

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023

Those present:

Chair: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: Cllr P Colling, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr C Green, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr A Wilson

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

Welcome

Open Session at Planning

The Chair welcomed Members to the open session on planning. The Chair also welcomed one member of the public who joined the open session by Zoom to comment on a specific planning application.

2223 117 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 118 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr RP Dixon has a dispensation for absence currently in place.

RESOLVED: The reason for his absence was approved by the Committee.

2223 119 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Wilson disclosed a personal interest in application 2223/08/13 being considered under agenda item 124.

2223 120 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

2223 121 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items were requested to be discussed in private session.

2223 122 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5 December 2022, numbered 2223 99 – 2223 116 inclusive were confirmed.

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2223 123 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2223/07 updated with the views of the Committee.

2223 124 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 29 November 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive – List 2223/08. At this point, the order of the applications was amended so that the member of the public in attendance by Zoom could have that application heard first. The member of the public left the Zoom meeting 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 125 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 29 November 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive.

2223 126 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

i. Conservation Area Awareness

NOTED: It was noted that the Deputy Clerk had posted one additional conservation area map, - that of Holme Village to the Facebook Parish Council page, shared to Holmfirth Community. There did not seem to be a relevant Holme Village community page. There was some considered comment again about the lack of monitoring of development within conservation areas. Councillors queried whether the commenter had raised any concerns regarding specific developments. The Deputy Clerk would direct people to Kirklees Planning Enforcement.

The Deputy Clerk would 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.

The Deputy Clerk had been tasked with contacting the Conservation Officer Team Leader with a view to co-working on conservation area awareness. There had been communication from that team (see below), but there had been no communication on partnership-working regarding conservation areas.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would try to make contact with the new team leader to start a dialogue on partnership-working regarding information on conservation areas.

Members suggested that printed copies of relevant maps of conservation areas should be shared to local libraries.

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ii. Lord's Mill

NOTED: The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the Kirklees Conservation Officer team on the dilapidation of Grade 2 listed Lord's Mill, Honley. The Kirklees team did not advocate to do anything at this stage to inspect the damage to Lord's Mill nor to impose any enforcements. They advised that their approach at this stage will be to monitor and review the site, with the request that local people and the Parish Council should report any noticeable changes. The Parish Council was disappointed in this resolution.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Committee Chair would forward the communication from Kirklees to the member of the public who had drawn the Parish Council's attention to the state of the Mill for comment.

iii. Parish Council Actions from the Neighbourhood Development Plan

NOTED: Members noted that the Chair had finalised 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. This has been forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion on the Council agenda 6th February 2023. Cllrs Blacka and Hogley would both report to that meeting.

NOTED: Cllr Hogley had submitted a short, space-limited 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. She had also written a longer article for sharing to the Parish Council's website and to social media which the Deputy Clerk would share.

iv. Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones

- a. At the last meeting, it was resolved that the Parish Council would invite Kirklees Holme Valley South ward Councillors to a meeting to discuss traffic calming including asking why Kirklees is not focused on instituting 20mph zones in residential areas. Invitations were emailed out. The Deputy Clerk had reported that Cllr Crook and Cllr Firth would be able to attend a meeting at The Civic at 7pm Thursday 26th January 2023. Unfortunately, Cllr Davies was unavailable for both suggested dates, but he advised that Cllr Crook essentially shared his views on traffic calming in the Holme Valley.
RESOLVED: That Committee Members would meet with Councillors Crook and Firth on that date. The Deputy Clerk would circulate information to attendees.
- b. 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. A draft had been written by Cllr Wilson with additions by Cllr Blacka. Cllr Hogley suggested that the letter should also attest that the Parish Council has commented to Kirklees to review the extent of its proposed 20mph limits for Holmfirth town centre under the Holmfirth Blueprint, - that is, the Parish Council has proposed that the 20mph limits should be coterminous with the town centre boundary and thus should apply to Huddersfield Road as well as to Victoria Street, Towngate, Hollowgate and the bottom ends of Station Road and Dunford Road.
RESOLVED: A revised draft of the letter was approved to be sent to Jason McCartney MP by the Deputy Clerk.

Cllr Blacka had finalised a response from the Parish Council to Kirklees on the Traffic Regulation Orders for the Holmfirth Town Centre road-scheme.

