

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 7 JUNE 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, RP Dixon, R Hogley

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

### Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and one member of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee.

### Open Session at Planning

The member of the public is a newly elected Councillor and introduced himself to the Committee. The new Councillor said he would like to comment on some agenda items as a member of the public if it was allowed and at this point the Committee voted that standing orders would be suspended at those times to give the new Councillor the opportunity.

#### **2122 36 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

Council meetings can now be recorded.

**RESOLVED:** The Officer was recording the meeting in audio format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

#### **2122 37 To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Gould and Cllr Pogson had tendered apologies.

**RESOLVED:** Apologies were approved by the Committee.

#### **2122 38 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr RP Dixon disclosed a personal interest in 2122 26 application 2122/02/02.

#### **2122 39 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

#### **2122 40 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**RESOLVED:** Members decided that no items on the agenda should be discussed in private.

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## 2122 41 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

At this point there was a discussion with regard to a planning application which the Committee had supported at the last meeting. The Committee discussed rescinding the Parish Council's comment having received new opinion from residents. The Committee elected not to change or rescind the Parish Council's comment.

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021, numbered 2122 19 – 2122 35 inclusive were confirmed.

## 2122 42 Completed Planning Applications Lists

**NOTED:**

The Planning Committee noted List 2122/01 updated with the views of the Committee.

## 2122 43 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 10 May 2021 to 1 June 2021 inclusive – List 2122-02.

Members voted to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak about application 2122/02/24.

**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Deputy Clerk.

## 2122 44 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

**NOTED:** The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 10 May 2021 to 1 June 2021 inclusive.

## 2122 45 Neighbourhood Planning

1. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported that the draft examiner's report had been received and partners had undertaken fact-checking on the report. Some compromising between the views of the Steering Group and Kirklees Council is still being resolved. Once agreement has been reached there, the finalised examiner's report will advise on what changes need to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan to make it ready for referendum. Then it needs to go through Kirklees' cabinet for them to approve when the referendum will take place.

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was very positive about the process. All policies remained in the Plan. Nothing had been thrown (except for the information on the Community Infrastructure Levy because it has been abolished). The Parish Council's view on the number of green spaces within the parish area was approved by the inspector against the views of Kirklees, offering more protection to our green spaces.

2. The Committee considered the expenditure of an additional £2,940 on the next stage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan for extra work by our planning consultant, Kirkwells, preparing the plan for referendum. Because of the number of changes required, the work will take 6 days to complete, against the earlier assessment that it would take 3 days.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee approved the expenditure of £2,940 on this work against the budget of £5000.

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## 2122 46 Peak District National Park Authority

**NOTED:** Members noted the list of Peak District National Park Authority Planning Applications 2122-01PD updated with the views of the Committee.

## 2122 47 Responding to Planning Applications in a way that promotes the climate emergency agenda

Members considered whether to draw up an agreed, standard response to all planning applications which do not seek to address aspects of the ongoing climate emergency in their plans, highlighting the need for planners to consider “green” issues and green alternatives.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the Committee would not use a standard statement for all applications regarding addressing the climate emergency in development plans. The Committee would address applications individually.

The Committee resolved that, with small-scale developments, rather than looking at applications only in a negative way, it would highlight some applications in a positive way where developers had paid due attention to environmental issues and renewables in their plans.

The Committee resolved that all large-scale, new developments in the Holme Valley would be expected to incorporate renewables into their project plans. If such developments did not so do, then the Parish Council would, in its comments, draw attention to the relevant sections of the submission Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy 12 “Promoting Sustainability” on the need to incorporate sustainability into largescale developments.

The Committee Chair would consult with Cllr Gould, who proposed this agenda item, to ask for his views on the resolutions.

## 2122 48 Footpath 60 at Wolfstones

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had emailed Giles Cheetham at the Kirklees PROW team regarding the manner and nature of Kirklees’ representation at the Public Inquiry.

**NOTED:** Members noted that Giles Cheetham had responded to the Deputy Clerk that Kirklees Council had tried to postpone the Public Inquiry, but this had been refused. Kirklees will nevertheless be attending the Inquiry and object to the Section 247 order. Giles Cheetham stated that a statement of case had not yet been prepared, but Kirklees would be pleased to discuss these matters with the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that the Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Council with regard to the alleged narrowing of Footpath 60 at Wolfstones Farm.

## 2122 49 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to a lane called Broad Carr Lane in Hepworth ward

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that Deputy Clerk had emailed Rob Dalby at the Kirklees PROW team regarding Kirklees’ plans for the lanes around Broad Carr Lane and access for the residents. Rob Dalby had responded that Kirklees Council had undertaken some remedial work at the location and was looking into mechanisms for controlling access.

It was further noted that the Deputy Clerk had asked Rob Dalby about the developments with regard to the Public Space Protection Order at the lanes and byways around Ramsden Road. Rob Dalby had stated that a report is going to the relevant Kirklees strategic director who has the delegated power to make the order.

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## 2122 50 Notice of an objection against the Public Space Protection Order for the lanes and byways around Ramsden Road

Members considered a letter from Patricia Stubbs, the chair of Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, who has forwarded the Green Lane Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM)'s objection to Kirklees Council's proposal for a Public Space Protection Order on the lanes and byways around Ramsden Road. The Chair also commented on a communication from Andy Leader of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society raising similar concerns about the proposed PSPO.

Standing orders were suspended at this point to allow a member of the public to comment.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that the Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Planning about whether all public comments on this proposal were accessible by members of the public or by the Parish Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

Members were concerned that the process had taken such a long time to reach this point. The Parish Council resolved to continue to support the proposed use of the PSPO for the designated lanes and byways around Ramsden Road until after the order is in place and is operational. The Parish Council would review the effectiveness of the measure 4 months after the imposition of the order, to see whether the same order might be workable at other sites in the Holme Valley to avoid the problem simply being moved around the Valley, and to assess whether it is having any material impact on the reduction of trials bike usage.

## 2122 51 Issues with Shop Frontages

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that there has been some positive development at Angel Barbers on Huddersfield Road. The coloured, striped, plastic strips have been removed from the stonework of the shop frontage. There had been no change at Razor Barbers.

The meeting closed at 8.45PM

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Chairman