

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2022

Those present:

Chair: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: Cllr R Hogley, Cllr A Wilson

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

### Welcome

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

The two members of the public were present to make representation on a single planning application.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee voted to suspend standing orders under item 2223 106 to allow the members of the public to speak when the application was considered, and to move that application up the order of the planning list.

### Open Session at Planning

After the above resolution, no one chose to speak in the Open Session.

#### **2223 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. 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 100 To approve apologies for absence**

Cllrs Colling, RP Dixon, T Dixon and Green had sent apologies.

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

#### **2223 101 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

#### **2223 102 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

#### **2223 103 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

No items were requested to be discussed in private session.

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## **2223 104 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 31 October 2022, numbered 2223 82 – 2223 98 inclusive were confirmed.

## **2223 105 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2223/06 updated with the views of the Committee.

## **2223 106 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council**

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 25 October to 29 November 2022 inclusive – List 2223/07. At this point, the order of the applications was amended so that the members of the public in attendance could have that application heard first. The two members of the public left after that application was heard.

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

## **2223 107 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 25 October to 29 November 2022 inclusive.

## 2223 108 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

### i. Conservation Area Awareness

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had posted two additional conservation area maps to the Facebook Parish Council page, shared to their relevant community pages, - Oldfield to Honley Community and Hinchliffe Mill to Holmbridge Community.

As previously resolved, the Deputy Clerk will continue to share more maps of the local conservation areas over the coming weeks with restatements of the restrictions and duties placed on home and business owners due to the conservation area.

**NOTED:** With regard to improving public awareness on conservation areas, Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had emailed Sebastian Pickles 3 November 2022 and again 29 November 2022 about whether a new team leader had been appointed to the Conservation Team but had received no reply.

There was discussion around the fact that homebuyers were not always advised appropriately by estate agents and solicitors about implications of residing within a conservation area. Members debated how local estate agents and solicitors might be supported to be better informed and to better prepare prospective homeowners on conservation areas. This might be a more detailed consideration if more work was done with Kirklees on developing, for example, a step-by-step guide for home- and business-owners in a conservation area.

Members considered whether to implement any further action to promote public awareness of local conservation areas.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would try to make contact with the Conservation Officer Team Leader at the Kirklees Planning and Development Service.

### ii. Lord's Mill

**NOTED:** As above, no progress had been made by the Officer with regard to resolving the dereliction of Lord's Mill due to a lack of response to communications from the Parish Council sent to Senior Conservation Officers at Kirklees Planning and Development on the mill.

The Kirklees Conservation Team had said previously they were delaying any report or action on Lord's Mill, Honley until the appointment of a Team Leader, but had not responded to questions as to whether a Team Leader was now in post.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would try to make contact with the Conservation Officer Team Leader at the Kirklees Planning and Development Service.

### iii. Parish Council Actions from the Neighbourhood Development Plan

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Chair will finalise the report on the progress by the Parish Council against the 51 actions of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan, taking account of discussions with this Committee, for presentation at the 12 December meeting of Council.

**NOTED:** Members further noted that the Parish Council will submit an article to the January edition of the TiTo Holme Valley highlighting the 1-year anniversary of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and sharing some of the progress that had been made. Cllr Hogley would draft the article.

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## iv. **Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the letter and accompanying map from Kirklees regarding the proposed traffic regulation order (TRO) for central Holmfirth as part of the Town Centre Access Plan. Members noted that the proposal is for Hollowgate, Victoria Street and for the section of Station Road until past the top bus station entrance to all be 20mph. Changes have also been proposed to parking arrangements and for the pedestrian crossings on Towngate and Victoria Street to be signal-controlled. This is a consultation that all people can comment on. Members noted that this has been shared to Facebook. Cllr Hogley shared her comment that she had passed on to Kirklees planners, that she felt the TRO would be more effective if the 20mph limits matched the Holmfirth town centre shopping area, - that is, that the section of Huddersfield Road with contiguous shops should be included within the 20mph section.

There was also discussion on the proposed installation of signal-controlled crossings.

Councillors were concerned about whether the three sets of lights would be operated synchronously, or whether the pedestrian crossings would be triggered by a user.

There was further discussion on the rearrangement of parking provision.

The Committee considered whether the Parish Council would comment on the plans as a corporate body or whether Councillors would only comment as individuals.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that the Committee would comment on behalf of the Parish Council highlighting the priority of improved pedestrian experience and of the need to extend the proposed 20mph limit to the central shopping district of Holmfirth including Huddersfield Road. The Committee Chair would draft a response for comment by Members.

At the last meeting, it was resolved that the Parish Council would make contact with Kirklees Holme Valley North and South ward Councillors to arrange a meeting to discuss traffic calming including asking why Kirklees is not focused on instituting 20mph zones in residential areas. The Committee considered when and how this meeting would be arranged.

**RESOLVED:** The Officer would invite Kirklees Councillors for Holme Valley South to attend a meeting with Members of the Planning Committee. The proposed dates for a meeting were Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 both at 7pm.

At the last meeting, it was resolved that the Parish Council would write to our MP to look for common ground on his campaign to cut speeds on our roads. Members considered how to action this resolution.

