

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: RP Dixon, T Dixon, D Gould, A Wilson,

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and five members of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public is a Parish Councillor, Cllr Sheard, who had requested to join the Committee.

One member of the public was present to express concerns about an ongoing planning application with regard to a neighbouring property to her own. The Parish Council had previously commented on this property, "Support subject to no overlooking." The respondent reported that there would definitely be overlooking of her home and garden from the neighbouring property if the development went ahead and had invited the Committee Chair who is also a ward Councillor to assess the site. She asked the Parish Council to communicate such to Kirklees Planning. The Committee Chair advised that there was an agenda item with regard to this property. Standing orders were suspended to allow Members to ask questions.

Three members of the public were present to talk about the Campaign for a Safer Magdale. Magdale is a conservation area. The first person talked about the traffic management developments over recent years, namely the creation of Magdale as a "quiet lane" with a 20mph speed limit and a 3T weight restriction. The correspondent said, however, that Magdale was, in fact, no longer quiet, that users were regularly exceeding speed limits down the road, and the lane was used by large trucks. The lane was liable to subsidence. Another member of the public reported that Magdale was a "rat-run" allowing people to take a shortcut from Netherton/Meltham to Woodhead Road. There were concerns that, with a major housing development pending in Netherton, Magdale would be used even more as a shortcut/rat-run. A third member of the public wanted to emphasise the road safety dangers to schoolchildren using the lane, which has no pavements, to walk to school. The members of the public wanted support to pressure Kirklees Highways to consider possible traffic calming measures, - including speed bumps, pinch-points, speed cameras, speed indicator devices, one-way systems, road closures &c – as well as better signage.

2122 99 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 video format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel. No other people present wanted to record the meeting.

2122 100 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr Colling and Cllr Hogley had tendered apologies with reasons.

RESOLVED: The reasons for apologies were approved by the Committee.

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2122 101 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Councillor RP Dixon disclosed an interest in Planning Application 2122-06-07 under Item 2122 107.

2122 102 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

2122 103 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.

2122 104 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 August 2021, numbered 2122 81 – 2122 98 inclusive were confirmed.

RESOLVED: At this point, the Committee voted to move agenda Item 2122 114 up the order to this point.

2122 114 Planning Application 2021/62/92964/W 49, Ryefields, Scholes

This pertained to one of the subjects raised in the Open Session. A resident had been in contact with the Parish Council regarding this application. The Committee reviewed the ongoing progress of this application.

NOTED: The Committee noted the progress of this application. The application is through the period of public consultation. The Parish Council's comment during the consultation was "Support subject to no overlooking".

The Committee Chair who is also a Scholes ward Councillor, had in the meantime visited the site of the proposed development and reported that the extension would definitely lead to intrusive overlooking of neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would maintain its initial response, - "Support subject to overlooking." However, the Parish Council would underline its comment to Kirklees that, under current plans, it would appear that overlooking was unavoidable at the site so the Parish Council would not support current arrangements.

RESOLVED: It was further resolved that the Parish Council would recommend to the relevant Kirklees Planning Officer that they should attend the site to gain a full understanding of the issue of overlooking.

A Councillor advised that Members could individually comment to Kirklees Planning Officers on their observations.

RESOLVED: At this point, the Committee voted to move agenda Item 2122 113 up the order to here.

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2122 113 Campaign for a Safer Magdale

A Honley resident had contacted the Parish Council on behalf of the campaign group regarding issues surrounding the increased volume of traffic using Magdale, together with unlawful usage of the roads by oversized vehicles, and attendant dangers to pedestrians including schoolchildren. The Committee considered any further actions at this stage. Cllr Sheard at this point declared that she was a ward Councillor for the Magdale area. She asked to join the planning Standing Committee.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to recommend Cllr Sheard's appointment as a member to the Planning Standing Committee to Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Sheard as a ward Councillor for Honley Central and East would meet with members of the Campaign group in Magdale to gain better understanding of the issues. The ward Councillor would then report to the Committee Chair, and from there the Chair and the Deputy Clerk would draft a letter to Kirklees Highways supporting the Campaign, identifying the issues involved and directing Highways to consider a list of potential traffic calming measures as discussed, - including speed bumps, pinch-points, speed cameras, speed indicator devices, one-way systems, road closures and better signage. The possibility of meeting with Kirklees Highways to discuss the issues and potential solutions would be proposed.

