

Holme Valley Parish Council

To all Members of the Publications and Communications Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the **Publications and Communications Committee** to be held via the Zoom platform on **MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020** at **07:00 PM** to transact the following business -

- AGENDA – (A)

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.

	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.	
2021 01	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 meeting will be recorded by the Deputy Clerk, in any case, for publication.	
2021 02	To accept apologies for absence	7.16 pm
2021 03	To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda	7.17 pm
2021 04	To receive Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda	7.18 pm
2021 05	To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations	7.19 pm
2021 06	To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session	7.20 pm
2021 07	To confirm the Minutes of the previous Committee meeting	7.21 pm
	- To confirm the Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2020, numbered 1920 51 to 1920 66 inclusive – previously distributed. (B)	
2021 08	Events/Publicity	7.22 pm
	- To note, due to COVID-19, the Tour de Yorkshire and most of the planned events around VE Day had to be cancelled. The Parish Council had awarded grants to a number of community groups and organisations to commemorate these events. It was not thought fair or appropriate to ask for this money back, so the groups and organisations in question have retained the money awarded,	

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but have been advised that they have to use it for future events that benefit the Holme Valley.

- To note, wreaths for Remembrance Day services have been delivered to the Council Office for collection nearer the time by people attending services.

2021 09 HVPC signs and Information 7.24 pm

- To note, the Asset Transfer Plaques for Holmfirth Civic Hall and Holmfirth public toilets are currently being crafted by Leander Architectural. They should be ready to be installed very soon.

2021 10 Council Noticeboards 7.25 pm

- To consider a mock-up of information to be displayed on Council noticeboards. Deputy Clerk to report.

2021 11 Press Coverage 7.40 pm

- Holme Valley Review:
 - editions of the Holme Valley Review April, May, June, August 2020 (C)
 - Holme Valley Review articles for upcoming September edition (D)
 - the Annual Report of the Parish Council published in the July/August edition of the review (E)
 - distribution of the review under COVID-19
 - to consider ideas for articles for the forthcoming editions

2021 12 Holme Valley Parish Website, and Facebook 7.50 pm

- To note, changes to the Parish Council website. Report by the Deputy Clerk.
- To consider the Holme Valley Parish Council Facebook page and the information it carries. Members to consider whether the Facebook page should have a wider focus in terms of what is posted or shared by the administrators.

2021 13 YouTube Account for Zoom recordings 8.00 pm

- To note, [the Parish Council's YouTube Channel for Zoom recordings of Parish Council meetings has been set up.](#) (F) Further to note, the Deputy Clerk reports that some Zoom video files of meetings were found to be corrupted, so we only have audio files of some meetings.

2021 14 Annual Awards 2020-21 8.05 pm

- To consider the awards and honours that the Parish Council will give out this year – what to give out awards/honours for, - processes and timescales, - nominations of candidates, selection of those to be honoured and plans for presentation.

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2021 15 Year-to-date Budget against expenditure

8.25 pm

- The RFO/Deputy Clerk to report.

Richard McGill

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr R Hogley

Members: K Bellamy, J Brook, D Carré

Officers: 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. No members of the public were present.

1920 51 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.

1920 52 To accept apologies for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barker and Cllr Feeney and approved by the Committee. Cllr Lockley did not tender an apology for his absence.

The Committee discussed Cllr Lockley's ability to attend this and other Standing Committees. The Deputy Clerk reported that he had previously emailed Cllr Lockley with a suggestion to step down from the Standing Committees and to prioritise attendance at full Council, - as resolved at the last meeting of the Publications and Communications Committee, - but had received no reply from the Councillor.

RESOLVED: As Cllr Lockley's other commitments make it difficult to attend Standing Committee meetings, the Committee reiterated to the Deputy Clerk to review his Memberships with him with a view to prioritising his attendance at meetings of the full Council.

1920 53 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None received.

1920 54 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

1920 55 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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1920 56 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Committee meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Publications and Communications Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2019, numbered 1920 32 to 1920 50 inclusive – previously distributed, - were confirmed.

1920 57 Community Champions Award

At this point, Cllr Bellamy declared a personal interest in the Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust.

The Chairman reported on the award-giving, noting that the awards had gone to worthy winners, and that there had been positive feedback. Committee Members felt that the process had worked well.

RESOLVED: At this point, a Councillor asked to discuss something in private session and this was supported by the Committee.

1920 59 VE Day 75th Anniversary 8th May 2020 Grant Applications

After some preliminary discussion about the Tour de Yorkshire and how the Parish Council would mark that event, it was decided to go through the VE Day Grant Applications first so as to have a better idea of money that might be left available to spend to commemorate the Tour. The VE Day 75th Anniversary 8th May 2020 Grant Applications were hence moved up the agenda to this point.

At this point, Cllr Carré declared a personal interest in the application from Friends of Cliff Recreation Ground.

The Standing Committee considered a grant application for £100 from Friends of Cliff Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: As the Council had received fewer applications than anticipated, the Committee decided to make an award greater than that requested. The Committee awarded £200 to Friends of Cliff Recreation Ground.

The Standing Committee considered a grant application for £100 from Honley Village Community Trust.

RESOLVED: As the Council had received fewer applications than anticipated, the Committee decided to make an award greater than that requested. The Committee awarded £200 to Honley Village Community Trust.

The Standing Committee considered a grant application for £60 from Holmfirth Women's Institute prattyflowers.

RESOLVED: As the Council had received fewer applications than anticipated, the Committee decided to make an award greater than that requested. The Committee awarded £90 to Holmfirth Women's Institute prattyflowers.

1920 58 Events/Publicity

The Standing Committee considered the upcoming stage of the Tour de Yorkshire (Men's and Women's races) which goes through the Holme Valley Saturday 2nd May 2020, passing through Netherthong, Holmfirth, Hade Edge. There was discussion about what we would do as a Council to support the celebration of the race and the Holme Valley.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk would contact the primary schools in Netherthong, Holmfirth, Hade Edge to offer them £150 each to fund some sort of public commemorative display of the race.