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2223 127 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. The Planning Committee noted List 2223/05PD updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. Members considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 29 November 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive – List 2223-06PD.
RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee’s comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.

2223 128 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 Deputy Clerk reported that he had still not received a response from the Kirklees Road Safety Team for the data on the speed tests at Holme Bank, Woodhead Road, Holme. The Deputy Clerk would refer this matter and the non-response of Highways to Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillors.

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

NOTED: Members noted that stakeholders were awaiting the data on the speed tests that were done at various locations around Magdale before Christmas 2022.

- iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

NOTED: There were no reported developments about this road scheme.

- iv. **Burnlee Road Closure**

NOTED: Members noted that Burnlee Road remains closed with no developments at the site as we approach its two-year anniversary of the roadblock. The Deputy Clerk had emailed Ben Wright for an update on the situation, cc'dto Kirklees Councillors and Mark Scarr. The Deputy Clerk reported that Mark Scarr, Head of Highways at Kirklees Council, had rung him about the current state of affairs, and said that a meeting with stakeholders was taking place week commencing 9th January 2023.

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v. Ramsden Road

NOTED: Members noted further exchanges between Will Acornley who is the Kirklees Director overseeing the implementation of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and the physical installation of barriers and Cllr Wilson who continued to be tenacious regarding the situation with the byways around Ramsden, Yateholme and Riding Wood. Members thanked Cllr Wilson for his diligence.

Cllr Wilson reported that the gates were now being procured though there was some scepticism as to whether the timeframes were realistic given that the financial year is approaching its end. Kirklees were to undertake a second consultation on the appropriateness of a PSPO in this location.

Cllr Wilson pointed out that the problems of anti-social behaviour arising in the area were still persistent (flytipping, littering, vehicular environmental damage).

Cllr Wilson would continue to press Kirklees to address the longstanding issues with roadways around Ramsden, Yateholme and Riding Wood reservoirs

2223 129 South Lane Landslip

NOTED: Members noted the photos of the South Lane landslip and the reports from Kirklees Officers that the landowner is responsible for the upkeep of the retaining wall. The Deputy Clerk reported that a previous landowner had cut into the hill-slope to create a larger, usable flat area around his property, but that this had impacted on the stability of the retaining wall with the road above.

RESOLVED: Members voted that, as no member of the public had approached the Parish Council about the issue, no further action would be taken at this time.

2223 130 Yellow Lines outside Netherthong Church

A Holmfirth resident had contacted the Parish Council about the yellow, no-parking lines outside Netherthong Church. The resident reports that, after roadworks, these have not been painted to the full, original extent and that drivers are legally parking where previously they could not. This had in turn sometimes impeded the progress of the 308 bus. The issue had been reported to Kirklees but without resolution.

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the issue would be reported to Kirklees Highways and to Holme Valley South Councillors.

2223 131 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

Cllr Wilson is the Parish Council's nominated representative to the Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum. He is unable to attend the next meeting of the group Monday 13 March 2023 at Huddersfield Town Hall in the Council Chambers from 7pm to 9pm.

Members considered nominating a person to attend in place of Cllr Wilson.

RESOLVED: Cllr Green would attend the Forum meeting in Cllr Wilson's absence.

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2223 132 Pending Planning Application by the Parish Council

NOTED: Members noted that Cllr Hogley is to submit a planning application to Kirklees on behalf of the Parish Council for the Holme Moss topograph project. The cost of the application is £232. This expenditure had been approved and payment will be resolved after a subsequent Finance and Management Standing Committee meeting. The Committee thanked Cllr Hogley for her work on this project.

2223 133 Remaining Committee Budget 2022-23

The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. Its purpose is to support initiatives arising from the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan. At the start of the year, the budget contained £10,000. £3,000 is to be earmarked for the Holmfirth Market project. That left £7,000 that can be spent before end March 31st, 2023. The Committee considered how this remaining budget might be used.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to recommend to Council to earmark £7,000 for its 20mph highways projects and campaign.

The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Highways for its price list for street signage and mobile vehicle activated signs.

2223 134 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. As above, posts on the 1-year anniversary of the NDP would also be shared.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

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Chair