to support the efforts of communities of the Holme Valley in making this a special time of year.

Going forward we are hoping to provide sustainable living trees where appropriate as recommended by the Council's Climate Emergency Committee.

We have had members of the public and representatives of local organisations attending and addressing several meetings and the Committee has received and responded to requests for grants for many diverse uses and activities.

I am also pleased to report that

the Committee continues to focus on youth provision with Grants to Friends of Honley and they have appointed two youth workers to give young Honley people more opportunities of things to do.

I really hope going forward that we can support such initiatives throughout the whole of the Valley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Keith Fermor and John Ford for their help and hard work in digitally mapping all of the Parish Council Assets (benches, shelters etc).

You can find the location of all our assets from the home page of the Parish Council website.

Thanks also to all the volunteers who continue to refill the dog mess bag dispensers, the Council would not be able to continue to provide this service without their help.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing Parish Clerk, Liz Bennett, wishing her well with her retirement, and to Deputy Clerk and RFO Rich McGill for the support they have both provided over the last year.

Subject: Location signs to commemorate Last of the Summer Wine
From: Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Date: 07/09/2021, 15:07
To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email regarding the lack of location signs in Holmfirth town centre to direct tourists towards locations used in the filming of Last of the Summer Wine.

The Parish Council considered how your request might be supported.

What was resolved was that with regard to the proposed signage the Parish Council would consider a grant application for funding from a Holme Valley community group. An application would have to come from a group not from say, you, as an individual.

The information about grants is on the Holme Valley Parish website including the application forms and criteria and how to apply.

[Grants - Holme Valley Parish Council](#)

We look forward to receiving an application from you in due course.

Get in touch with me if you need any assistance in this matter.

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