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RESOLVED: Committee Members were to attend the Tour de Yorkshire roadshow Tuesday 25 February 7-9pm Holmfirth Civic Hall to get information and to pass on information

1920 60 HVPC signs and Information

Members considered quotations from a number of civic plaque manufacturers for the Asset Transfer plaque for outside Holmfirth Civic Hall; potentially one also for Honley Library and for Holmfirth Public Toilets.

RESOLVED: The Committee will recommend to full Council on 23/03/20 the offer of cast aluminium plaques from Leander Architectural of Buxton, Derbyshire with a view to commissioning within the current year's CASC budget.

1920 61 Council Noticeboards

Members considered the street-side noticeboard on Huddersfield Road which now has a padlock, so Officers have more control over the content displayed. The Committee considered what information might be included on the noticeboard as a more formal display.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would do a mock-up of the notice board including the items suggested by the Committee for inclusion.

Members considered what to do with the official Holme Valley Parish Council noticeboard, currently in the Council Chambers.

RESOLVED: The Committee decided to look into whether the noticeboard could be sited in Honley, - perhaps on Honley Library, perhaps in some other public place. The Deputy Clerk would contact Cllr Colling and Cllr East from Honley wards regarding potential sites for the noticeboard. The noticeboard would carry similar information to the Holmfirth Civic Hall noticeboard. The maintenance contractor would be asked to refresh the noticeboard before it is installed.

NOTED: Councillors noted that there is no official NALC advice with regard to the information to be held on a Councillor's identity badge. The Deputy Clerk will update the badges with dates of the Council Term in due course.

1920 62 Parish Council Information

The Committee considered whether to relaunch a simple information leaflet like that previously distributed.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved not to launch a simple information leaflet as suggested by the Deputy Clerk but, instead, to use the Annual Report more effectively as a means of communicating what we do, and successes we have had, and to distribute the Annual Report more effectively.

Cllr Carré reported on behalf of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee regarding progress on the publication of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

1920 63 Press Coverage

Holme Valley Review:

Councillors noted the recent Holme Valley news articles from the Holme Valley Review. Councillors considered ideas for articles for the forthcoming editions of the Holme Valley Review.

RESOLVED: The next edition of the Review (submission date 24/02/20) would likely feature articles on 1) the setting of the Budget/Precept; 2) an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan; 3) an invite to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The following edition of the Review (submission date 23/03/20) would potentially feature

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articles on 1) the Tour de Yorkshire; 2) noticeboards; 3) climate emergency; 4) VE Day.

1920 64 Holme Valley Parish Website and Facebook

Cllr Hogley reported that she had gone through the Parish Council website and passed on to the Deputy Clerk an itemised list of where things needed adding, amending or updating.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would work through the report to improve the website.

The Committee considered the Holme Valley Parish Council Facebook page.

RESOLVED:

- The Deputy Clerk would try to join Facebook as “Holme Valley Parish Council.”
- If successful, Cllr Hogley would attempt to make “Holme Valley Parish Council” and the Deputy Clerk the administrator of the Facebook page.
- The Deputy Clerk would liaise with Cllr Carré with regard to joining the Holmfirth Community Facebook group.

The Committee considered implications of the Council’s resolution to record and publish audio recordings of all Council and Standing Committee meetings. The Deputy Clerk was not sure whether Vision ICT had the facility to publish audio files to the Parish Council website. Alternatively, sites like YouTube or Soundcloud could be used for storage of meeting recordings.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk to investigate options for storing recordings of meetings for public record.

The Council must develop a protocol for recording meetings.

1920 65 Year-to-date Budget against expenditure

NOTED: Members noted the Year-to-Date Budget v Expenditure report from the Deputy Clerk.

1920 66 Budget 2020-21

NOTED: Members noted the Standing Committee’s budget for next financial year.

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Chairman



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Coping with coronavirus

ALONGSIDE others across the world, we are living through an unprecedented challenge as coronavirus affects our community.

In line with national advice, the Parish Council held a brief meeting on March 23 to formally confirm the cancellation of future meetings until this period of uncertainty is over.

This will also allow us to agree to delegate necessary financial decisions to our clerk so we can continue any essential activity over forthcoming months.

Since we will be unable to meet as a Council, we have deferred the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair with current councillors retaining their Committee Chairmanships for this interim period.

Regrettably, we will also not be able to consider any new grant requests and will defer the appointment of our Climate Change Coordinator and the submission of our Neighbourhood Development Plan to Kirklees Local Authority and

www.holmevalleymutualaid.co.uk

Hello!

IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING
WE CAN HELP!

Holme Valley COVID-19 Mutual Aid is a collection of volunteers from the Holme Valley area who would like to help their neighbours during the UK coronavirus isolation period.

If you are self isolating due to COVID-19 we can help with:

- SHOPPING SERVICE - FOOD PARCELS
- PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS - POSTING MAIL
- DOG WALKING - ANY OTHER URGENT NEEDS

Please call us on the number listed below or send us an email

01484 212056

support@holmevalleymutualaid.co.uk

If you would like to volunteer with us please email volunteers@holmevalleymutualaid.co.uk

Remember to wear a mask. Please ensure that you keep a distance of 2 metres away from others and that hand hygiene. Items should be left on your doorstep.

the Peak District National Park.

However, in times of crisis, we all know that working together is the best way to face the challenge ahead and we are looking at how we can best support the community networks which are rapidly

developing in the Holme Valley.

The Holme Valley COVID-19 Mutual Aid is a collection of volunteers who would like to help their neighbours during this period and are able to assist those self isolating.

More details are in the diagram and on their website: www.holmevalleymutualaid.co.uk

We would like to thank all our residents who are working in the key sectors which are helping us stay safe, healthy and fed and watered.

Local businesses are working hard to supply those self-isolating and whilst we do not underestimate the impact this crisis will have on our local economy, we know that our wonderful sense of community will help us all get through it.

Please look out for your friends and neighbours, keep following Government advice on social distancing and self-isolation and take the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful area in which we live.

