

# Holme Valley Parish Council

To all Members of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the **Climate Emergency Standing Committee** to be held on **MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2020 at 7.00 PM** via the **Zoom** platform

## - 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 Committee, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to Members.	
2021 01	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014	7.15 pm
	As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman to check if any members of the public wish to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided.	
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 consider written requests for new DPI dispensations	7.18 pm
2021 05	To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session	7.19 pm
	- any recording by members of the public to be halted during such items	
2021 06	To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	7.20 pm
	- To confirm the <a href="#"><u>Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 4 February 2020, numbered 1920 17 – 1920 29 inclusive</u></a> (B)	
2021 07	To elect a Vice Chairman for the Standing Committee	7.22 pm
	- Deferred from last time	
2021 08	Climate Emergency Subgroups - feedback	7.30 pm
	1) Climate Action Mobilisation (public engagement; events/emails; reporting back)	
	2) Energy, Housing, Buildings (home energy efficiency measures, renewables)	

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- 3) Transport/Travel (public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, biking)
- 4) Waste/Consumption (minimising waste as well as recycling)
- 5) Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use (engaging farmers and landowners; local focus)

2021 09      Update on Lottery Application      7.50 pm

- Member John Queening to report *(C)* – Summary *(D)* - Actions

2021 10      Further community engagement regarding the Climate Emergency Action Plan      7.55 pm

- 1) Climate Emergency Coordinator Recruitment – to consider how to proceed
- 2) Networking with community through Zoom events – to consider how to do this
- 3) Developing information on the Holme Valley Parish Council website – to consider nominating a Member to work with the Deputy Clerk
- 4) To consider a plan for an autumn public launch event of the Climate Emergency Action Plan

2021 11      Local Planning      8.10pm

- Regarding recent Planning Applications for larger scale residential developments (Netherthong 36 houses *(E)*; Honley 24 houses *(F)*), Planning Committee’s comments *(G)* – to consider how the Climate Emergency Committee can influence housing developments to be more “green”

2021 12      Local Electricity Bill      8.15pm

- To consider whether the Parish Council commits to support the [Local Electricity Bill](#) *(H)*

2021 13      Review of Committee Budget and for 2020/21      8.20 pm

- 1) Committee to consider the year-to-date expenditure and implications *(I)*
- 2) Request to use funds from Climate Emergency Standing Committee to fund a water dispenser outside Holmfirth toilets *(J)*
- 3) Grant application for Hepworth School for a composter, - could this come from Climate Emergency budget?; application needs to be made/sponsored by a community group, not the school *(K)*

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2021 14

News

8.25 pm

- 1) To note NALC Chief Executives Report – information regarding Climate Emergency webinars and Frome Council’s work on climate change *(L)*
- 2) To note NALC Tree Charter shares news of our neighbouring parish, Saddleworth, planting 50,000,000 trees – to consider whether we should make contact with Saddleworth regarding this initiative *(M)*
- 3) To consider NALC Chief Executives Report – information regarding the Tree Charter and free trees giveaway *(N)*
- 4) To note [The Great British Spring Clean](#) has been postponed until 11th-27th September 2020

Close

8.30 pm

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## MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr P Davies

Councillors: Cllrs D Carré, D Gould, S Sheard

Co-opted Members: Steve Barker, Frances Bennett, Alison Morgan, John Queening, Laura Tarlo-Ross, Matthew Tulley

Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill were co-opted as new Members at this meeting

Officers: R McGill, Deputy Clerk

### Welcome

### Public Question Time

Two members of the public attended and expressed an interest in joining the Standing Committee. These were Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill.

**RESOLVED:** That Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill be co-opted onto the Climate Emergency Standing Committee.

### 1920 17 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if any members of the public wish to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided. No one wanted to record the meeting.

### 1920 18 To accept apologies for absence

**RESOLVED:** Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Barker, J Brook and J Sweeney.

### 1920 19 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None were received.

### 1920 20 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None were received.

### 1920 21 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

**RESOLVED:** No items to be heard in private session.

### 1920 22 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 10 December 2019, numbered 1920 01 – 1920 16 inclusive were confirmed.

1906hrs: At this point, Cllr Gould entered the Chamber.

### 1920 23 To elect a Vice Chairman for the Standing Committee

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Barker had expressed an interest in this role but, since he was absent today, this item was deferred until the next meeting.



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## 1920 24 Terms of Reference

**RESOLVED:** The Committee confirmed the Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee. The Deputy Clerk would keep this under review for the Standing Committee so that it was both fit for purpose and described the real way the Committee worked.

1909hrs: At this point, Cllr Carré entered the Chamber.

## 1920 25 Review of Committee Budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21

The Chairman reported on the process within the Parish Council through which the Standing Committee's budget was agreed.

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the budgets for 1) the current year and 2) the upcoming financial year. Committee Members noted that the Standing Committee would necessarily be subject to scrutiny by Councillors and the general public.

The Chairman reported that other Parish Councils and Primary Authorities are now seeking advice from Holme Valley Parish Council on how it so quickly developed the Climate Emergency Action Plan and is already at the delivery stage.

## 1920 26 Mobilisation regarding the Climate Emergency Action Plan

**RESOLVED:** To publish paper copies of the Climate Emergency Action Plan for distribution to community facilities, events, meetings, and so on.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase pop-up banners on a stand to publicise the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the work of the Standing Committee for use at future community events.

**RESOLVED:** To hold an engagement/mobilisation event to launch and publicise the implementation plan during the current Council year.

**RESOLVED:** For Members to contact local/regional/national celebrities who might wish to commit to supporting the Climate Emergency Action Plan and thus facilitate a Look North/Examiner news story.

**RESOLVED:** To build a Contact List/Mailing List for people who want to commit to the Action Plan, and to action on the climate emergency. This would be a task for the Co-ordinator role.

**RESOLVED:** Committee Members to send any ideas they have to Cllr Davies and Mmbr John Queening for actionable, fun climate emergency projects/resolutions/quick wins that members of the public can commit to through the engagement event.

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## 1920 27 The role of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator

- 1) **RESOLVED:** The Job Description for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed.
- 2) **RESOLVED:** The Person Specification for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed. It was decided to remove the specification that said a candidate should be educated to degree level or equivalent.
- 3) **RESOLVED:** The salary for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed.
- 4) **RESOLVED:** The recruitment timetable for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator role was agreed.
- 5) **RESOLVED:** It was agreed to only advertise through the Holmfirth Events website. Members were encouraged to use word-of-mouth to signpost good candidates they were aware of.
- 6) **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the interview panel would consist of three people.  
**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that Cllr Davies would meet with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to discuss the administrative and line management aspects of this new role, and how best to submit the proposal to the Staffing Standing Committee.

## 1920 28 Climate Emergency Subgroups - feedback

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

Newly co-opted member, Andrew Colwill, reported on Cuddy's Farm and its commitment to sustainable farming, promoting local produce, green energy and repurposing of farmland. **RESOLVED:** Mmbr Alison Morgan and Cllr Sheard reported that they were going to visit food producers in Sheffield and then to develop an action plan for the Subgroup.

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

Mmbr Steve Barker reported on preliminary work with the Holme Valley Parish Council for the Council to set itself up as a good example regarding green energy. Mmbr Frances Bennett reported on how to engage with the public on energy saving advice. There was a suggestion that people who already have green energy projects (wind turbines, ground source heating &c) should be encouraged to attend the community engagement event. **RESOLVED:** Mmbr Steve Barker would be liaising with key people within Parish Council community buildings, - Holmfirth Civic Hall, Holmfirth Public Toilets and, when the asset transfer is complete, Honley Library, - to promote green energy practice. **RESOLVED:** The subgroup would be developing a booklet to advise people of simple, everyday actions they can do to save energy or to make energy more sustainable.

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

Cllr Brook was absent so was unable to report on the Transport/Travel Subgroup. **RESOLVED:** Given that Cllr Brook works shifts in his job, it was decided that Cllr Davies and Mmbr Matthew Tulley would offer support to Cllr Brook with the Subgroup.

### **Waste/Consumption (minimising waste as well as recycling)**

Mmbr John Queening reported on how the Standing Committee could enable other community organisations/groups/individuals, - mobilising the community to cut down on waste. Mentioned were engagement with 1) local schools; 2) fairandfunky community interest company; 3) food banks.

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## Climate Action Mobilisation (public engagement; events/emails; reporting back)

The Chairman said that he hoped that the Subgroups would articulate the key actions as sketched out above for the upcoming mobilisation event.

**RESOLVED:** Subgroups to develop implementation plans for key actions over the next few weeks.

1920 29

## Moving Forward

The Chairman encouraged Committee Members to network proactively to try to identify the best candidate for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator role.

Close

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Chairman

Holme Valley

Climate Action Partnership

Application to

The National Lottery

**Climate Action Fund**

april 2020

An aerial photograph of a village in a valley, surrounded by rolling green hills. The village features a mix of traditional stone buildings and modern structures, with a prominent church spire. The landscape is characterized by patchwork fields and scattered trees. A large, bright green circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the word 'action.' in a bold, dark green, lowercase sans-serif font. The background of the top half of the image is a solid dark green color.