2122 105 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2122-05 updated with the views of the Committee.

2122 106 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 17 August 2021 to 21 September 2021 inclusive – List 2122-06 enclosed.

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

2122 107 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 17 August 2021 to 21 September 2021 inclusive.

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2122 108 Neighbourhood Planning

- The Chair reported on the pending referendum on the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan. She said that the referendum is run by Kirklees Electoral Services and operates like a local election, - people vote in person or by postal vote, - and is a legal process outside of the scope of the Parish Council.

NOTED: The Committee noted the report on these arrangements.

- **NOTED:** The Committee noted that Kirklees Cabinet had approved the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan on 31st August 2021 confirming that it would proceed to public referendum on Thursday 4th November 2021. If then, more than 50% of those who vote, vote in favour of the NDP, it will be formally made by Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority and thereafter inform planning decisions in the Holme Valley.
- **NOTED:** Members noted that Holme Valley Parish Council had been successful in securing a grant of £2100 from Locality to pay for any necessary publicity associated with the referendum due to be held on Thursday 4th November 2021.

The Committee considered expenditure on publicity regarding the referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

- **RESOLVED:** Members resolved that outlay up to this limit of £2100 be approved to cover the costs of design of a flyer which will be delivered by Royal Mail to all households in the Holme Valley before the referendum.
- **NOTED:** Members noted that the designer of the previous publications for the NDP would be used to allow utilisation of the same graphics. The text of the flyer has been designed to be informative and is not a campaigning leaflet. Kirklees Electoral Services had seen a draft of the leaflet text and have confirmed that they are content.
- **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had updated the Holme Valley Parish Council website to provide the necessary Neighbourhood Development Plan information in advance of the referendum.
- **NOTED:** Members noted that Holme Valley Parish Council had also been successful in securing additional technical support through AECOM to update the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to reflect the final referendum plan. This had been requested by Kirklees Council and has been agreed through Locality. There is no cost associated with this additional support for HVPC and the review will be completed in advance of the referendum.
- The Chair reported that Councillors would, moving forward, need more in-depth training on the Neighbourhood Development Plan because it would need to be used by the Committee when looking at Planning Applications.

2122 109 Peak District National Park Authority

NOTED: Members noted the Parish Council's response to the Peak District National Park Authority consultation on the Conversion of Historic Buildings.

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2122 110 Further pre-planning consultations for a 15m tall 5G mast on New Mill Road

NOTED: The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's feedback on behalf of the Parish Council as requested by the developer regarding the pre-consultation on the proposed installation of a 15m 5G mast.

2122 111 Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme

NOTED: Members noted that, after the comments from members of the public at the last meeting of the Planning Committee about issues of vehicular anti-social behaviour and road safety on Woodhead Road (A6024) between Hinchliffe Mill and Holme village, the Committee Chair had met with residents to gain a fuller picture of concerns. The Chair had written a report on what she had learned, and the Deputy Clerk had written this up as a letter to Kirklees Highways. The letter and the brief response from the Head of Highways were noted.

2122 112 Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: With regard to the planned meeting about the Hade Edge road-intersection with Liz Twitchett, the Kirklees Operational Manager for Road Safety, delayed because of bereavement, the Deputy Clerk had advised Highways that the Planning Committee would be happy for said meeting to be conducted via Zoom. This was noted by the Committee. The Deputy Clerk later inquired whether there had been any developments with regard to timetabling the meeting but had had no response at the time of this meeting. This was noted by the Committee.

Committee Members expressed disappointment regarding the length of time this process was taking.

2122 115 Planning Appeal

Members considered a response on behalf of the Parish Council to an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate with regard to Elysium Barn, Copthurst Road, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth, HD9 2TS.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved not to engage in the process of the appeal and would make no further comment.

2122 116 Planning Committee Budget 2022-23

Members considered the Committee's budget for the year ahead. Over recent years, the budget has consisted only of money for funding various stages of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As the Neighbourhood Plan is reaching its end, it is unclear what future outlay on the plan may be needed.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to approve a budget of £2000 for projects related to the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Whether this £2000 subsequently came under the remit of the Planning Committee or of full Council would be a matter for Council.

The meeting closed at 8.54PM

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Chairman