Every ward has at least one Parish Councillor and they are all willing to help in any way they can during this period. Their contact details are on www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk and provided below.

WARD	NAME	Telephone Number
Broctholes	Michael Pogson	07927 668327
Fulstone	Donald Ferth Di Hall	01484 683735 01484 686488
Hegworth	Thomas Dixon	07725 688860
Holmfirth Central	Rachel Hogley Glyn Barker	07970 475806 07963 247054
Honley Central and East	Pat Colling Ben Lockley Sarah Sheard	01484 663214 07729 498385 01484 822491 (office)
Honley South	Joe Sweeney	01484 822491 (office)
Honley West	Charles Greaves Sean East	01484 666064 07736 940326
Netherthong	James Dalton Judith Roberts	07784 284661 01484 684930
Scholes	Paul Dixon Mary Blacka	01484 685928 07908074167
Upper Holme Valley	Kath Bellamy Trevor Bellamy	01484 683147 01484 683147
Upperthong	Bernie Feeney Duggs Carne (Co-opted)	07963 247054 07973 961159
Wooldale	Jason Brook Paul Davies Darryl Gould	01484688790 07870 695717 01484 822491 (office)

Our office in Holmfirth Civic Hall will be closed during the pandemic. Our Clerk, Liz Bennett, and Deputy Clerk, Richard McGill, will be working from home and can be contacted through the website or by email: clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Holme Valley Parish Council – working under coronavirus

AS WITH all aspects of life at present, the work of the Parish Council has been very much affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council cancelled all its meetings from April onwards, closed its offices and suspended many aspects of its day-to-day work.

For example, Holmfirth Public Toilets have been closed and work on benches, bus shelters and so on was stopped.

Other services we part-fund, like the Holme Valley Minibus service, have been suspended.

But, despite this, the Parish Council does continue to work. Officers work from home and Councillors have rallied to support some very important local initiatives.

Before lockdown was announced, the Council met under strict rules of social distancing.

Councillors voted to earmark up to \$35,000 of Council funds should they be needed to help the local community mitigate against the outbreak.

These funds were ring-fenced into a \$20,000 fund for community use and \$15,000 to support the ongoing viability of the Holmfirth Civic Hall, which is owned by HVPC.

We have been pleased to be able to utilise some of these funds as follows:

■ The Parish Council was made aware that, due to Coronavirus, an extra 35 families had applied to the local Full Life Church Food Bank.

The Food Bank's resources were being severely stretched at this

point. Bearing that in mind, Holme Valley Parish Council approved the payment of a grant of \$6,300 to the Food Bank expressly to pay for one month's provisions for these 35 families newly facing hardship.

■ The Parish Council also funded a bulk purchase of hand sanitiser so that Holme Valley Covid Mutual Aid volunteers, emergency workers and local businesses could better assure their safety while going about their vital work to support local people needing assistance when self-isolating.

■ Finally, the Parish Council has supported Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust with a payment of \$4000 to help the Trust to manage the financial fallout arising from the necessary mothballing of the Civic Hall.

Committee supports the HoTT Lottery bid

HOLME Valley Climate Emergency Committee – supporting the HoTT Lottery bid.

A key aspect of Holme Valley Parish Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan has been that of working with partners in the Valley in the delivery of the plan.

One of our key partners has been the community group, Holmfirth Transition Town.

As an outcome of our partnership, in December 2019 HoTT submitted a bid to the Lottery Climate Action Fund (CAF).

The bid is for funds to augment the Parish Council's own funding for the Climate Emergency Action Plan and to carry out further climate actions in the Valley.

The proposal which has been

submitted to the Lottery is to set up a Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership to help deliver the Parish Council's climate action plan.

If the bid is successful the Partnership will set up a separate community business company.

There were 630 applicants in the first round of the Lottery CAF bid and by February, we are pleased to say, the Holme Valley application was through to the final 40 entries.

In early April, a more detailed second round bid was submitted.

There will be 15 winners so there is a better than one in three chance to win a Development Award of \$200,000.

We will find out if we have been successful in June.

As the government's advice on Covid-19 changes so too will the Parish Council's response. Given recent announcements, the Parish Council is pleased to let local people know that our contractor who maintains our public benches and bus shelters will start to return to his duties. We will also be pressing forward with plans to develop the lettable space next door to Holmfirth Public Toilets. We hope that things will gradually get back to normal. In the meantime, we hope you will all respect each other, stay safe and be responsible.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Neighbourhood Development Plan to be considered by Full Council

THE Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group has now finalised the Submission Plan which, following consideration at our Planning Committee, will now be considered for endorsement by Full Council on June 29.

The Plan is accompanied by two key documents:

- Consultation Statement, outlining all the community engagement we have undertaken since 2016, and a
- Basic Conditions Statement, outlining how the Plan fits with both the Kirklees Local Plan and the Peak District National



Park Local Plan.

All three documents are available on our website's Neighbourhood Plan page alongside comprehensive response tables outlining how all consultation feedback has been considered

in developing the Plan, and all our supporting documentation.

Once Full Council has considered and endorsed the Plan, it will then be formally submitted to Kirklees Council and the Peak District

National Park Authority so they can publish it for further Regulation 16 consultation.

Following this, the Plan will be considered by an Independent Planning Examiner later in the year and then progress, with any modifications recommended by the Examiner, to a public referendum in May 2021 (this is the earliest date permitted due to Coronavirus legislation).

If 50 per cent of all those who vote in the referendum, vote in favour, the NDP will then be 'made' and thereafter formally influence planning decisions.

Further developments under COVID-19

THE Parish Council has had to continually adjust the way it works and manages its business under the developing circumstances of the pandemic.

For example, having suspended all Council meetings on March 23, the Council has recently re-started its meetings online via the Zoom platform.

One of the Council's concerns about moving to virtual meetings was a worry that some Councillors might be excluded from the process by a lack of computer knowhow.

But all Councillors have fully committed to the process, have engaged with the technology, and each has contributed to virtual meetings to debate and vote on decisions of the Council.