**action.**



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## 1. Introduction

**Holmfirth Transition Town (HoTT)**, a local community organisation, is leading the funding application on behalf of this partnership of local community organisations in the Holme Valley parish area, including our local **Holme Valley Parish Council**. Our organisation stems from the Transition Movement founded by Rob Hopkins over 20 years ago, and his ideas for practical action to improve resilience in the face of limited resources; his message is poignant today in the wake of COVID 19:

**“That we have to act collectively, and we have to act now”.**

**“That by unleashing the collective genius of those around us... we can build ways of living that are more connected, more enriching and that recognize the biological limits of our planet.”**

Since Holmfirth Transition Town’s formation in 2010, volunteers have been actively working to combat the impact of climate change by making our community more resilient and better able to adapt to change. We work together to raise awareness of this issue, carry out and encourage action to address it. Our approach is positive and enjoyable. We believe **we are well practiced and well placed to further our grassroots, tangible, climate actions** as an extension of our previous success and dedication. Like many **small ‘fleet-of-foot’ community groups**, our membership is comprised of dedicated environmentalists, many in retirement. The **Holme Valley Climate Action Plan** will partner-up some of the varied community groups and thriving businesses in this close-knit and dynamic community to broaden our scope and extend our reach. We will learn new ways of communicating and engaging with a whole spectrum of our Valley community and businesses and our high profile will be an inspiration to the many tourists and visitors to our thriving towns, villages and countryside.



The **Holme Valley** was once a thriving centre for technological and agrarian innovation: the harnessing of natural resources and human ingenuity led to a world - leading textile industry. The culture of practical innovation and all ages and sexes working together still remains. This is what gives us the drive to forge a future of sustainable employment, housing, food production, celebration and a countryside full of wildlife. With 30,000 people living in this beautiful and varied South Pennine landscape of only 50 square miles, it is easy for locals to visualise the Valley as ‘a whole’. Yorkshire pride (and a penchant for frugality!), grit and determination will carry us through our transition to lower impact, lower cost and lower carbon living.

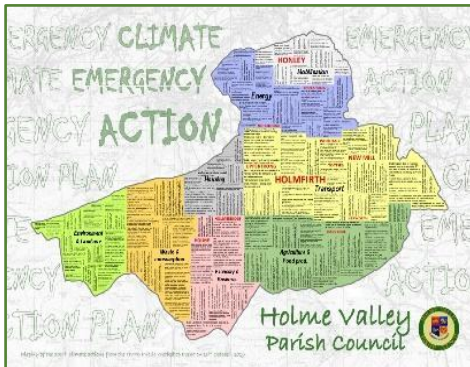
In the last two weeks, our community has seen **450 volunteers rally together in a Covid19 action group**, with over 2,000 supporters on Facebook. Demonstrations of local action like this show that our community is ready and willing to take action to make a better, more self-sufficient future.

We hope that the Lottery CAF fund will support our Climate Action Partnership bid to show the way!



## 2. Brief outline of the Development Project

The Development Project will implement a package of formative projects around Climate Actions that have already been scoped or have been long-term goals within our Holme Valley community, as a pathway to becoming Carbon Neutral. By strengthening our organisation, establishing robust partnerships, extending our networks, and refining our skills and knowledge on how to inspire behavioural change, we will be better equipped to develop a more tailored and inclusive Climate Emergency Action Plan.



This project builds on the Climate Action work done by the Parish Council Climate Emergency steering group (which includes HoTT and other community organisation representatives) following the local declaration of a local Climate Emergency in March 2019. This captured the mood and the imagination of the local community and at a large public event the following October, our community had its say, resulting in an extensive list of 350+ Climate Actions.

On behalf of the partnership, HoTT will set up a community anchor business, **ACTION.** This is a not-for-profit community business company, a CIO, with a core project team of paid and volunteer local people, to develop, promote, coordinate and manage a package of local Climate Actions, including awareness campaigns and 'demonstrator' capital projects. These actions will raise awareness, enable participation, share good practice and demonstrate what can be done through concerted community action.



The individual Climate Action projects will be carried by the Partnership members according to their skills and experience. Further work has to be done to refine the selected Climate Actions, so we will host further consultation events and stakeholder engagement, early in the project, ensuring a broader spectrum of contributors have their say. We currently have 35 partners and supporters, including 12 Main Partners who will carry out Climate Actions.

A Climate Action Grant of £200,000 will allow us to both build the partnership's organisational capability for mobilising the Climate Action Plan and carry out key Climate Actions within the Holme Valley community over the next 18 months.

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This **package of Climate Actions** covers the following areas impacting on our day-to-day lifestyle:

- ✓ energy,
- ✓ transport,
- ✓ agriculture & food production,
- ✓ housing & infrastructure
- ✓ economy & business
- ✓ waste and resources
- ✓ environment and land use

and forms the basis for an agreed **Climate Action Plan** strategy for a **step-by-step change to a zero-carbon future** for our community.

This **Holme Valley Climate Emergency Action Plan, 12 page** document has 8 action areas with several action themes in each, is published online and as an A5 paper booklet.

The Parish Council has also set up a standing Climate Emergency Committee to oversee the implementation of this Action Plan. As well as Councillors, the committee has co-opted representatives from local community groups including HoTT. This committee is coordinating the Climate Actions to be done by the Parish Council and the various community organisations, businesses, schools and faith groups within the Holme Valley community.

Although a small parish council with limited staff and resources, not equipped to carry out or fund many of the necessary actions, the **Holme Valley Parish Council does have the political will and ambition to provide leadership in our community for Climate Action.**

We welcome this!

By funding this Development Award project, the Lottery will considerably strengthen the Holme Valley community's ability to implement its Climate Action Plan through strengthening our Partnership organisation, progressing our mobilisation and some early Climate Action carbon reduction projects.

## 3. Organisation, Leadership and Partnership

The partnership of the Parish Council, HoTT and the other 33 local organisations [called **'The Partnership' in this proposal**] will be supported by a **dedicated Climate Action community anchor business [called 'HVCAP' in this proposal]** with a core project team of paid staff and volunteers to promote, coordinate or manage the Climate Actions programme.

Set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), the HVCAP company will have the capability to hold and administer the grant funding, employ people, and make contracts for goods and services.





Holme Valley Parish Council CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN - Action areas by the Community partnership to be Carbon Neutral by 2030					
Action Area	Statutory	Community	Business	Land use	Education
<b>Mobil</b> Show Parish Council leadership Build community engagement Strengthen community identity	HV PC	Holme Valley Vision			
<b>Energy</b> Change behaviours Energy efficient retrofiting Buildings high energy-efficiency standards Businesses to be energy-efficient. LED street lighting Community renewable electricity Lobby government renewables to 100% Lobby government end natural gas use Renewable energy generation	HV PC Kirklees	HoTT Energy EcoHOLMEs	Builders Architects HV		Schools
<b>Transport</b> Walking and cycling Electric vehicles (EV) Clean energy public transport Car-sharing and vehicle-free environments Reduce overseas flying		HoTT Earthtest Energy HoTT Energy River Holme Connections	Engineers HoTTWind Bus Companies		Schools Schools
<b>AgFood</b> Local food growing & selling Community allotments and greenhouses Healthy sustainable personal lifestyles Sustainable farming practices		HoTT FoHLaTICS Growing Works	Local Shops Supermarkets Festivals vendors	Coddy's Farm Farmers Longley	
<b>Housing</b> Affordable housing in the Valley Housing for older people Neighbourhood Plans planning process Land for community-led housing Sustainable infrastructure.	Kirklees Kirklees HV PC	EcoHOLMEs EcoHOLMEs	Builders Architects		Schools
<b>Economy</b> Green business sector Local employment and training Dining and entertainment sectors IT for home workers Business hubs for local working Community-led businesses Local festival events		Holme Valley Vision	Holmfirth Forward Holmfirth Tech fair trader		Hepworth J&I
<b>Waste</b> Reduce consumption and wastage Businesses recycle trade waste Reduction in single use packaging Make recycled end-market products Setup community recycling Lobby Government re resource recovery Lobby Kirklees re resource recovery	Kirklees	HoTT Recycling fairandfuncky HoTT Recycling HoTT Churches	HolmePride fair trader Businesses Holmfirth Tech Charity fair trader		Schools Schools Schools
<b>Land use</b> Planting of trees for carbon capture Restoration peatlands and wetlands Restoration of agricultural pastures Community gardens and green spaces Encourage biodiversity Sustainable land use measures	Kirklees Moors for the Future Peak National Kirklees Yorkshire Water	HoTT River Holme Connections Friends of Rec HolmePride		Longley Farmers	Hepworth J&I Schools Schools

