

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIRTH TECH MONDAY 4 JULY 2022

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: Cllr P Colling, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R Hogley

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed all the Members and two members of the public to the meeting.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public was present to talk about agenda item 2223 43ii. Councillors voted at this point to move that item up the agenda order, - to after 2223 38, - and to then suspend standing orders so that the member of the public could speak at that point.

The second member of the public was present to talk about the conservation areas within the Holme Valley and suggested that often people did not know when they were living in conservation areas and did not know the implications of so residing. The member of the public asked for the Parish Council's support to publicise information on local conservation areas and the planning repercussions.

RESOLVED: The Committee decided to add this as an agenda item to the next meeting of the Planning standing Committee.

2223 33 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. The meeting was recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel. No other requests to record the meeting were received.

2223 34 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr RP Dixon and Cllr Wilson had sent apologies.

RESOLVED: The reasons for Cllr RP Dixon's apology and Cllr Wilson's apology were approved by the Committee.

2223 35 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Hogley declared a personal interest in planning applications 2223/03/11 and 2223/03/20 under item 2223 23.

2223 36 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

2223 37 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items were requested to be discussed in private session, though Councillors considered hearing 2223 47 in private if the dialogue at the time indicated it was needed. As it transpired, it was not needed.

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2223 38 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 June 2022, numbered 2223 16 – 2223 32 inclusive, were approved.

At this point, item 2223 43ii was moved up the order.

2223 43 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

- ii. A member of the public reported on the situation of Lord's Mill in Honley, a grade-2 listed 18th century woollen mill. The member of the public reported on the very dilapidated and at-risk state of this historic local mill. She also reported on the risks to local walkers using the footpath through the mill grounds.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would write to Sebastian Pickles, Senior Conservation Officer at Kirklees Council, expressing concern about the state of dereliction of a listed, heritage asset, and also directly commenting on the need for action to mitigate against risk of injury and death to walkers using the footpath through the mill area. This would also be copied to do the Public Rights of Way team and environmental health.

Simultaneously, the letter would aim to initiate discussion with Kirklees on how the mill could be protected from further decay. Developing a positive working relationship with Sebastian Pickles was considered important. Councillors expressed that it was vital that lots of different local "voices" would get involved in campaigning about the protection of the mill, and that the Parish Council could get involved with co-ordinating this.

2223 39 To elect a Vice Chair of the Committee

RESOLVED: Members elected Cllr Tom Dixon as Vice Chair of the Planning Standing Committee 2022-23.

2223 40 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2223/02 updated with the views of the Committee.

2223 41 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 31 May 2022 to 28 June 2022 inclusive – List 2223/03.

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

2223 42 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 31 May 2022 to 28 June 2022 inclusive.

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2223 43 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted the response from the Conservation and Design team regarding the proposed listing of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs) and conservation area appraisals.
- iii. **NOTED:** Members noted the Chair's report that she was working to assess current progress against each of the 51 actions identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and would present her findings at a later date.
The Councillor for Hepworth commented that the Planning Committee was a small group taking on a lot of responsibilities under its remit.
- iv. **Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones**
Members considered developing an action plan on traffic calming including 20mph limits and/or zones following the meeting with Liz Twitchett, Operations Manager for Road Safety.
RESOLVED: It was resolved that this item would be deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting. In the meantime, the Committee Chair would petition Parish Councillors at the next meeting of full Council for them to suggest potential sites in their wards that would be suitable for 20mph limits/zones and/or traffic calming measures. She would also email Councillors about this item.
The Committee was keen to promote person-centric 20mph zones in the Holme Valley, - where pedestrians and cyclists were prioritised as users of the roads, rather than drivers, - perhaps involving environmental health agencies.

2223 44 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. Members considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 31 May 2022 to 28 June 2022 inclusive, List 2223-02PD.
RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.
- ii. **NOTED:** Members noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 31 May 2022 to 28 June 2022 inclusive.
- iii. **NOTED:** Members noted the Committee Chair report on a pending response by the Parish Council to the Peak District National Park Authority's consultation on their Local Plan. Cllrs Blacka and Wilson would consult with the Upper Holme Valley ward councillors to deliver a response.
NOTED: The Committee noted the further comments from the Peak Park Parishes Forum's management committee on the above consultation document, and a simplified version of the document in Microsoft Word.

2223 45 Planning Policy

Members considered the Parish Council's response to Kirklees Council's consultation on the draft validation requirements for planning applications. The consultation closes 3rd August 2022.
RESOLVED: The Chair would contact Committee Members individually to collate a response on behalf of the Parish Council to this consultation. The response would aim to cross-refer things we ask for in the Neighbourhood Development Plan with what Kirklees Planning asks for, - like, for example, a climate emergency mitigation statement.

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2223 46 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

i. Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme

NOTED: The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's report that he had received no response from Kirklees Highways to his email sent 1st June 2022 to Liz Twitchett cc'd to Mark Scarr for an update on the speed tests undertaken along this stretch of highway.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the Deputy Clerk should send a letter of complaint regarding Kirklees Highways' disregard of repeated requests for information on the speed tests.

ii. Campaign for a Safer Magdale

The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received no response from Kirklees Highways to his email sent 1st June 2022 to Liz Twitchett cc'd to Mark Scarr regarding proposals for the Magdale quiet lane. The Committee considered any further actions at this time.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

iii. Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: The Committee noted the Chair's report that she had written to the three Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillors and to Liz Twitchett regarding this matter, and the three Councillors were meeting with representatives of Kirklees Highways on Wednesday 6th July about it. Some Kirklees Councillors had contacted the Chair to express their support for the scheme. The Committee further noted the Chair's report of a road traffic accident on a nearby stretch of highway. The Chair would report on the outcome of the meeting.

iv. Burnlee Road Closure

NOTED: The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's email to Mark Scarr on the closure of this road since January 2021. No reply had been received at this time.

v. Ramsden Road

Cllr Blacka relayed Cllr Wilson's report that a Traffic Regulation Order was due to be enforced on Kiln Bank Lane for work to be undertaken by Yorkshire Water. Cllr Wilson was going to write to Kirklees to suggest that they use this opportunity to install the gates to stop illegal off-roading.

2223 47 Footpaths and PROWs

Holmfirth Bridleway 94 Windy Hill Quarry, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth

NOTED: The Deputy Clerk reported that, having received Cllr Wilson's report of a visit to the site, he would be writing a letter on behalf of the Parish Council about this matter to Kirklees Council before the end of the week.

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2223 48 Planning Application – Request to amend comment

The Parish Council had received a communication from a resident objecting to the Parish Council's comment on application 2022/62/91623 on the grounds that it conflicted with Supplementary Planning Documents. The Parish Council's previous comment was "Support." The Parish Council considered reviewing its comment.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to not amend its original comment on the basis that, as a matter of principle, it was a judgement made in good faith based on information available at the time through the planning portal.

2223 49 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

- i. **NOTED:** The Committee noted that, when the Deputy Clerk posted the list of pending planning applications to Facebook, he had given a cut-off time for comments of the Friday before the Planning meeting.
- ii. The Committee considered whether there were any pertinent recent events or news items that it wished to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

RESOLVED: The Committee did not identify any items at this time.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.