Thus the Council is returning to much of its regular business including, for example, the processing of grant applications.

The schedule of upcoming Council meetings and Committee meetings can be found on the Parish Council website (www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) and members of the public are encouraged to request

invites to attend the virtual meetings from the Clerk.

With the Council's officers, too, while the Clerk and Deputy Clerk do, in the main, still work from home, they now have occasional office days at the Civic Hall.

However, they never share the office at the same time and follow other agreed guidance on infection-control.

The Council office remains closed to the general public for the time being.

The Council's maintenance contractor has recently returned to his duties maintaining the Council's many public benches across the Holme Valley.

However, his other responsibility involving the day-to-day management of the Holmfirth public toilets remains suspended, but how long it is until they reopen is currently under review.

Some other Council-funded services like the minibus service likewise remain suspended, but the Council is hopeful that things will begin to return to normal as guidance from the government changes.

Now, is the time of the year that the Council would normally be advertising its accounts and publishing its Annual Report summarising its work over the year just gone. However, the pandemic has delayed proceedings. The publications of the said documents will be delayed until after late July.

Grant awarded to Mutual Aid group

THE Parish Council recently made a grant of \$2000 to Holme Valley COVID-19 Mutual Aid group to enable it to pay expenses to volunteers who provided vital services

like delivering supplies and medication to people self-isolating in the Holme Valley.

Thank you to all those helping our community to weather this pandemic.



Tributes pour in for respected former councillor Rita Briggs

RITA Briggs, who passed away recently, served Holme Valley Parish Council for a number of years as a Councillor and was the Chairman of the Council in 1985-86. Rita was at the forefront of championing the construction of Holmfirth's swimming pool and leisure centre, and successfully fought the case for the Co-op Supermarket in the town. She also campaigned to keep New Mill Library open and secured a court for public use at Thongsbridge Tennis Club. The current Chairman and a number of Councillors paid their respects to Rita at her funeral procession through the Holme Valley.

Elections for new council officials will be in September

NORMALLY, in May of each year, the Council would elect a new Chairman and Committee Chairs as well as electing Members to the various Standing Committees.

However, due to COVID-19, this process has been delayed. Last year's office holders and membership arrangements have remained in place in the interim.

The Parish Council is, though, pleased to announce that we will be electing a new Chairman, Committee Chairs and Committee Membership at our September 21st meeting which will constitute the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Lockdown has not stopped council making decisions

FOLLOWING advice from our national association, for the time being the Parish Council continues to hold all its meetings virtually using the Zoom platform.

All Councillors have been able to attend our online meetings and, despite some misgivings, have coped well with the arrangements.

The Council has accordingly been able to make a number of important decisions virtually. Local residents are invited to join our virtual meetings should they wish to do so. Contact the Clerk at clerk@holmevalley-parishcouncil.gov.uk for how to join.

Over the next month, the recordings of meetings will be made available on YouTube, so residents will be able to follow the Council decision-making processes by video.

Of course, the Council has had

to catch up on a huge backlog of business that built up during lockdown but is now pressing forward with our customary work.

Holmfirth Public Toilets have been re-opened to a limited fashion. The toilet building is open 9-5, seven days a week, but for health and safety reasons only a single toilet has been made available.

Visitors are required to use sanitiser on entering and leaving the toilet, and the toilets are cleaned three times a day.

Follow the guidelines at the toilet with regard to best hygiene practice, health and safety, and social distancing.

Over the last few weeks, the Parish Council has successfully let out the shop space adjoining the toilets to a local clothing business, Monty's Loft, and we want to wish them every success.

Parish council hands out £25k in grants in July

LOCKDOWN caused a substantial backlog of grant applications submitted to Holme Valley Parish Council.

In July alone, \$25,000 was given out to worthy, local groups that contribute so much to Valley life in July alone.

The Parish Council had earlier voted to release money from reserves to support our community groups.

Grants awarded:

- \$5000 to Holmfirth Bowling Club towards a disabled access to toilet.
- \$5000 to Uppershong Village Hall for improvements to the hall.
- \$5000 to Holmbridge Cricket Club for a pathway to the pavilion.
- \$4994 to River Holme Connections towards the Thongsbridge Riverside Project.
- \$2000 to Brockholes Village Trust for fencing to the boules court.

■ \$2000 to Wooldale Community Association for resurfacing of a children's play area.

■ \$1,000 to Holmfirth Civic Hall Community for deep cleaning of the Civic Hall.

A spokesman said: "The Parish Council is conscious that times may well be hard for our communities and the Council wants to do what it can to help.

"With that in mind, the Council wants to find out more about the anticipated future funding needs of Holme Valley assets and services.

"We have developed an Expressions of Interest in Future Funding Opportunities form for local groups that manage assets or services to keep us informed about their future financial needs."

The form is available from the Clerk to the Council or via the Parish Council website.

The new Council 2020-21:

As with everything else this year, the Council's routines have been very much affected by COVID-19. Normally, a new Chair for the Council would have been elected in May of this year and, at the same meeting, Chairs and members would have been elected to the various Standing Committees. This year, none of that happened. So it is only now that we are constituting the Council for 2020-21.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 21st September, the Council will elect a new Chair. Following that, Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members will be elected to the seven Standing Committees detailed below. All Committees usually meet every three months, with Planning meeting monthly to fit with planning application timescales.

Finance and Management Standing Committee:

This Committee supports the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) to make sure that electors' precept money is managed and spent wisely and is secure from fraud and misuse. This Committee advises the Council on the amount of precept needed each year for the Council to conduct its business and on the associated charges to households. Members regularly review a variety of financial records to ensure that budgets are managed effectively and, for example, that investments are appropriate. The Committee also offers grants to community groups seeking funding for events, projects and educational trips.

Community Assets Standing Committee:

This Committee supports community building assets in the Holme Valley which are important to people in the locality. It oversees community assets owned by the Parish Council, - like Holmfirth Civic Hall and Holmfirth public toilets, - but also maintains a budget to assist the ongoing sustainability of other community-owned assets that may be at risk.