Cllr Wilson had joined the campaign.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Wilson would draft a letter to Jason McCartney MP supporting his anti-speeding campaign and asking for his support with the Parish Council's 20mph campaigning also noting our reaching out to Kirklees Councillors on this matter.

## **2223 109 Peak District National Park Authority**

- i. Members considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 25 October 2022 to 29 November 2022 inclusive – List 2223-05PD.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.

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- ii. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 25 October to 29 November 2022 inclusive.
- iii. The Committee considered a planning appeal for 1 Meal Hill, Holme. The Parish Council's original comment on this application was "No observation. Defer to Peak District National Park Authority Officers."  
**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would make no further comment on this application.

## 2223 110 Planning Policy

**NOTED:** Members noted the Parish Council's response to the consultation on the Kirklees Affordable Housing SPD.

**NOTED:** Members noted the updated and very detailed Kirklees Validation Requirements for the Submission of Planning Applications which the Parish Council had previously been consulted on.

## 2223 111 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

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

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had received no reply from Liz Twitchett to his email 1<sup>st</sup> September regarding the speed tests undertaken near Holme Bank, Woodhead Road, Holme and, as resolved by the Parish Council, had escalated the request to Mark Scarr cc'd to Holme Valley South Councillors. Mark Scarr had responded saying he had forwarded the request regarding the speed test results 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to the Road Safety Team. The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received no further communications from that team.

Cllr Hogley reported that she had discussed this with Cllr Crook from Kirklees Council who indicated that it may be appropriate for Kirklees Ward Councillors to look into this on behalf of the Parish Council if there is continued inaction.

Members considered recourse to any further actions at this time.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would refer this matter and the non-response of Highways to Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillors after an additional week has passed.

- ii. **Campaign for a Safer Magdale**

**NOTED:** Members noted that additional speed count cables had been installed at Sandbeds (off Magdale, - in addition to those already installed on Magdale and White Gate). Counts will be completed before Christmas.

- iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

**NOTED:** The Committee Chair said that she had no new report to make on this road scheme.

Members considered any further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action.

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## iv. Burnlee Road Closure

**NOTED:** Members noted that Burnlee Road remains closed with no developments at the site as we approach the 22-month anniversary of the roadblock.

Members shared detail of unofficial conversations they had had about the roadblock regarding enforced legal actions on the householder. The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been no new update from Kirklees.

Cllr Hogley reported that she had had a conversation with Kirklees Councillor, Moses Crook, about the closure. He informed her that there has been a legal action served on the householder which had timed out, and the local authority should be in a position to do the work to the required standard and to bill the insurer for the work.

The Deputy Clerk commented that the communication from Kirklees Officers on such developments is non-existent or, at best, poor.

The Committee considered any further actions at this time.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk would contact Ben Wright, the Kirklees Officer leading on this issue, asking for an official update on the situation.

## v. Ramsden Road

**NOTED:** Members heard that Will Acornley who is the Kirklees Director overseeing the implementation of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and the physical installation of barriers had responded to Cllr Wilson to his email regarding the situation with the byways around Ramsden, Yateholme and Riding Wood.

Cllr Wilson reported that there would be more delays of 3-4 months because Kirklees felt that the PSPO needed to be re-constituted and therefore would be subject, again, to prior public consultation.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Wilson would write to Will Acornley. He would consult with Cllr Crook.

## 2223 112 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

Cllr Wilson attended a meeting of the Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum at Dewsbury Town Hall as the representative of the Parish Council. The meeting was chaired by Graeme West, Service Director Highways and Street Scene.

Cllr Wilson reported on a user consultation on the use of public footpaths in Kirklees which it did not appear had wide engagement.

The next meeting would be 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Huddersfield. Cllr Wilson would not be able to attend.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would ask Cllr Green (or Cllr East if unavailable) if he would attend the Forum meeting in Cllr Wilson's absence.

## 2223 113 Holmfirth Town Centre Blueprint

**NOTED:** Members noted a positive meeting between Zoe Stewart, Programme Manager Local Centres, and the Parish Council's working group held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The project is now called the "Holmfirth Blueprint" rather than "Holmfirth Master Plan." Members noted that information regarding the drop-in consultation sessions about the programme was shared by the Deputy Clerk to social media.

Cllr Hogley commended the engagement by the Local Centres team with the public and complimented the information displays.

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## **2223 114 Consideration of a Recommendation from the Finance and Management Standing Committee**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the recommendation to earmark £3,000 from the 4505 Neighbourhood Plan budget line overseen by the Planning Committee for the Holmfirth Market project will be considered by full Council 12 December 2022.

## **2223 115 Committee Budget 2023-24**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Finance and Management Committee had resolved to recommend the Planning Committee's budget for 2023-24 as agreed by this Committee 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, - 4505 Neighbourhood Plan £3,000.

## **2223 116 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council**

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 Deputy Clerk would continue to work on raising awareness regarding the Holme Valley conservation areas via social media, - posting conservation area maps to relevant, village community groups.

Cllr Hogley would draft an article for TiTo for January on the 1-year anniversary of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and some of the progress that has been made over the year.

*The meeting closed at 8.46pm.*

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**Chair**