

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: RP Dixon, T Dixon, R Hogley, S Sheard, A Wilson

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 was in attendance to present evidence to oppose a planning application in Scholes that the Parish Council had already submitted a comment on. The member of the public wished the Parish Council to revise its position and to submit a new comment.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved for the Committee Chair to communicate with Members after the meeting to assess if a revised comment was needed.

### **2122 135 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 136 To approve apologies for absence**

Cllr Colling and Cllr Gould had tendered apologies.

**RESOLVED:** The apologies were approved by the Committee.

### **2122 137 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

No interests were disclosed. Cllr RP Dixon did say he had invited the member of the public to attend the meeting to express his case.

### **2122 138 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

### **2122 139 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 140 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1 November 2021, numbered 2122 117 – 2122 134 inclusive were approved.

## 2122 141 Completed Planning Applications Lists

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2122-07 updated with the views of the Committee.

## 2122 142 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 26 October 2021 to 23 November 2021 inclusive – List 2122-08 enclosed.

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

## 2122 143 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers’ Decisions

**NOTED:** The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 26 October 2021 to 23 November 2021 inclusive.

## 2122 144 Neighbourhood Planning

- Cllr Hogley had earlier given a summary presentation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and its implication for planning processes and decision-making. The Chair thanked her for this.
- **NOTED:** Members noted that the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan had been passed convincingly following referendum on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. From an electorate of 21,838, 4197 votes were cast. The breakdown was:

▪ Yes:	3548 votes	84.53%
▪ No:	639 votes	15.22%
- **NOTED:** Members noted that this was a very encouraging result.
- **NOTED:** The Committee wanted its disappointment noted that there was some misunderstanding and misreporting regarding the content of the plan.
- **NOTED:** The Committee noted the report from Cllr Hogley that the final stage for the Neighbourhood Development Plan was that it had to be “made,” - that is, finally adopted by the primary authorities involved. This was taking place for Kirklees at a cabinet-meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December and by the Peak District at a meeting of the Planning Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that Councillors would be encouraged at the next meeting of full Council to read and familiarise themselves with the final, “made” version Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan. This would be an agenda item.
- **RESOLVED:** Members wanted the thanks of the Parish Council to be formally conveyed to the community members of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan

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Steering Group who had committed so much to the development and final success of the Neighbourhood Plan. Thanks to all of them.

- **RESOLVED:** Additionally, Members wanted the thanks of the Parish Council to be formally conveyed to Kirkwells, our consultancy partner in the Neighbourhood Plan steering process. Thanks to them too.
- **RESOLVED:** Members further wanted to convey thanks formally to the Chair of the Steering Group who has committed several years to ensuring the Neighbourhood Plan was developed successfully and finally passed. Thanks, finally, to Cllr Hogley.
- **NOTED:** It was noted that the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had been effectively wound up by the passing of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee and the Parish Council were encouraged to give thought to how to use the steering group members positively in future campaigns. There was an awareness that implementation of the plan would need wider, community support and engagement that might involve these individuals.
- **RESOLVED:** It was resolved that there should be a regular item on the Planning Committee agenda to review different policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 2122 145 Peak District National Park Authority

- Members considered new or amended applications received from the Peak District National Park Authority in the period 26 October 2021 to 23 November 2021 inclusive – List 2122-02PD.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.

### 2122 146 Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme

- **NOTED:** Members noted the email from the Deputy Clerk to Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer Highway Safety, requesting an update on investigations regarding this roadway, and the fact that there had been no further update.
- Members considered any follow-up action.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk would follow up any email that had received no response after 10 working days has passed.

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## 2122 147 Hade Edge Road Intersection

- **NOTED:** Members noted the letters from the Deputy Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to the three Kirklees Holme Valley South Councillors asking for support with the proposed “soft” option Hade Edge highways plan drawn up between the Planning Committee and Kirklees Highways.
- They further noted the Deputy Clerk’s apology for the delay.
- The Deputy Clerk reported that he had had telephone responses from two of the Kirklees Councillors concerned. One had offered tentative verbal support for the proposals but did not appear engaged in the process of communicating that support at this stage by letter to Kirklees Highways. The second Kirklees Councillor who responded was vehemently against a “soft,” staged plan for Hade Edge. He felt that the “soft” first stage would mean that the full development plan for the Boshaw Trout junction would be less likely to happen. He wanted to ensure that the full plan was carried out. He also queried broadening the scheme of reference out to other junctions and roadways in Hade Edge. He said the Section 106 money was just for the Boshaw Trout junction, though Highways had said differently.
- Members considered any follow up action.
- **RESOLVED:**
  - Firstly, the Deputy Clerk would chase the third Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillor for his comment on the proposed developments at Hade Edge.
  - Secondly, given the lack of support from the other Kirklees Councillors, the Committee Chair would re-engage with residents to gauge their level of support for the proposed plans as they stand.

## 2122 148 Campaign for a Safer Magdale

- **NOTED:** Members noted the email from the Deputy Clerk to Mark Scarr, Head of Highways, ensuring the Parish Council’s email and letter had been received, and the return email, and that no further communication has been received.
- Members considered any follow-up action.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk would follow up any email that had received no response after 10 working days has passed.

## 2122 149 Planning Application 2021/62/92964/W 49, Ryefields, Scholes

**NOTED:** Members noted the sequence of emails from representatives of the Parish Council regarding this planning application, namely:

- i. The Deputy Clerk’s further comment on behalf of the Parish Council regarding this application forwarded to Kirklees Planning.
- ii. The Deputy Clerk’s communication with the resident who raised an objection to this application.
- iii. The Committee Chair’s email to the applicant.

## 2122 150 Burnlee Road Closure

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Burnlee Road has been closed at its junction with Woodhead Road since January 2021 due to a land slippage from a neighbouring property. Residents and ward Councillors are angry that the road has taken so long to clear and is still not to be reopened even though some communications have suggested that it can be opened. Members considered how to take this forward to gain a positive outcome for residents.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that the ward councillor on the Planning Committee would draft a report detailing the history of the road closure and what was wanted to be achieved, and he would work with the Deputy Clerk and Committee Chair to send a letter via email to Mark Scarr, the Head Of Headways, copying in the three Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillors to encourage action on this increasingly longstanding problem and express dissatisfaction with the delays.

## 2122 151 Consultation on hot food takeaways

The Chair reported that Kirklees Council is consulting on its proposed planning guidance document on hot food takeaways. The purpose of the document is to provide guidance to businesses, applicants, agents and the local community on how the Council will assess applications for new hot food takeaways. The council is seeking views on the document which includes:

- The use of a Public Health Toolkit in the assessment of new applications.
- Prevention of the over concentration and clustering of hot food takeaways.
- Limiting opening hours of new takeaways within 400m of primary and secondary schools; and
- Limiting the impacts of takeaways in relation to environmental health, highways issues and general residential amenity.

The consultation period runs for a six-week period, until 5pm 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Members debated the Parish Council's involvement with the consultation process.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that neither the Planning Committee nor the Deputy Clerk would submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Instead, individual Councillors would be encouraged to participate in the consultation.

## 2122 152 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

**RESOLVED:** The passing of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is included in the next edition of the Holme Valley Review Council News.

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Chairman