Service Provision Standing Committee:

This Committee supports important services to the community. This includes a wide variety of things including subsidising the Holme Valley Minibus and contributing to the Patient Transport scheme, funding youth facilities, as well as installing dog poo bag dispensers and defibrillators. This Committee also oversees aspects of Christmas provision including paying for Christmas trees in villages throughout the Valley. It maintains hundreds of public benches and many bus shelters across the Valley through our contractor, John.

Planning Standing Committee:

The Planning Committee reviews all Planning Applications in the Holme Valley and advises Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park on all applications received. This Committee also leads on the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan which hopefully should go to public referendum in 2021.

Publications and Communications Standing Committee:

This Committee oversees publicity and communications from the Council. It manages the Council noticeboard, website and social media, as well as the Council News column and Annual Report in the Holme Valley Review. This Committee also recognises deserving members of the Holme Valley community through its Tidy Trader and Community Champions awards schemes. Finally, this Committee leads on commemorating important local and national events and celebrations.

Staffing Standing Committee:

This Committee oversees the contracts, training and performance-management of staff.

Climate Emergency Standing Committee:

This is the newest of the Committees and its remit is to deliver the outcomes of the Holme Valley Climate Emergency Action Plan. This committee consists of both Councillors and co-opted members of the public. The Committee is also unusual in that it has a number of sub-groups overseeing different aspects and outcomes of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

List of upcoming meetings for the Council Year ahead:

2020:

21st September at 7pm – Full Council
28th September at 7pm – Staffing Committee; at 8pm – Climate Emergency Committee
5th October at 7pm – Planning Committee
12th October at 7pm – Finance and Management Committee
19th October at 7pm – Community Assets Support Committee
2nd November 7pm – Planning Committee
9th November 7pm – Full Council
16th November 7pm - Climate Emergency Committee
23rd November at 7pm – Planning Committee
30th November at 7pm – Finance and Management Committee
14th December at 630pm – Planning Committee; at 8pm Full Council

2021:

11th January at 7pm – Planning Committee
18th January at 7pm – Finance and Management Committee
25th January at 7pm – Service Provision Committee
1st February at 7pm – Full Council
8th February at 630pm – Planning Committee; at 8pm Staffing Committee
15th February at 7pm – Publications and Communications Committee
1st March at 7pm – Finance and Management Committee
8th March at 7pm – Planning Committee
15th March at 7pm – Climate Emergency Committee
22nd March at 7pm - Community Assets Support Committee
29th March at 7pm – Annual Parish Council; at 8pm Full Council

Members of the public can attend any meetings of the Council or its Committees. At present, all meetings are held virtually via Zoom. For an up-to-date schedule of meetings, agendas and supporting paperwork, and Zoom links go to the Holme Valley Parish Council website and click on Meetings.

Meet Michelle Brown our new Climate Emergency Coordinator:

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Brown as our Climate Emergency Co-ordinator.



“Hi, everyone! I moved to the valley seven years ago as a marketing consultant and I feel I have finally found my home. This role is a dream for me as I am passionate about the place I live in. I feel the Holme Valley is a great community and it is in a beautiful place with so much nature around that needs to be maintained for the future. I really believe the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) will make a difference, helping to preserve the surrounding landscape for generations to come.

I plan to use my skills to get the message out to the people of the Holme Valley and help each individual to see how they can make a difference to the future of their local community by the way they live their lives. It's a high target set to make the valley carbon neutral by 2030 but I truly believe that together we can make that happen. Look out for the new Facebook and Twitter Page to join us and keep track on our progress. I'm excited about working with you all to protect our climate.”

Eye-up! Fill-up, Drink-up: new water bottle filling station for Holmfirth:

As part of partnership working by the Parish Council's Climate Emergency Committee and its Community Assets Support Committee, the Council has commissioned a water bottle filling station to be installed outside Holmfirth toilets. According to Green Alliance, the average UK adult consumes around 150 single-use water bottles each year. This is wasteful. So, rather than buying another bottle of water just to drink and throw the container away, why not fill up a reusable bottle, and do your little bit to cut down on waste (and save a bit of money, too).

The new filling station should be installed over the next month or so, so watch out for it, and please make use of it!





**■ Cllr Trevor Bellamy
Chairman, Holme Valley
Parish Council**

As chairman of Holme Valley Parish Council, I present to you my report for the year 2019-20.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the role of chair, but more of a picture of the work we do which has not been described in the reports below from the other committee chairmen.

My first thought would be to describe the period as one of change, - quite an understatement, - with a complete change of personnel within our administration/office team, bringing new names and new faces.

Our new officers have taken on - with great enthusiasm, I am glad to say - the very many challenges of the work of the council.

Perhaps the biggest change to the Parish Council is the number of new councillors representing our Valley's towns, villages, and hamlets.

At the last election in 2019, several councillors did not seek re-election; thus we found ourselves with some nine new members. On behalf of the Parish Council, we give our thanks to those who have left, and we wel-

come the new councillors.

Many challenges faced our new council with perhaps one matter taking priority at the outset. That was an independent external review of the financial governance of Holme Valley Parish Council. This review was triggered by the council itself. This review was duly completed and a report presented on 18th October 2019.

The review found that the finances and financial governance of the Parish Council had not been compromised and we were able to return to the regular business of the council.

The chairman's duties continued over the Council year with many events to attend such as civic receptions, services, meetings of local Trusts, Peak Park Parishes management meetings, village meetings, band competitions, concerts and shows. I also had great pleasure presenting awards to deserving local people, organisations and businesses through our Tidy Trader and Community Champion Awards.

Then came the pandemic.

On the 23 March it became

illegal for meetings and gatherings to take place. This, along with the many other restrictions,

meant we had to look at alternative ways of conducting our business.

We therefore in June started online meetings on the Zoom platform, and now have a full schedule of meetings up to May 2021. The meetings will continue via Zoom for the time being but hopefully we will return to face-to-face meetings when the situation allows.