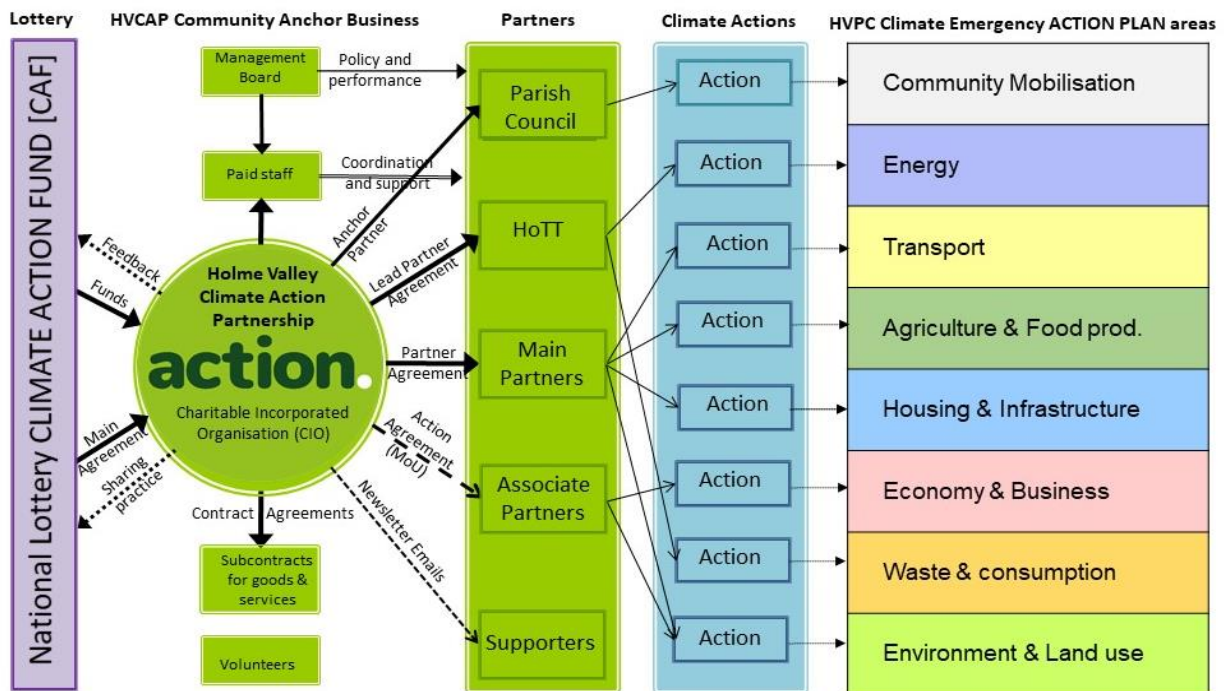
HVCAP will have a management board responsible for running the business and a core project team of staff who will work directly with our partnership of community organisations, providing them with the Lottery funding as appropriate, as well as help and support.

This project team will be a mix of paid staff and volunteers led by a team leader/project manager/coordinator, working from a small project office in the Holme Valley, providing the leadership, coordination and specialist expertise necessary for delivering a programme of climate actions. They will work closely with the Parish Council’s Climate Emergency Committee to coordinate delivery of the Holme Valley Climate Action Plan.

A separate community business organisation to HoTT is being set up for this project, as HoTT has wider interests and is just an un-incorporated association. Also, whilst the founder Directors of HVCAP will be from HoTT and the Parish Council, the organisational structure of the standalone CIO allows other Holme Valley community organisations to be represented on the Management Board as the project progresses and diversifies.

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The HVCAP organisation is shown in the following chart, illustrating how the package of climate actions will be delivered:



**HOLME VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATION**

Actions from the HVPC Action Plan to be implemented by HVCAP partners, and supported by a mix of funding, staff support from CIO and support from other partners. Some Partners will be doing actions across different areas.

Each of the Partners will take on specific Climate Actions within their area of interest, supported and coordinated by the core HVCAP project team, and with oversight from the Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Committee of which HoTT are a part.

Whilst each of the Climate Action projects will have a lead who is committed to deliver the action, the Partnership will support the Partners where extra time/energy is needed for success. This will underpin the **Partnership concept of shared goals and a common vision**, on our pathway to being carbon neutral in the Holme Valley.

**Main partners** will sign up to partnership agreements with HVCAP, based on the Lottery agreement template and will receive funding support in return for delivery of agreed climate actions. Their scope, timetable and funding will be pre-agreed, and their performance monitored and measured. These main partners will be accountable to HVCAP and the Lottery for their performance in delivering agreed actions. Where the partnership contracts with commercial organisations or businesses then some form of match funding arrangement will be sought, whether by funding contributions or staff support in kind.

**Associate Partners** will have less formal agreements, more like an MoU (memorandum of understanding), setting out the agreed climate actions they are undertaking and any agreed support they may receive. This support will most likely be staff support by the project team and may or may not include some funding for undertaking the agreed climate actions. Where funding is provided by HVCAP, this will generally be in the form of reimbursement of pre-agreed and reasonable expenses.

**Supporters** are those organisations and stakeholders who are supporting the partnership vision and Climate Action goals, but who themselves are not carrying out specific climate actions for the Climate Action Plan. The Partnership will keep them informed of progress and performance on Climate Action, calling on their help and support within the community as needed.

**Management Board** will be responsible for the management and performance of the community anchor business. The Board will comprise up to 12 Directors or Trustees, including representatives of HoTT, the Parish Council and with other local organisations in due course. Initially an executive Board of 6 to 8 Directors will be set up. The Board will appoint the company officers; the Chair, Company Secretary and Treasurer / Financial Director from its number, and also employ a team leader / project manager / coordinator and other staff.

**Paid Staff** are employees or contracted people employed by HVCAP working on a part-time basis, including the team leader / project manager who will manage the day to day business of HVCAP, including liaison with the other partners and the local community.

**Volunteers** are the unpaid people resources that the partnership can call on from within the community to help deliver the climate actions. The partnership may support them with expenses as necessary.

**Subcontractors / services** are external suppliers, contractors, services and professionals whom the Partnership may call on or contract with, to help deliver the climate actions.

## 4. Creating a Sound and Inclusive Foundation for Climate Action

Whilst members of the Partnership are passionate about combating climate change, we are aware that this is not on everyone's agenda. The Partnership will work hard to improve Carbon literacy throughout our community and network.

Whilst the published Holme Valley Climate Emergency Action Plan 12-page booklet with its 8 action areas will appeal to the more 'carbon literate' members of the community, for many it will be inaccessible. The Lottery development funding will help the Partnership in the process of engaging **everybody** in understanding what will be required from our community to fulfil these ambitious and challenging plans and achieve lasting changes in behaviours.

## 5. Extending our Community Reach

Our bid includes **a wide range of partners, associates and supporters**, reflecting as it does people who have a passion for low impact living and a desire to enable people who live in the Holme Valley to live more sustainable lives. The groups that we include are overlapping in membership, inclusive and diverse.

For example, each year the Holmfirth Arts Festival (HAF), an Associate Partner, is proud of its reach in the Valley to a range of people of all ages and abilities to get involved with environmentally sustainable activities in the landscape. This year with support from the Bright Green Community Trust, HAF will create a Carbon Capture Sculpture by planting and sculpting willow trees that will also be a carbon sink.



The Bright Green Community Trust is funded by HoTTWind@Longley, another Associate Partner. This is a community energy wind turbine scheme that uses surplus profits to provide grant funding for 'green' projects across the Valley. Its reach is wide, with over £60,000 disbursed to date to over 20 community groups locally. All projects it funds must be community based, reduce carbon emissions and create a more sustainable future. Many of our Partners, for example fairandfuncky have benefited from the scheme.

Another project with a wide reach into our community is the 'Reusable Festival Pint Pot' scheme. This **community-led 'Fight the Plastics' initiative** addressed the appalling waste of single use plastic (SUP) pint pots, thrown away at a wide range of festivals that Holmfirth hosts each year (such as the Folk Festival, HAF and the Food & Drink Festival - all with significant footfalls). HoTT Recycling rallied the festival organisers, licensed businesses, graphic designers and local volunteers to produce a Holmfirth Festivals branded, reusable pint pot.

Over 9,000 re-usable Festival pots were bulk purchased and sold to 15+ vendors at cost, for them to run a sale or deposit glass scheme. This Initiative has been exceptionally well received by the local Holme Valley community; it has led to a drastic reduction in plastic waste during street festivals and the direct carbon reduction is measurable. Also, HoTT extended its reach with a wider recycling message by printing on the other side of the cup its logo and the message REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE.



By offering a package of practical and achievable Climate Action activities based on previous successes carried out by HoTT and the partners, the Partnership will engage a wide range of participants from across our parish. We will monitor these Climate Action 'springboard' projects, so that at least half of the total population of our parish will be exposed to, inspired by or have contributed to meaningful actions within their daily lives. Integral to this programme will be the provision of information to improve residents' Carbon Literacy.

## 6. Capturing the Learning and Rolling out Good Practice

Each partner who is awarded funding will be required to provide progress reports and awareness-raising information as a condition of grant. HVCAP will share its general experiences with others in the immediate vicinity such as neighbouring parish councils through a series of roadshows and discussion groups. For those further afield we will publish regular e-bulletins, website and social media platforms, highlighting progress and our learning from the journey.

As an accredited transition town, HoTT is plugged into a nation-and world-wide network for the exchange of experiences. Our activities will all contain tailored evaluation techniques. This will enable us to monitor progress and fine tune the community mobilisation element of the development phase.



## 7. Mobilising for Climate Action

The Holmfirth Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan highlights the need for us to prepare for Action and sets out three critical mobilisation areas as below. Our bid includes proposals for action in each of the three areas below – our Partnership will reach out, show the way and prepare our community for a Carbon Neutral future.

### 1 CLIMATE EMERGENCY MOBILISATION

Action is needed to avert the impact of climate change, and its impact on the lives of our community, as well as other parts of the UK and the world. The Holme Valley community needs to mobilise in response to the Climate Emergency. As the Parish Council we will facilitate this process of change within our community, and will:

#### SHOW LEADERSHIP

The scale and speed of transformation needed to change our energy markets, our economy, our legislation, and our behaviour in order to reduce carbon emissions, requires leadership at local, national and global levels. For our part, the Holme Valley Parish Council will:

- **Engage and partner with other organisations** to urge local and central government to declare and act on the Climate Emergency to meet the goals of this Climate Emergency Action plan
- **Support our local community organisations** to engage and take action on the Climate Emergency
- **Report back on our actions** and key achievements.

#### BUILD ENGAGEMENT

Build engagement and communications between the key stakeholders in our community, e.g. residents, community organisations, businesses, Kirklees Council, and central government. The Holme Valley Parish Council will:

- **Provide information and advocacy** through public meetings, events, newsletters, social media and Council website.
- **Build relationships** and partner with local community organisations, businesses and Kirklees Council to further our Action Plan.

#### STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE

Strengthen resilience of our community for dealing with economic, social and extreme environmental change. The Parish Council will:

- Seek a **shared community vision** of the challenges facing us with the Climate Emergency and the actions proposed, through meetings, events, website, social media etc.
- Strengthen our **community identity and social cohesion**, by building our Holme Valley brand, promoting our strengths and values etc.
- Build **community capacity** (knowledge-sharing, skills and networks) to carry out the actions proposed.

## 8. Responses to Lottery questions

HoTT submitted detailed responses to the Lottery questions below. These responses and the detailed information in the Appendices are not included here but in separate documents.

Submission by Holmfirth Transition Town (HoTT)

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020



<b>Area 1 – Community-led</b>	Your project will be led and driven by local groups with a deep understanding of local needs. You will have developed your idea by involving the people who will benefit
<b>Area 2 – Working in Partnership</b>	You will be a place-based community-led partnership that brings together a wide range of people and organisations with a shared vision of what local climate change action should look like.
<b>Area 3 – The change the project will make</b>	Our funding will focus on activities that have the potential to make a meaningful and lasting difference on the carbon footprint of communities.
<b>Area 4 – Lasting changes in behaviour, ways of working and practices</b>	To reduce the impact of climate change, it is important that the changes made are sustainable beyond the funding we might give. Long-term changes in behaviour, ways of working and practices need to be at the core of all local climate action activities.
<b>Area 5 – Deeper and broader participation</b>	Partnerships need to engage with people outside of those already taking action on climate change in their local communities, and beyond.
<b>Area 6 – Learning</b>	We will expect partnerships to produce and share their learning from the start, regularly, and be active participants in a broader movement of change.
<b>Area 7 – Movement building</b>	The broad movement of change we are looking to support through the Climate Action Fund should go beyond the communities we fund directly. We are looking for partnerships who are willing and able to reach out to others to ensure that the impact they achieve within their own community also results in change elsewhere.
<b>Area 8 – Risks and mitigation</b>	All plans come with their risks and pitfalls. We are willing to support higher-risk projects, particularly those which show a level of innovation, as long as the risk is clearly understood and managed / mitigated. We want to make sure that these are considered as part of your project planning.
<b>Area 9 – What support, other than funding, should we give you</b>	Addressing climate change is the big challenge of our lifetime – we want to make sure we support communities as best we can to implement the changes, they think will make the difference.
<b>Area 10 - Project plan and budget</b>	In addition to the areas above we also require you to submit a clear, succinct project plan and budget. You can submit the plan and budget in whatever format suits you best. However, your plans must cover the following.

## APPENDICES

### 1. Partnership organisation

- 1.1. HVCAP Organisation chart Action.dot
- 1.2. HVCAP Community.Partners.Action areas spread
- 1.3. HVCAP Development project Programme
- 1.4. HVCAP Development project Resources

### 2. Partners & Supporters

- 2.1. List of Partners & Supporters
- 2.2. Partner summary details
- 2.3. Partner project CASE STUDIES

### 3. Climate Action Development stage

- 3.1. List of Development stage actions £200,00 value
- 3.2. List of potential Climate Actions from HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan work
- 3.3. Actions supporting info – quotes, costings, programme etc SUPPORTING INFO

### 4. HVPC Action Plan details

- 4.1. HVPC Climate Emergency Action Plan - 12-page booklet
- 4.2. HVPC Potential Climate Actions List

### 5. Holme Valley Parish Council details

- 5.1. Parish Council Letter of Support
- 5.2. Holme Valley Civil Parish map
- 5.3. Parish Council Annual report 2019
- 5.4. Parish Council Climate Emergency declaration March 2019
- 5.5. HVPC Steering group Carbon reduction assessment guidance

### 6. HoTT Holmfirth Transition Town details

- 6.1. HoTT Letter of Support
- 6.2. HoTT 2019 Annual Report
- 6.3. HoTT Energy Capability document
- 6.4. BGCT Carbon reduction assessment guidance

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For further information on HoTT, please see our web site [www.hott.org.uk](http://www.hott.org.uk) or  
contact Greta Bradley, Chair of HoTT on [info@hott.org.uk](mailto:info@hott.org.uk)



# application to the National Lottery climate action. fund

Action No.	LEAD	ACTION DESCRIPTION short version	COST ITEMS	Lottery CAF Funding bid
<b>Admin</b> = provide staff time and support services, <b>Campaign</b> = support change by others, <b>Service</b> = provide services and goods, <b>Product</b> = procure goods, invest in or build project.				<b>£200,000</b>
<b>MOBILISATION £114,000</b>				
1.110	HVPAC	<b>Project team for HVCAP CIO Climate Action to support programme</b>	Dedicated paid resources to help support volunteer activity, coordinate partner activities and manage the Climate Action programme. Say part-time leader/manager/coordinator, part-time administrator plus volunteer staff, plus expenses. Plus, monitoring, evaluation, leaning & dissemination support/experts/consultancy. Allow £57,000.	<b>£57,000</b>
1.206	HVPAC	<b>Communications and media campaigns as an education / information programme to raise awareness throughout parish area.</b>	Paid specialists for comms work for cross-sector engagement, messaging and campaigning. To reach 80% total population via extensive communications and media campaigns. Use specialist comms experts/consultants to support project team and volunteers, allow £35,000.	<b>£35,000</b>
1.211	Parish Council and HVCAP	<b>Public meetings on progress, Action launch events to public &amp; business</b>	Admin work, by project team and volunteers, expenses, room hire, consult on branding, launch programme of actions, garner support. Allow £2k	<b>£2,000</b>
1.214	fairandfunky	<b>Work with local schools etc to increase awareness and innovation on Climate Action</b>	Community business paid to up our schools' engagement - actionable activities from each of the 7 climate action plan areas. Awareness events, workshops etc in all schools in the Valley.	<b>£15,000</b>
1.309	HVPAC	<b>Hold annual Green Festival in Holme Valley to celebrate green action - with green groups and green businesses</b>	Admin work, project team and volunteers, expenses, hall hire, stalls, equipment, suppliers and support for stall holders, PR work. Allow £5k	<b>£5,000</b>

<b>ENERGY £30,000</b>				
2.106	<b>HoTT Energy with HVPAC</b>	<b>Information and advice services for residents &amp; businesses on energy saving</b>	Services - admin and technical support by paid staff and volunteers, say 8 hours paid work per week @ £20 per hours x 35weeks per year, plus office space plus expenses. Say £5,000 as a trial for six months. Also use for roadshows to residents & businesses	<b>£5,000</b>
2.222	<b>Earthtest Energy</b>	<b>Council partner with local businesses for housing retrofit energy-efficiency work</b>	Services and product - set up partnership with local architect and builder to trial energy-efficiency retrofitting on local homes. Jointly fund a demonstrator example retrofitted HV home. Say one home £50k for retrofit. Feasibility study and pricing up for public building £5k	<b>£5,000</b>
2.406	<b>350 Energy</b>	<b>Council do Energy Audits and give Green Stars for businesses who reduce their Energy Bills.</b>	Services - admin and technical support by paid staff and volunteers, plus expenses, plus say extra 12 hours per week for part-time Energy officer/consultant @ £20 per hour x 40 weeks per year, plus office space. Say £15,000 pa. staff cost.	<b>£15,000</b>
2.906	<b>Earthtest Energy</b>	<b>Pilot local district Ground Source Heating / heat pumps to demonstrate business case</b>	Service and product - admin and technical support by paid staff and volunteers, for developing a ground source heating project. Say £10k for developing project and say £60,000 for project build. Produce an exemplar demonstration project, preferably associated with Council buildings. Allow £5k for feasibility study	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>TRANSPORT £31,000</b>				
3.120	<b>River Connections</b>	<b>Develop cycle and walking tracks (not on the road) eventually connecting Holmfirth and Huddersfield.</b>	Services and Product - admin work, by paid staff and volunteers, expenses plus printing, posters, PR work. Liaison with Kirkleess and cycling groups. Mapping, surveys. and feasibility studies for the development work, see quotation of £26k. Additional costs and scheme to buy land, bridge gaps/pinch points and make off-road pathway from Holmfirth to Huddersfield, say £74k for initial work. Total £100k. Allow £26k for feasibility/scoping as per quote.	<b>£26,000</b>

3.230	350 Energy	Trial the provision of roadside parking charging points for EV vehicles, suitable for residents in local terraces houses e.g. Dunford Road. Holmfirth.	Services and product - admin and technical support by paid staff and volunteers, plus technical consultancy to advise on feasible trial scheme, say £5k. Install trial roadside parking/charging points as exemplar's for street EV parking/charging for local residents, say £50k.Total £55k. Allow £5k for feasibility study.	£5,000
<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; FOOD £3,000</b>				
4.114	HoTT Edible	White boards in local shops to write up & display their products grown or made locally.	Campaign - admin support by paid staff and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Design and provide branded notice boards/white boards with PC CE logos. Liaison with shops, organisations, businesses. Say £500	£500
4.124	HOTT Edible	Promote Holme Valley grown food - a pop-up free exchange for surplus grown local produce.	Campaign - admin support by paid staff and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Liaison with organisations, businesses, schools and transport companies. Say £500	£500
4.126	HOTT Edible	Local produce market - set up community shop or Coop business that sells home-grown HV produce	Services and product - admin and technical support by paid staff and volunteers, plus technical consultancy service, to do plan and feasibility report to set up, say £5k. Scheme costs to set up a shop/building with staff, equipment and stock to run business, allow £75k. Total £80k. Initial research say £1k	£1,000
4.414	Longley Farm	Engage with local farmers and landowners, how they can manage their land to maximise carbon sequestration	Campaign - admin support by paid staff and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Meet with NFU and farmers, Liaison with Kirklees Green Spaces and local land and farming related organisations, businesses etc. Land use survey on carbon sequestration /emission status as desk study for Holme Valley Parish area, say £5k, Say £1k development work first	£1,000