I also look forward to the time when we can resume our meetings with the Tourism Forum, with Peak Park Tourism, and those between Kirklees and Town and Parish Councils, and get things rolling again.

In any case, we will continue to promote our wonderful valley, which I have had great pleasure in serving as Chairman of the Parish Council.

■ For my term of office of Chairman, I have decided to make donations from the Chairman's Charity Fund to two very different community groups. I wanted expressly to honour only local groups working across the Holme Valley.

The first community group I want to acknowledge is the Food Bank connected to the Full Life Church, Thongsbridge. One

of the worst side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been its economic impact. I have been especially concerned by headlines in the press regarding families, children and young people facing hardship, - even going without food, - during the schools summer holidays. With this in mind, I want to draw attention to the work of the Full Life Church Food Bank and Pastor Ian Gooch in assisting over 200 families through economic hardship brought on by the pandemic. I hate to think how these families would have survived without the interventions of the Food Bank. I hope my donation will help some families to get through these difficult times.

The second community project I wish to make a donation to is Square Peg. Square Peg is a social networking group that reaches out especially to people who are lonely, to those whose social interactions and opportunities are hampered by mental illness, anxiety, a physical or learning disability, but also to those who simply feel as if they don't 'fit in' to other local social groups.

Before the pandemic, the group met weekly in Holmbridge and engaged in activities like table top games, boccia, quizzes and bingo



CHAIRMAN: Cllr Trevor Bellamy

and trips out. Square Peg also lobbied to make the Holme Valley a more accessible destination for people with disabilities.

I hope, once the pandemic is under control, that Square Peg and its founder Richard Ford, will be back to doing the important work they did before everything was derailed by COVID, and hope that my donation will do a little bit of good for some people in the Holme Valley.

'Affordable housing is a priority for councillors'

**■ Cllr Judith Roberts,
Chairman, Planning
Committee**

Hello, and welcome once again to my report on Planning. It has been a strange year with lockdown stopping building projects across the valley. Then, when construction was able to restart, materials were difficult to source! This brings me to the topic of the building of new homes within our villages and hamlets.

Whilst the government has committed to delivering new homes to meet the demands of the country's growing population, on the Planning Committee, we have always taken into consideration where housing developments are to be situated in our valley.

The small villages of the Holme Valley were created when horse-and-cart was the mode of transport -not motorised vehicles -and it was safe for children to walk to the local village school. But we have had to move with the times.

The expansion of our villages has put enormous strain on our centuries-old country roads, on sewers which were built many, many years ago, and on an ageing electricity infrastructure. These all need upgrading. Furthermore, we need to insure that internet provision is available to even our more isolated communities.

As the first tier of government, we on the Parish Council Planning Committee try to give validated reasons for either supporting or objecting to local planning applications.

As Parish Ward Councillors,

we endeavour to have a good knowledge of our area, to point out the potential pitfalls of projects through our local awareness, and hope that Kirklees Planning Officers will take our comments on board.

The safeguarding of our Green Belt land is paramount. However, it is slowly being eroded away.

Housing developments are getting larger, and housing scheme project managers don't always fully consider the impact of developments on local infrastructures, on schools, transport services, doctors and so on.

The wider impact must be factored in when we consider planning applications. Let us hope when we get our Neighbourhood Plan completed and up and running that it will let our Planning Committee have more say on what is built across the Holme Valley.

One thing that is particularly important to me and to Committee members is to insure we have adequate affordable housing being built in our local areas.

We also need to make sure that employment opportunities within the valley are promoted by our encouraging local business applications.

Otherwise, the positive benefits of having a home in lovely rural surroundings would be outweighed by having to commute to towns and cities outside of the Holme Valley for employment with the accompanying impact on the environment. We want people to have opportunities to live and work in our Holme Valley.

Committee is focused on moving forward in next year

**■ Report from the Chairman of the
Climate Emergency Committee Cllr
Paul Davies**

THE issue of the Climate Emergency has been one that the Parish Council has put a great deal of focus and work into over the last year. It was on 25th March 2019 that the Council passed a motion declaring the emergency and committing the Council to developing an action plan to move the Holme Valley to being carbon neutral by 2030. Shortly after this, a steering group was set up to drive this forward involving key partners and community groups in the Valley. In October 2019, we organised an event which gave residents of the Valley a chance to contribute to the

action plan. This was very successful and provided us with invaluable insights into how the local community felt about this issue. Following this event and the completion of the action plan the Council not only approved the plan but agreed to establish a Climate Emergency Standing Committee.

This committee is made of parish councillors and co-opted members of the community.

A budget was approved for the Committee to enable it to publish the Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan. This was done and this publication has been used to communicate the action plan to the wider community. A number

of subgroups were set up in order to move the action plan forward. These were: Climate Emergency Mobilisation, Energy, Transport and Travel, Agriculture and Food, Housing and Infrastructure, Economy and Business, Waste and Resources, Environment and Land Use. To help implement the plans in each of these areas it was agreed to recruit a Climate Emergency Coordinator.

However COVID-19 intervened but the Committee did not stand still and work continued in each of the subgroups and plans were agreed on how to progress during the lockdown period. The Committee is really focused on moving things forward over the year ahead.

Grants Awarded		Date of Award	Amount
Organisation / Body - Specific purpose of grant			
Holmfirth Artweek - general donation		Apr 2019	£20.00
St David's Church - clock service		Jun 2019	£225.00
Honley Church Organ Fund - renovation of organ		Sep 2019	£1000.00
Honley Village Community Trust - manufacture and installation of Honley WWI Memorial Seat		June 2019	£1714.50
Thongsbridge Cricket Club - development of pavillion		June 2019	£12,000.00
Honley Library - electrical survey		June 2019	£287.00
Honley Business Association - Honley Youth Club		Aug 2019	£1000.00
Honley Business Association - Honley Christmas Lights		Aug 2019	£1000.00
Sharing Memories - Museum of Curiosities Open Day		Sep 2019	£1000.00
Holmfirth Arts Festival - funding towards the festival parade		Nov 2019	£1000.00
Holmfirth Arts Festival - venue hire		Nov 2019	£500.00
Festival of Folk - parade road closure costs		Nov 2019	£1000.00
Holme Valley Lions - 'Message in a Bottle' scheme		Nov 2019	£1000.00
Holmfirth Civic Hall - Christmas Lights		Nov 2019	£500.00
Holmfirth Tech - towards purchase of the building and renovation works		Dec 2019	£25,000.00
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust - office / toilets development		Dec 2019	£30,000.00
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust - fire escape development		Dec 2019	£10,000.00
Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust - grant for architect's work		Dec 2019	£1350.00
Stott's Buses - Holme Valley Minibus Service		Monthly	£23205.00
Holme Valley Transport Scheme - Patient transport		Jan 2020	£1000.00
Holmepride - gardening/disabled access at Nabbs School		Jan 2020	£800.00
Holmfirth Scouts - training for adventure scout going to Canada		Jan 2020	£340.00
Holmfirth WI "Pratty Flowers" - VE Day Commemorations		Jan 2020	£90.00
Friends of Cliff Rec - VE Day Commemorations (held over)		Jan 2020	£200.00
Honley Village Community Trust - VE Day Commemorations (held over)		Jan 2020	£200.00
Netherthong Primary School - Tour De Yorkshire display (held over)		Jan 2020	£150.00
Hade Edge School - Tour De Yorkshire display (held over)		Jan 2020	£150.00
			£114,731.50

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Businesses have been working hard to serve community

■ Report from the Chairman of the Publications and Communications Committee Cllr Rachel Hogley
THIS year has of course ended in a most unexpected way as our community has had to cope with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our regular events and festivals which the Parish Council often has the pleasure to support have been postponed or cancelled.

Unfortunately events we supported to mark both Tour de Yorkshire and VE Day celebrations were unable to go ahead but we were pleased to hear of several celebrations moving on-line with the Women's Institute hosting a virtual tea-party for VE Day and Holmfirth Arts Festival planning on-line access to a range of events in September.

Earlier in the year, we enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate our excellent local businesses that take particular pride in their external appearance through our Tidy Trader Award.

Gold Awards winners were Taylors Foodstore in Honley and Devour in Thongsbridge with Silver Awards given to Brindon Addy's Butchers, Hade Edge; Aldi, Thongsbridge; Catch Seafood, Holmfirth; and Fair Trader in Holmfirth.

We know many businesses have worked particularly hard to serve the community over the recent months of lockdown and would like to thank them all and encourage you to shop local as they gradually return to normal business.

Another highlight is celebrating our Community Champions,

who are individuals or groups who selflessly work to make our valley a great place through a range of different activities.

The four worthy winners were: Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust, for their tireless work to secure the future of the Civic Hall and develop it into a sustainable community building; Honley Village Community Trust, for their considerable work over the last 26 years to help keep Honley special through a range of volunteer-led projects; New Mill Post Office, which despite the catastrophic impact of criminals blowing up their cash machine in May 2019, managed to reopen a temporary shop the next day ensuring that they could continue to offer their much valued service to the local community; and Ian Roberts & Sheila Sutton, who run The Nook pub, for their wonderful contribution to Holmfirth through their support of events including the Festival of Folk and Food & Drink Festival.

Both before and during the pandemic, the Valley has once again excelled itself with its community spirit with neighbours helping each other and volunteers coordinating local support for the most vulnerable.

The Committee hopes that our regular news column in the Holme Valley Review, Facebook page and website keeps residents informed on how the Parish Council is working with you to help our community go from strength to strength, whatever challenges it faces both now and in the future.

New clerks are settling in well

■ Report from the Chairman of the Staffing Committee Cllr Di Hall
THE Council said goodbye to their long-standing Clerk in early 2019 and also to their Administrative Assistant in February 2019.

The council would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the council.

We started the new Council Year with a locum clerk for 6 months and then continued the rest of the year with a new Clerk and, soon after, a new Deputy Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

Both of these Clerks are new to this work, have survived a turbulent year, and at the same time reviewed and improved the financial and procedural workings of this large and busy council. My thanks go to them both for their hard work and dedication, enabling the Council to carry on as usual over the

past 10 months.

I would also like to thank the maintenance contractor and his team for their continuing work in looking after the council's assets, - its benches, shelters, phone boxes, war memorials and public toilets.

We look forward to appointing a new part-time Climate Emergency Co-ordinator in the next few months, to add to the staff team.

The clerks and councillors have all embraced the new webinar training from the Yorkshire Association for Local Councils (Y.L.C.A) as well as attending training days in person and receiving 'in-house', tailored training from the Y.L.C.A. in regard to policy and procedures.

The Council is in a good position going into the new year despite the hiatus caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and looks likely to be busier than ever in responding to the new conditions we all find ourselves in.

Prudence is keeping excessive spending to a limit

■ Report from the Chairman of the Finance and Management Committee Cllr RP Dixon
THE last year has been challenging to all. Until lockdown, the committee meetings were held every six weeks. But now, since June, all meetings are conducted virtually using Zoom. I feel that these are not as positive as live meetings, but it is the best we can do as circumstances allow.

We have appointed a new Deputy Clerk, Richard McGill, who is also our Responsible Finance Officer.

Various grants were

awarded during the first part of the year, though no grants were awarded during lockdown.

The Committee continues to support the valley and agreed to no uplift to the budget or charges to householders this year. I hope all Valley residents feel that prudence on my part helps to keep excessive spending to a limit, and hope that my successor will carry on down the same path.

With less spending during the COVID-19 pandemic, my hope is that we may be able to reduce the budget for next year.