<b>HOUSING &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE £1,000</b>				
5.502	EcoHOLMEs	A seminar / course with local architects and developers to share best practice in sustainable new build and retrofit housing.	Services - admin support by paid staff and volunteers, plus consultant/volunteer experts, plus room hire, printing, posters, PR work plus expenses. Training /familiarisation courses/seminars with low energy modern building practices. Say 2 events x £500 each	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>ECONOMY &amp; BUSINESS £2,000</b>				
6.702	Holmfirth Forward	Set up town management group to coordinate the various Home Valley festivals and other local events	Admin work, by project team and volunteers, plus expenses. Provide office space and meeting room facilities. Allow say £2,000	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>WASTE &amp; RESOURCES £9,000</b>				
7.202	HoTT Recycling	Promote awareness of commercial waste recycling opportunities among HV business community	Campaign - admin support by project staff and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Meet with Kirklees Council waste services, local trade waste companies, HV businesses. Promote business recycling etc. Say £500 for development work.	<b>£500</b>
7.312	HoTT Recycling	"Nude Food Day" - organise a mass action day in the Holme Valley to remove all superfluous soft plastic packaging from food	Campaign - admin support by paid staff and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Day event in front of local supermarkets in Holme Valley. Allow £250 x 2 events	<b>£500</b>
7.409	fair trader	Develop local plastics reprocessor kit - equipment to reprocess HPE lids into basic household products.	Service and product - community recycling hub at fair trader collects plastics. Reprocessed into saleable products in fair trader shop, Buy press equipment for hand processing. Do small scale to get successful product then collect more plastics locally. Develop prototype product and market. Allow £7.5k	<b>£7,500</b>
7.509	HoTT Recycling	Distribute community recycling hub kits.	Rollout community recycling hub developed at fair trader. Developer designs, posters, boxes, storage system, handouts, wall displays etc. as an educational tool as well as to collect recyclates. Say 10 x kits at £1k each. First do documentation for start-up kits - say £500	<b>£500</b>

<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; LAND USE £10,000</b>				
8.116	River Holme Connections with Hepworth School	Set up school children's regular tree planting or environmental project afternoons.	Campaign - admin support project team and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters PR work Liaison with schools and tree whips suppliers e.g. woodland trust. Access land for planting trees. Allow say £3,000	<b>£3,000</b>
8.118	River Holme Connections	Organise Tree planting birthday parties	Services - admin support by project team and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters PR work Liaison with local organisations and tree whips suppliers e.g. woodland trust. Set up organisation to run tree planting parties. Allow say £500	<b>£500</b>
8.302	Longley Farm	Survey of HV grasslands and pasture to assess carbon capture status and potential	Services - admin support by project team volunteers, plus desk study of HV land area landscape to assess carbon sequestration potential. Allow say £5,000	<b>£5,000</b>
8.410	Growing Works with River Holme Connections	Encourage homeowners to 're-wild' all or part of their gardens	Campaign - admin support by project team and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters PR work. Liaison with schools, community organisation to get message out. Allow say £500	<b>£500</b>
8.510	Parish Council	Encourage local farmers and landowners to plant new organic wildflower meadows	Campaign - admin support by project team and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Meet with NFU and farmers. Liaise with Kirklees Green Spaces and local land and farming related organisations, businesses etc. Say £500 development work.	<b>£500</b>
8.518	Parish Council with Kirklees	Engage with Kirklees Council to understand how 'green spaces' can be better managed to increase biodiversity.	Campaign - admin support by project team and volunteers, plus expenses, printing, posters, PR work. Meet with Kirklees Green Spaces. Allow say £500	<b>£500</b>

# Notification of Planning Application

## Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND

Observations By:	Holme Valley Parish Council
Application No.	2020/60/91146/W
Proposed Development:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Location:	land west of, Wesley Avenue, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UL
OS Map Reference	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
Applicant:	Fairbank Investments Ltd
Agent:	Alistair Flatman Planning
Class:	Small Major Developments

This notice is to let you know that an application has been received for development within the boundary of Holme Valley Parish Council. If you wish to make comments on the above application then please e-mail your comments to [DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk) by **19-May-2020**.

If you would like to contact the Case Officer: Kate Mansell for any reason then please do so on: Tel. 72130 .

The submitted plans and documents for the application can be viewed online at the Planning Service Website by holding down Ctrl and Clicking the link below:

\*<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2020/91146>

\*If the plans are not available online after 5 working days of the date of this letter then please e-mail: [DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk)

If your comments are received later than **19-May-2020** then you should be aware that the application may be decided without the benefit of Holme Valley Parish Council's views.

Dated: 28-Apr-2020

Mathias Franklin  
Head of Planning and Development



## Notification of Planning Application

### Town and Country Planning Act 1990

#### APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND

Observations By:	Holme Valley Parish Council
Application No.	2020/61/91186/W
Proposed Development:	Reserved matters application for erection of 24 dwellings pursuant to outline permission no. 2018/91198 for residential development
Location:	land at, Westcroft, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 3UL
OS Map Reference	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
Applicant:	Worth Homes Ltd, M H Mitchell, R H Mitchell, J S Mitchell
Agent:	Hamish Gledhill, Acumen Designers & Architects Ltd
Class:	Small Major Developments

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If you would like to contact the Case Officer: Bill Topping for any reason then please do so on: Tel. 01484 221000 Ext. 74215.

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Dated: 07-May-2020

Mathias Franklin  
Head of Planning and Development



Holme Valley Parish Council Planning Standing Committee's comments on these two applications:

<b>HVPC Reference:</b>	2021/02/10
<b>Application No:</b>	2020/60/91146/W
<b>Location:</b>	land west of, Wesley Avenue, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UL
<b>Ward/Councillors:</b>	Netherthong JD, <b>JR</b>
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Outline application for erection of residential development
<b>OS Map Ref:</b>	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
<b>HVPC Comment:</b>	Object over access to the site from Wesley Avenue and adequacy of local highways and infrastructure (for cars and pedestrians). The historic centre of Netherthong is narrow and constricted and effective traffic flow will be compromised given increased incremental traffic flow. Members further raised concerns around drainage. Members welcomed the planned provision of affordable housing.
<b>Decision:</b>	

<b>HVPC Reference:</b>	2021/02/23
<b>Application No:</b>	2020/61/91186/W
<b>Location:</b>	land at, Westcroft, Honley, Holmfirth
<b>Ward/Councillors:</b>	Honley West – SE, CG
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Reserved matters application for erection of 24 dwellings pursuant to outline permission no. 2018/91198 for residential development
<b>OS Map Ref:</b>	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
<b>HVPC Comment:</b>	Support subject to changes in materials (natural stone) and greater consideration of inclusion of renewable energy, - for example, charging points on all properties for electric vehicles, a means of solar or ground source heating. Consideration of pedestrian/cycle link to Scotgate Road should be given.
<b>Decision:</b>	

Dear [clerk],

I hope that this message finds you well in this trying time. We continue our campaign for the Local Electricity Bill and I am contacting you to ask for your help with this.

I am getting in touch again to ask for your Council's help regarding the Bill – despite the corona virus pandemic the Bill is still due to be introduced in Parliament on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

So far 200 Parish, Town and Community Councils have resolved to support the Bill along with NALC and 44 other national organisations. It would be great if your Council joined them.

The Bill will be backed by a cross-party group of 63 MPs. We aim to increase the level of Parliamentary support to well beyond the 116 MPs that supported the Bill last year. Your Council's backing for the Bill will really help with this.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so. Further below are quotes from case studies we have done with community energy groups that highlight this problem.

The ultimate result of this would be:

1. Local communities and businesses could buy their electricity from a local energy company, instead of the big national utilities.
2. Building more local renewable energy schemes would be financially viable.
3. Local communities would gain economic benefits, such as more local skilled jobs and investment in energy efficiency schemes for local homes.

**I appreciate that this is a time of upheaval, however, if possible, could you please help by asking Holme Valley Parish Council to support the Local**

**Electricity Bill?** A suggested resolution is further below.

Whether or not this is possible, you and members of your Council can still help: please write to your MP and ask them to 'Please support the Local Electricity Bill that will be introduced on 28<sup>th</sup> April.'

Let me know if you would like a more detailed briefing or any further information.

Kind regards  
Steve

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Steve Shaw  
Director  
Power for People  
[www.powerforpeople.org.uk](http://www.powerforpeople.org.uk)

See a copy of the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Local-Electricity-Bill.pdf>

See the Local Councils and national organisations supporting the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill/support/#coalition>

### **Quotes from Community Energy Groups that highlight the problem**

Aberdeen Community Energy, Scotland stated,

“The first desire of the local community was to provide energy directly to them so that local households would benefit. However we got stuck because doing this meant we would need to become a licensed supplier and the regulations make that far too costly and complex.

“If we were able to retail we could receive a much higher rate than we’re currently getting under our generation contract but we could supply to the community at a rate that is much better than what local people are paying. If we received more money this way we have a range of local community projects that we would like to deliver, such as social spaces, youth projects and wildlife improvement.