Holme Valley Parish Council Income and Expenditure as of 31st March 2020		
	2018 - 19	2018 - 20
Opening Balances	£212,468.66	£224,724.04
Receipts		
Precept	£224,132.40	£274,970.00
Income	£37,041.77	£6,886.72
Total Receipts	£261,174.17	£281,856.72
TOTAL	£473,642.83	£506,580.76
Payments		
Civic Governance	£12,718.46	£16,584.27
Consultation and Communications	£17,324.18	£8,313.60
Civic Governance	£88,919.80	£71,575.13
Environment, Highways & Transport	£52,955.56	£50,848.69
Arts and Recreation	£77,068.22	£85,229.61
Planning	£0.00	£4,879.40
VAT reclaim	-£67.43	£0.00
Total Payments	£248,918.79	£237,430.70
Closing balances	£224,724.04	£269,150.06
Earmarked Reserves	£161,657.00	£161,657.00
General Reserves	£63,067.04	£107,493.06
	£224,724.04	£269,150.06

For ease of understanding, the Precept is money raised through local taxation. Other income is raised through tenancies, bank interest and from donations in the Holmfirth public toilets. With regard to money the Council spends, Civic Governance relates to costs to do with the election of Members. Consultation and Communications are costs relating to communicating with residents of the Holme Valley. Corporate Governance covers costs relating to administration and staffing. Environment, Highways and Transport are costs relating to the Holme Valley Minibus, bus shelters, and environmental projects (including the Holmfirth public toilets). Arts and Recreation are costs relating to community asset transfers, maintenance and support, play areas, grants and other art projects. Planning relates to costs concerned with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The accounts are subject to audit, and are available for public view. Full details of the accounts are accessible from the homepage of the Parish Council's website and from the Council office. The website will be updated once the external audit has been completed. Financial information from previous years is also provided on the website.

New members have brought fresh ideas to council

■ Report from the Chairman of the Community Assets Support Committee Cllr Tom Dixon

The CASC committee has continued to support community assets throughout the Valley over the last council year. Substantial grants have been given to projects involving Thongsbridge Cricket Club, Holmfirth Tech, Wooldale Community Association, Upperthong Village Hall, River Holme Connections, Brockholes Village Hall and Holmbridge Cricket Club.

The grant towards Holmfirth Tech was to aid the purchase of the building from Kirklees College which has recently completed. I hope that CASC can continue to work with

the Tech in future years to make the building a big success and an asset to the valley.

Additionally, we have continued to work with Honley Library Trust regarding the community asset transfer of Honley Library from Kirklees to the Parish Council.

We are hopeful that the transfer will be complete in the coming months and that the library will be able to reopen safely. I have continued to be very impressed and inspired by the hard work put in by members of Honley Library Trust and wish them every success in the future.

The Committee continues to work with Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust and has provided funding towards

works planned on the hall. Before the current Covid-19 crisis the Civic Hall was busier than ever and very successful. I am hopeful that after the pandemic this will continue.

The public conveniences in Holmfirth continue to be managed by the committee and a tenant has been found for the space formerly occupied by the gentleman's toilets.

I feel this is a better use of the space and will provide better value for money for the valley residents in future.

The toilets were closed for a few months during the pandemic but have now partly reopened with covid-19 safe protocols in place. Please follow the advice in the toilets during the phased reopening.

In the year April 2019

to April 2020 CASC made grants totalling £77,000 out of a total of £111,000 given overall by the Parish Council.

At the beginning of this year (June 2020) CASC gave grants totalling £22,000 and is now planning ahead to help community groups, especially with the hardships that are likely, following the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would personally like to thank my vice chair Sean East, all members of the committee, council clerk and deputy clerk for their hard work and contributions to the meetings.

Many members were new to the committee at the beginning of the council year but have impressed with their new ways of thinking and fresh ideas for the committee.

Google map of council's assets will come in useful..

■ Report from the Chairman, Service Provision Committee, Cllr Michael Pogson
I AM sure we can all agree that the year 2019/2020 has been quite eventful for most people and that would also apply to the Service Provision Committee.

First, I would very much like to thank our previous Chair Cllr Kath Bellamy for all her help and support in handing over, and her continued support as Vice Chair. We also welcomed several new Councillors onto the Committee who along with the standing members have done a fantastic job.

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. We were visited by a representative of West Yorkshire Metro who provided those present with a summary of

the local bus services and how the Parish Council's contribution goes to supporting the ongoing provision of the much-valued minibus service.

I would like to thank those Cllrs who went out of their way to survey the many assets including seat and shelters spread out across the parish area. I would also like to express special thanks to Keith Fermor for his work in creating a Google Map of the Parish Council's assets which I am sure will be a fantastic aid to the Council over future years. I would like to express our thanks to John Ford and his team for their continued work in maintaining the Council's Assets including benches, shelters, phone boxes and the public toilets in Holmfirth.

Grants for Christmas Provision and Christmas Trees continue to support the efforts of communities of the Holme Valley in making this a special time of year and last year included funds to illuminate both the Civic Hall and the Holmfirth

Tech Building which looked very impressive and festive. The committee made grants totalling over £32,000 last year.

Along with the above and all the other matters that this committee deals with I am most proud that at the last Council Budget the Service Provision Committee managed to secure an increase in the Youth Provision budget from £1,000 to £5,000. Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 crisis and associated restrictions the planned engagement with community groups working with young people has not progressed as much as I would have liked, however I am hoping to progress this over the next 6 months and hope to report back with some great outcomes for our young people. Finally, I would like to express my thanks to Liz Bennett and Rich McGill for the support that they have provided this Committee over the last year it really is greatly appreciated.

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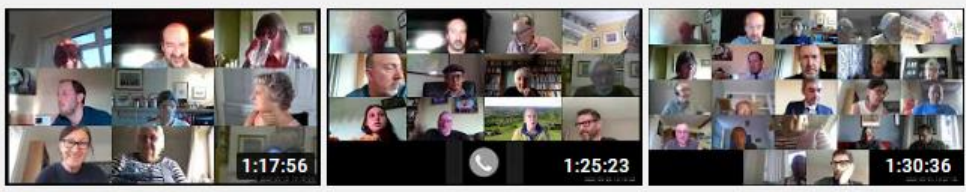
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