“If we could sell to local people directly then we would definitely want to build at least another Archimedes screw [a hydro-electric generation device]. We would like to be generating more clean, renewable energy, even if it doesn't change how much profit we're making, but we can't.”

Burneside Community Energy in Cumbria stated,

“Setting up as a licensed local supplier would certainly be much more attractive if the financial and bureaucratic hurdles were removed or significantly lowered. Everything that we do in community energy is a fight. In Burneside we want to maximise local use of local generation. Through doing so and therefore minimising the net import and export of energy on an overburdened grid we could therefore reap the associated benefits of affordable, clean, local energy.”

Repower Balcombe in West Sussex stated,

“At the outset there was interest in trying to sell the energy to local people. However the cost involved in doing so was ridiculous and it became obvious that the whole system is set up to prevent community groups like us from setting up to sell our energy to local people. There was absolutely no possibility that we could do it - only at huge scale do the financials work.

“It's certainly a possibility that we could build more renewable capacity, if we could sell the energy to local people. Also, had selling to local people been a realistic option then that would have had the potential to change the economics of the project. Then we could have built the solar farm ourselves as we could have made the financials stack up and raised the funds.”

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## **Council Draft Resolution**

That Holme Valley Parish Council

(i) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable
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electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in revenues received by councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies, which could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(ii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 116 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

(iii) further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.

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# Budget 2020-21 Year-to-Date

CODE	DESCRIPTION		Starting Budget	Revised Budget	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Remaining		
<b>Climate Emergency</b>																				
701	Climate Emergency Action Plan (publication)		£0	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	701
702	Community Mobilisaion	0.00%	£17,500	£17,500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,500.00	702
703	Energy Strategy	0.00%	£14,000	£14,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,000.00	703
704	Transport Strategy	0.00%	£13,000	£13,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13,000.00	520
705	Waste and Consumption Strategy	0.00%	£500	£500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	705
706	Environment and Land Use Strategy	0.00%	£1,000	£1,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	706
<b>Total Climate Emergency</b>		0.00%	<b>£46,000</b>	<b>£46,000</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£46,000.00</b>	

## **Proposal for drinking water dispenser to be installed on the Public Toilets in Holmfirth for consideration at Full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **Background**

There has been interest for over a year in putting a drinking water facility on the Public Toilets in Holmfirth. It was identified as a Parish Council action in the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan published in summer 2019 and one of the actions in our Climate Emergency Action Plan is to reduce the use of single-use plastics. We offered a temporary tap at the Holmfirth Food & Drink Festival in September 2019.

### **Why a drinking water dispenser is good for the environment**

Encouraging people to refill existing bottles rather than buy new saves carbon emissions both in terms of reducing the number of plastic bottles which are produced and transported into Holmfirth shops and reducing the amount of waste bottles needing disposal. According to a range of sources<sup>1</sup> a 500ml water bottle has a carbon footprint of 82.8g.

According to Green Alliance, the average UK adult consumes up to 150 single use water bottles each year, contributing to plastic waste, mostly in the form of PET bottles<sup>2</sup>. In Holmfirth, the Holme Valley Vision 'Big Data' project has worked through Springboard to monitor footfall through the town since 2017. The footfall per week and month has been captured. Using July 2019 as a typical 'warm' month where water usage would expect to be high, the month's footfall was 63,673 people. Given an average person should drink two litres of water a day we could assume that 1% of those people visiting would fill up their 500ml bottle that month. This would equate to 637 bottles being filled or 20 a day. On the presumption that this will save them from buying a new plastic bottle, this could save 20 x 82.8g CO<sub>2</sub> a day (1.656kg). Over a year this equates to a saving of 604.44kg CO<sub>2</sub>. It is likely that it would be used more in the summer but less in the winter so this is an indicative pessimistic but realistic estimate.

### **Why installing a drinking water dispenser is good for the Parish Council**

We own and maintain the Public Toilets in Holmfirth and offering a water facility there is a highly visible and accessible site. It shows the Parish Council's commitment to reducing carbon emissions, may help reduce litter of single-use bottles in the town and will also help more people realise that we run the toilets. This increased visibility may also increase donations to the toilets as those filling their bottles may also use the facilities. It would also support the many festivals by providing water for public use so temporary facilities do not need to be installed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sciencing.com/carbon-footprint-plastic-bottle-12307187.html>;

<https://plasticrecyclinglibrary.com/resource/what-is-the-carbon-footprint-of-a-plastic-bottle/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/plastic-water-bottle-alternatives-still-harm-the-environment/>).

## Costs

A robust public drinking water dispenser which is both hygienic and vandal proof is relatively expensive. Looking online, the best option appeals to be the Elkay LK4405BF (MIW-00096) which costs £1,895.00 plus VAT.<sup>3</sup> Other quotations are £2,454 (Hydrate Direct)<sup>4</sup> and £1,619 (Water Coolers)<sup>5</sup> but the Elkay design looks neater and fits on the wall. It is made by a British based firm with clients including Wembley stadium and I have recently seen one in use at Conwy Castle in North Wales. It fills a bottle quickly and has a simple push button to operate. It has a five year part warranty, is certified vandal proof and just needs wiping down which could be done by the maintenance contractor when cleaning the toilets. I would suggest we purchase a green one and also buy the custom label which goes where the silver bottle is at the back. This costs an additional £129 plus VAT. This would allow us to include the HVPC logo and whatever wording we desired.

Water would be taken from the toilet block and the plumbing is already in place. On the basis of 20 bottles being filled a day on average, that is 10 litres (based on 500ml bottles). Recent water bills for the toilets have worked out at about £1.46 per 1000 litres. Therefore at 10 litres per day, this would only be 3650 litres which is £5.35 per year. Even if this usage was increased tenfold, it will be a sustainable expense for the Parish Council to cover on an ongoing basis.

**The total purchase cost is £2,463 (including £410.50 VAT and delivery). We could also put a sign above it with some facts about the value of using refillable bottles and highlighting the climate emergency. This might cost an additional £50 plus design and installation. I would also suggest organising a public event to unveil the water dispenser and suggest £50 is included to cover any refreshments and publicity for the event.**



### PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Full Council approve expenditure of up to £2,600 to purchase and install a water dispenser with associated signage.

Approval is sought for the funds to be sourced equally from the remaining 2019/20 budgets in CASC and Climate Emergency.

**CLlr Rachel Hogley, March 2020**

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.miw.co.uk/our-range/water-coolers/outdoor-drinking-fountains/lk4405-bf-outdoor-bottle-filling-station>

<sup>4</sup> [https://hydrate.direct/Hydration-Station-Refrigerated-Manual-Bottle-Filler?gclid=CjwKCAjwmKLzBRBeEiwACCVihjo0FM6U2chiKNcomDimOzWsOAAGk64R2uTo0OUL0EWt2Xb9JoVVjhoC-YQQA\\_vD\\_BwE](https://hydrate.direct/Hydration-Station-Refrigerated-Manual-Bottle-Filler?gclid=CjwKCAjwmKLzBRBeEiwACCVihjo0FM6U2chiKNcomDimOzWsOAAGk64R2uTo0OUL0EWt2Xb9JoVVjhoC-YQQA_vD_BwE)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.watercoolersdirect.com/stainless-steel-free-standing-outdoor-bottle-filler-push-button?tax\\_display=2&gclid=CjwKCAjwmKLzBRBeEiwACCVihpu5A7t4wrTQWGoX95Ncr5h-FXCO3ByMBshQt4LbyMYtsXGU768YnBoCYjAQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.watercoolersdirect.com/stainless-steel-free-standing-outdoor-bottle-filler-push-button?tax_display=2&gclid=CjwKCAjwmKLzBRBeEiwACCVihpu5A7t4wrTQWGoX95Ncr5h-FXCO3ByMBshQt4LbyMYtsXGU768YnBoCYjAQAvD_BwE)



# HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH, HD9 3AS  
Tel: 01484 687460 Email: clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



## GRANT APPLICATION FORM – FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Please complete this form as clearly as possible and return it to the above address. The application form (only) will be circulated to all Members of the Council for consideration. The supporting documentation will be assessed by the Council's Portfolio Holder (Finance & Management) and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, to ensure the application meets the Council's criteria.

Please refer to the criteria before the completing this form.

Where \* please delete as appropriate.

### CONTACT DETAILS

**Name of organisation, e.g. Club, Group or Organising Group (for Event):**

Hepworth J & I School

**Contact person for this application:**

**Position held (e.g. Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer):**

Business Manager

**Correspondence address:**

Maingate, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TJ

**Email address:**

Office.hepworth@kirkleeseducation.uk

**Telephone number:**

01484 685450

### ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION/GROUP

**What type of organisation/group are you?**

Community School

**Charity Registration No. (if applicable)**

N/A

**How long has the organisation/group been in existence?**

Est 1884

**Do you have a Constitution or a set of governing rules?**

Governed by the School Board of Governors using Local Authority guidance.

<b>What area does your organisation/group cover?</b> <i>The Council can only fund grants to organisations/groups who can demonstrate direct benefit to residents of the Valley</i>	Holme Valley Other (please state):	
<b>Describe the people you <u>mainly</u> work with:</b>	Children under 16	
<b>What is the normal membership fee?</b>	Junior:	NIL
	Adult:	NIL
<b>Does the organisation/group have a licensed bar?</b>	No <i>If no, does it intend to have a licensed bar?</i> No	
<b>YOUR ORGANISATION'S FINANCES</b>		
<b>Financial year (please state):</b>	2018-19	
<b>Income</b>	£476,668	
<b>Expenditure</b>	£454,156	
<b>Reserves</b>	£22,512 Please note: the reserves (contingency) figure has been accumulated through major budget cuts (including staffing) over the last few years following a dramatic drop in funding for schools in general and in anticipation of further uncertain government funding changes. We need to maintain this level of reserves to ensure the school can continue to deliver the same high-quality education to pupils with the staffing levels, resources etc that we are working with at the moment.	
<b>DESCRIBE THE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY THIS GRANT WOULD BE USED FOR</b>		
<p>This application is in respect of assistance in purchasing a RIDAN Food Waste Composter for use by pupils and staff. A link to the website is provided here <a href="https://www.ridan.co.uk/our-composters/buy-a-ridan-food-waste-composter/">https://www.ridan.co.uk/our-composters/buy-a-ridan-food-waste-composter/</a>. We would need to purchase the Small RIDAN at £2,250 and 2 maturation boxes at £360 each. The RIDAN composting machine works without electricity, is easy to use and kinder on the environment.</p> <p>In addition, we would need to maintain a regular supply of wood chippings or sawdust. It is our intention to approach local tree surgeons/carpenters to perhaps supply us free of charge.</p> <p>In purchasing the Food Waste Composter, we would be able to extend our efforts in achieving the Eco Schools status (our current Action Plan &amp; latest minutes from our recent Eco Council are attached to give you an idea of the work we are doing in school specifically around reducing waste). We are currently re-writing our curriculum to include environment teaching and composting is a part of this.</p> <p>The composter would be positioned within the school grounds; would be managed by staff and a trained group of Key Stage 2 pupils (rotated to ensure all children who wish to learn, can). We would be taking all the food waste from lunchtime, for example hot lunch leftovers, the remains from pupil lunchboxes, fruit snacks and cooking activities and putting it into the composter.</p>		

Upon installation, each class would receive a lesson on how it works and how their food waste turns into compost. The children would learn about the importance of the cycles of nature and that the food we grow in the school's garden would be eaten by them, the waste put into the RIDAN, turned in to compost to put back onto the garden to help the plants grow again and again.

Any excess compost generated would be offered out to the community, free of charge.

<b>Is it for a community event or festival?</b>	No
<b>Is it for an item of capital expenditure or project?</b>	Yes <i>If yes, do not complete Section A below. Go straight to section B below.</i>

**SECTION A – GRANT FUNDING FOR AN EVENT**

**Please provide a detailed description of the event for which you are seeking funding.** *Detailed projected costings **must** also be supplied.*

N/A

<b>What is the total cost of the event?</b>	
<b>For which element of the event is your organisation seeking funding?</b>	
<b>Who will benefit from this event?</b>	

**SECTION B – GRANT FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PURCHASE/PROJECT**

This application must relate to a specific item of capital expenditure or project; it must not be for a regular item of maintenance or such other revenue item, e.g. ongoing expenses and staffing costs. Please provide a detailed description of the capital purchase or project for which you are seeking funding. *Detailed projected costings or quotations **must** also be supplied.*

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**In addition, we would need to maintain a regular supply of wood chippings or sawdust. It is our intention to approach local tree surgeons/carpenters to perhaps supply us free of charge.**

<b>What is the total cost of the capital purchase or project?</b>	<b>£2,610</b>
<b>Who will benefit from this capital purchase or project?</b>	<p>The school and local community would benefit directly, with a long-term benefit to the environment as a whole. By recycling the school's food - waste we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reduce our carbon footprint (The RIDAN composting machine works without electricity, is easy to use and kinder on the environment);</li> <li>- increase environmental awareness among our pupils, parents and staff</li> <li>- decrease waste collection and the amount going to landfill, hopefully reducing the number of general waste bins from 2 to 1 and increasing the number of green, recycling bins, benefitting the school financially.</li> <li>- produce natural, nutritious compost for use on our school / villagers' gardens. We would offer this free of charge to the local community.</li> <li>- be able to teach children and parents about composting passing on a life-long skill.</li> </ul>

**SECTION C – GENERAL  
TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS**

<b>Amount for which the organisation or group is seeking grant aid from the Parish Council (max. £1,000):</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>How much does the organisation or group expect to raise by its own efforts and how?</b>	<p>We will fundraise for the remaining £1,610. For example, through holding an Eco coffee morning; non-uniform days; cake sales etc and make a small contribution from the school's budget (ring fenced for environmental education). In addition, we would need to maintain a regular supply of wood chippings or sawdust. It is our intention to approach local tree surgeons/carpenters to perhaps</p>

	supply this to us free of charge.
<b>How will the rest of the cost be financed?</b>	As detailed above.
<b>What other organisations may use the organisation or group's facilities?</b>	Because of the nature of composting, there must be a level of control over the process. The school community would be the main organisation using the equipment, however, we anticipate that we would be able to demonstrate the process to any interested party in the wider community e.g. via our links with the church and village hall & with other schools in the Holme Valley.
<b>What other organisations will benefit from this event, project or scheme?</b>	We anticipate that the compost generated will be far in excess of that needed in school, therefore we would offer it out to the local community at no cost – advertising in the village and church magazines, along with the web-based village communication tool - HEPNET.
<b>What facilities have been provided or improved as a result of the organisation or group's own efforts?</b>	So far, through the efforts of parents, children, staff and the village community to reduce waste, we have been able to provide an indoor recycling hub for batteries, crisp packets, cereal packet inners, pens/felt tips etc, bottle tops and tin foil; processing these items & distributing them to relevant organisations for recycling. This has recently been extended by purchasing 4 wheelie bins, now located outside the school building which facilitates access by local families at any time. As a result, we are now able to store and, process a larger volume of waste for recycling. This process is managed by the members of our school Eco-council. We would very much like to take the next step into Eco friendly food waste composting.
<b>Has the organisation or group previously applied for a grant from this Parish Council?</b>	Yes – but unsuccessful. <i>If yes, please give brief details and the date of any grant received:</i>

<p><b>Has the organisation or group made any grant application to any other Authority or grant making body for funding support for this event, project or scheme?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
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**PAYEE DETAILS FOR ANY FUNDING AWARD**  
*All grant funding will be paid by cheque*

**Name of payee organisation as it appears on bank account:**  
 Hepworth J & I School

**If there is any other information which you consider to be relevant to your application, please provide details below or on a separate sheet.**

Please see the attached Eco Schools Action Plan and minutes from the recent Eco Council meeting.

**DECLARATION**

**This declaration must be signed by an authorised person within the organisation or group, e.g. Committee Member, Office Holder or Trustee.**

- 1. I am authorised to make the application on behalf of the above organisation.**
- 2. I have read and noted the Council's criteria relating to this application and agree to abide by the conditions listed if a grant is awarded by the Council.**
- 3. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct.**
- 4. If the information in the application changes in any way, I will inform the Council.**
- 5. I give permission for the Council to record the details of my organisation electronically and to contact my organisation by phone, mail or email regarding this application.**
- 6. If the application is successful, I give permission for the Council to publicise the project/activity in the local media and on its website.**
- 7. I agree to provide a report, including photographs, to the Council, indicating how the grant awarded has been spent, within TWO MONTHS OF COMPLETION.**

<p><b>Signed</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b> 6.2.20</p>
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**CHECKLIST**

Please enclose the following with your application. We will only process your application when we have received them.

**Please Tick**

Signed application form, with every question answered	Yes
Latest audited annual accounts	Yes - Annual Outturn report
Constitution or set of rules (if not applicable please state so)	N/A
Copy of bank statements for past six months	Not applicable – these do not reflect the school's true expenditure, only imprest. See Annual Outturn report for 2018-19 (above)
Copies of written estimates/quotations for equipment/capital items	Yes
If possible, please email a copy of the grant application (only) to the Clerk (clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).	Yes

**Please send completed application form (with all supporting documentation) to:**

**Holme Valley Parish Council  
Holmfirth Civic Hall  
Huddersfield Road  
Holmfirth HD9 3AS**

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk on:

Tel: 01484 687460 (Tuesdays/Thursdays 10am to 3pm – please leave a message if outside office hours) – any response will be made as soon as feasible  
Email: [clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

*You are advised to keep a copy of this application for your own records.*

**For internal admin use only:**

Date application received:	6th February 2020
Application reference no:	FEM 2/03/2020 (LB)
Application meets criteria:	<u>Yes</u> /No* If no, give reasons:
Meeting Date/Minute No.	Fe Markt 2/03/2020

Date informed & outcome



# Chief executive's bulletin

## Management Board

NALC's Management Board held its second remote meeting on 20 May, here's a summary:

- The board received an update on our business continuity, noting home working was proceeding well and there were regular catch up sessions with staff and county association colleagues.
- NALC's financial position remained good despite the loss of some income streams, and the board agreed to develop a strategy for online events over the next year including piloting a remote meeting of National Assembly.
- Councillors supported NALC's continued lobbying for government funding for councils facing financial challenges through a dedicated package of support including financial assistance.

## Weekly county officer videoconference

Charlotte Eisenhart, head of member services hosted our weekly NALC and county officer meeting via Zoom on 20 May. Issues covered included finance and audit, next year's postponed local elections, and online training and learning. As this week is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) we also took the opportunity to check-in as a team as to how we should keep working together to support one another.

## Meeting with the Cabinet Office

Justin Griggs, head of policy and communications, Chris Borg, policy manager and Claire Goldfinch, projects officer met officials from the Cabinet Office on 19 May regarding next year's local elections. A minister-led steering group and a policy-led working group have been established to consider registration of voters, options for holding some polls before May 2021 and 2021 voting options. I'm pleased we are inputting to this work and providing feedback on issues identified so far, and we will be drawing on input from county officers including those in areas with postponed elections. We also shared our recent [elections research](#) with officials and we will be continuing to press for changes set out in the report.

## Climate change

Every Monday at 1 pm (except Bank Holidays) for the next few weeks, Climate Emergency UK are hosting webinars to create action plans to address and adapt to the climate and ecological emergencies with the urgency they demand. You can book your place [here](#) to participate live. Sessions will also be broadcast live on their [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#), and available afterwards.

Frome Town Council, a former winner of Council of the Year in NALC's Star Council Awards, has hosted a webinar called [Climate Emergency - What Next](#), which details how to go about embedding the principles of climate change into your council – do give it a watch!

## NALC and HRSP webinar

I was delighted NALC and [HR Services Partnership](#) jointly hosted a Zoom webinar for county officers on 18 May, focusing on HR issues related to lockdown and returning to work. Over 30 colleagues joined the 40-minute session which covered government guidance and its application to local councils, how to handle the needs and concerns of staff, and considerations such as annual leave and contingency planning. Huge thanks to Maria Aguilar, HRSP director, for presenting such an excellent webinar which received positive feedback.

## And finally...

At our weekly remote staff meeting, we took the opportunity of [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) to discuss how we are being kind to ourselves and others, sharing one of our last photos before lockdown or since then that makes us smile. I was also pleased to read this week how our partners [CCLA](#) are [building on their own mental health engagement programme](#) started in early 2019 by inviting other investors to join them in encouraging businesses to protect their employees' mental health during this challenging time. I was particularly struck by this concluding remark: "While a highly infectious disease spreads across the world, we are focussing our efforts on an invisible, non-communicable disease in the belief that if left unaddressed, mental illness will become the next global pandemic". Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and be kind to yourselves.



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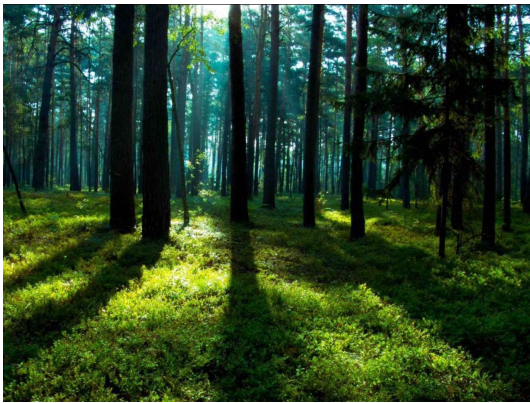
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The theme to this month's Tree Charter Newsletter is the charter and all of our stories will be focusing on how local (parish and town) councils have been planning ahead to protect their communities from climate change and safeguard their green spaces. If you have any stories about how your local council is playing its part to protect trees and woodland, then contact NALC at [policycomms@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:policycomms@nalc.gov.uk).



## Saddleworth Parish Council

Saddleworth Parish Council is working with The Woodland Trust to help plant trees in their new forest, The Northern Forest. The council is helping to plant, alongside other partners, 50 million trees.

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## Sandford Parish Council

In December 2019, Sandford Parish Council celebrated their 125 anniversary by planting 125 trees, as gifted by The Woodland Trust. The council is working in collaboration with the local primary school to plant these trees.

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## Stanley Parish Council

Stanley Parish Council is creating a wildflower meadow to provide a habitat to local wildlife. This initiative is a part of the council's scheme to become more eco-friendly.

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## Tree Charter updates

We are also starting to get tree pack enquiries for Tree Charter Day 2020 which is fantastic! You have until mid-May before trees are likely to run out so be sure to get your applications in. Each Charter Branch is allocated up to 420 trees so if you need more, please get in touch via [charter@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:charter@woodlandtrust.org.uk). Don't forget to write Charter Branch next to your name to ensure your application is accepted!

Even with everything that's going on, we're excited to say we now have some of our first Tree Charter Volunteers! This is a rolling opportunity so if you haven't already, please read on how to become a Tree Charter Volunteer with The Woodland Trust at

<https://whittle.woodlandtrust.org.uk/2020/02/20/opportunity-to-become-a-charter-branch-lead>



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# Chief executive's bulletin

## Clapping for you too

Like me, I'm sure many of you are standing on your doorstep Thursday evenings clapping not just for carers but all those working in public services during this difficult time. My applause very much has you in mind too, and I want to again extend the thanks and appreciation from myself, our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, and all at NALC, for everything you are doing to play your part in supporting your community. Thank you!

## NALC Coronavirus page and newsletters

Our dedicated [coronavirus page](#) on the NALC website is the main source of information and guidance for local (parish and town) councils and county associations and has now received nearly 80,000 hits. Updates this week (and highlighted in two dedicated newsletters) covered holding remote meetings and the great discount NALC has secured on a Zoom subscription, new regulations to extend audit deadlines, neighbourhood planning, and local council meetings. Please do continue to make use of this resource, and can I ask county association colleagues to let local councils know about it too.

## Local audit and update to practitioners guide

While I'm pleased the government listened and acted on our call for the need to extend audit deadlines, I'm disappointed they didn't accept our proposal for this to be at least three months, rather than the two months extension contained in the regulations. But coupled with our pressure on the government to allow remote meetings, I hope this flexibility will help councils. The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance published the new [Practitioners Guide 2020/21](#) at the end of March and this will now be supplemented shortly by an addendum setting out information on the new timescales.

## MHCLG briefing for local government

I was pleased that on 8 April Sue took part in the Ministry of Housing, Communities

and Local Government's (MHCLG) weekly Coronavirus briefing teleconference for local government by the secretary of state, Robert Jenrick. This followed our successful representations for our inclusion in the calls involving principal councils. On this occasion, local government minister, Simon Clarke MP, hosted the call and gave an update on shielding, burials and local government finance, with the health minister, Jo Churchill, covering Personal Protective Equipment. One point made by the minister was he intends all parts of the council family to receive support from the government's financial response. Sue welcomed his comment in a written question submitted during the Question and Answer session, stating it was important local councils weren't overlooked, and that our councils were playing their part in the national effort but were experiencing an impact on cash flow, costs and reduced income. We are following this up with the department and next week we will be publishing a short survey which I hope clerk colleagues will be able to share with us the financial impact on their council; this will be crucial in supporting our case for financial support from the government.

### **Alzheimer's Society support line**

The coronavirus is affecting the most vulnerable in our society, including people living with dementia. Our colleagues at The Alzheimer's Society are continuing to provide up-to-date support for anyone affected by dementia, and during the outbreak, their Dementia Connect support line will remain open every day. If you or anyone you know needs advice or support, please call The Alzheimer's Society on 0333 150 3456. More information, advice and resources on supporting people living with dementia are on their [dedicated web page](#).

### **NALC Management Board**

Our Management Board held a videoconference via Zoom on 7 April, here's a summary:

- The board noted it had been given delegated powers to take urgent decisions and agreed on the following accordingly
- Reaffirming NALC's current priority of responding to Coronavirus with a focus on business continuity, supporting councils and county associations, and engaging with the government, noting other projects and activities would be impacted in the short-term
- The July meeting of National Assembly will be cancelled but a number of usual reports such as the quarterly activity report would still be circulated for comment and any issues of concern discussed at the board's next meeting in June
- Agreed the Finance and Scrutiny Committee would have delegated authority to finalise the end of year accounts
- We're acutely aware of the financial impact of the crisis on councils as well as the county and national associations, stating at this time it has never been more

important to have a network of support across the country. Councillors welcomed work underway which includes an assessment of this financial impact through a survey to be circulated shortly, lobbying government, and keeping a close eye on the collection of affiliation fees and timescales to support that network, with councils urged to assist this support network by paying subscriptions promptly where they could.

### **County officer video conference**

This week's video conference with NALC and county officers focussed mainly on supporting councils to hold council meetings remotely following the launch of our guidance on holding remote meetings which are on our [dedicated coronavirus webpage](#). We agreed that county associations would get in touch with each other to share ideas and insights into offering training for councils on remote meetings, and also assess if there are any areas not be able to support members on this issue. Where gaps are identified in the first instance county associations in the region will try to support others that might find it hard or impossible to deliver training and/or guidance for remote meetings. If any region feels that they need support from NALC then we will work together to get something in place. The aim of this is to ensure all councils do get some support, to allow county associations to support one another and to focus NALC's time and resource in the areas that need it most.

### **New legal briefing**

Today we published legal briefing L02-20 on employment law changes which summarises the new changes to employment rights that came in on 6 April including new rights to a written statement of terms, holiday pay reference period adjustment, new parental bereavement law and agency workers. You can find the briefing in the member's area of the [NALC website](#) (login required).

### **Tree Charter newsletter and Tree Charter Day**

Be sure to have a look at March's [Tree Charter newsletter](#)! It outlines the work of two councils – [Dorchester Town Council, Dorset](#) and [Thorpe St. Andrews Town Council, Norfolk](#) – who are doing excellent work around climate change, sustainability and planting trees. And a reminder Tree Charter Day is planned for the 28 November 2020 – this is a great opportunity for councils to order free trees from the [Woodland Trust Community Tree Packs website](#) to arrive nearer to the time. Tree Packs are given on a first come first serve basis, but typically the Tree Nurseries run out of trees in May! Each Charter Branch is allocated a maximum of 420 trees, so do write 'Charter Branch' next to your name to ensure your application is accepted. For more information about how to get involved in the tree charter please email [claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk).

### **Keeping you informed**

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### And finally...

I hope you all have a Happy Easter – at home. Stay safe.

*Jonathan Owen*

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