

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 6 MARCH 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

The Chair welcomed Members and nine members of the public to the meeting.

### Open Session at Planning

Four members of the public wished to speak. The first person asked for the Parish Council's support with regard to damage to Cartworth Moor Road by vehicular traffic to the quarry. He also asked for support to encourage Kirklees Council to develop a policy on the usage and maintenance of unmade roads (like Cartworth Moor Road, Ramsden Road, Scaly Gate, Cheesegate Nab). A second member of the public spoke against a pending planning application for a development of 16 houses on a greenfield site west of Bankfield Drive, Holmbridge. The respondent wanted the support of the Parish Council to oppose this application when it is actually submitted on the basis of highways issues (increased traffic, danger to pedestrians/school children). They also asked for the Parish Council to petition the local MP. A third member of the public wished to oppose the application for a 17m 5G mast at Hinchliffe Mill, - being considered in the planning applications at this meeting. A fourth member of the public wished to speak against a specific residential planning application.

At this point, Members considered whether it would be appropriate to move agenda items, upon which members of the public had spoken tonight, to the top of the agenda order.

**RESOLVED:** The agenda items pertaining to the above items would be moved up the order.

### 2223 155 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if any members of the public wished to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. None wanted to record the meeting. The meeting was already being recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel.

### 2223 156 To accept apologies for absence

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

**RESOLVED:** The reason for Cllr Dixon's absence was approved by the Committee.

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## **2223 157 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

The Officer declared a personal interest in application 2223/10/16 under item 2223 161 and, separately, item 2223 169. All Councillors declared a personal interest in the Peak District National Park Authority planning application 2223/07PD/02 which is the Parish Council's own application.

## **2223 158 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

## **2223 159 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**RESOLVED:** It was determined that no item would be heard in private session.

## **2223 160 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023, numbered 2223 135 – 2223 154 inclusive were approved.

*At this point, agenda items were resolved to be brought forward. The first item to be brought forward was 2223 168 though it was suggested that there was a lot of crossover between this and other agenda items where there was both 1) a specific local issue and 2) where perhaps an overarching policy from Kirklees covering unmade roads and lanes might be beneficial. This applied to 2223 166v, 2223 167 and 2223 168.*

## **2223 168 Cheesegate Nab**

Cllr Wilson reported on the situation with Cheesegate Nab and Scaly Gate. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) had been enforced 18 months previously on Cheesegate Nab and 10 months previously at Scaly Gate to carry out repairs. Large concrete blocks stopped vehicular access. Cllr Wilson reported that evidently repairs had not been undertaken and that, as the Cheesegate Nab TTRO's time limit had been reached, a member of the public had requested for the TTRO to be lifted and the blocks had been removed from both Cheesegate Nab and Scaly Gate. This had taken place. A member of the public reported that trials bikes were back though they had not, at the time, yet experienced the return of 4x4s but that this was definitely anticipated.

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Cllr Wilson thought that the issue should be addressed as an overarching approach pertaining to all the unmade roads being discussed, whilst Cllr Hogley felt that issues at specific locations needed to be resolved individually as well as potentially reviewing a broader policy-led approach. Cllr Wilson agreed with addressing the issues individually but suggested that a fundamental problem lay in the lack of a strategic direction from Kirklees on the issues of unmade roads. There was no established process to manage the procedure of enforcing temporary and permanent orders on a lane affected by vehicular anti-social behaviour. The approach currently was unmethodical. Scaly Gate and Cheese Gate Nab had had Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, the Ramsden Road lanes were expected to have a Public Space Protection Order, and other lanes similarly affected by anti-social behaviour had no orders at all in place. This, it was felt, was disjointed. Two members of the public pointed out that the TTRO for Scaly Gate had been revoked even though it still had 8 months to run. One member of the public suggested that a permanent solution needed to be found, - either a Public Space Protection Order or a non-temporary Traffic Regulation Order. At this point, a member of the public described her experience of anti-social behaviour living beside one of these lanes and the strain that it had placed on her.

**RESOLVED:** That location-based issues would be addressed 1) individually and 2) collectively.

**RESOLVED:** To try to arrange a meeting between Kirklees Holme Valley South Councillors, Kirklees Officers and the Parish Council. The Parish Council would aim to share communications, feelings and concerns from the Holme Valley public on the situation. Kirklees Officers would be encouraged to explain the Council's rationale regarding unpaved lanes and byways.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Kirklees the develop of a strategy for Kirklees on lanes affected by anti-social vehicular behaviour outlining a standard process for enforcing a TTRO and then moving towards permanent solutions like a PSPO.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would write to Kirklees to comment that the removal of the concrete blocks, principally because of procedural factors, had opened up the lanes to the return of anti-social behaviour by 4x4s and other road users, and to ask Kirklees to address this either through reinstating the concrete blocks or to advise on what was being done to remedy the issue.

**NOTED:** The Facebook post from a resident regarding Kirklees' removal of the concrete blocks installed to block illegal access by 4x4s, motorcycles and quadbikes was noted.

### 2223 167 Cartworth Moor Road

Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpath Society had shared photos on the current state of Cartworth Moor Road exacerbated by heavy vehicle usage and asked for the support of the Parish Council on this issue. Cllr Hogley suggested that the Parish Council could recognise the issues in a pending discussion with Kirklees Officers and Councillors, but that in addition the Parish Council should write to Kirklees to express concern pertaining to the state of the road caused by the traffic and the unauthorised "resurfacing" of the lane. Kirklees should recognise that the lane and its surface should be fit for purpose for its users, - namely, recreational users like walkers, cyclists and riders, - and not just for the quarry business.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would write to Kirklees as above.

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*At this point, two specific planning applications were reviewed under 2223 162.*

## **2223 162 Kirklees Council - New Planning Applications – applications taken out of order**

Planning Application 2223/10/16 was moved up the agenda order.

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

At this point, the members of the public chose to leave the meeting.

## **2223 161 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List**

**NOTED:** List 2223-09 updated with the views of the Committee was noted.

## **2223 162 Kirklees Council - New Planning Applications - remaining applications**

Members considered the remaining new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 24 January 2022 to 28 February 2023 inclusive – List 2223-10.

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

## **2223 163 Kirklees Council - Planning Officers’ Decisions**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 24 January 2022 to 28 February 2023 inclusive.

## **2223 164 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes**

### **i. Conservation Area Awareness**

The Deputy Clerk reported.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk has emailed Helen Bower, Kirklees Conservation Team Manager, regarding the possibility of her attending a meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee to give a presentation and ask questions on planning heritage issues and conservation areas. She had not replied. The Deputy Clerk would contact her again. Councillors felt it was important to have a face-to-face meeting.

### **ii. Lord’s Mill**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that Cllr Blacka had written to Honley South Councillors, - Cllr Greaves and Cllr East, - asking them to keep an eye on the state of dilapidation of Lord’s Mill. Each reported that there had been little change in the decay of the mill over many years. Cllr East said he would monitor the site. Cllr Greaves said the building needed developing.

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

Following the meeting between the Parish Council and Holme Valley South Councillors Crook and Firth, Cllr Crook had forwarded some information on the pricing and process of establishing mobile speed indicator devices (SIDs). Given the creation of an earmarked reserve for Road Safety, this could be pertinent information. The Committee considered any further action relevant to potential procurement of a mobile SID from the Road Safety earmarked reserve. Cllr Blacka suggested that we need to make sure that any resolutions work for both the South Holme Valley ward and the North Holme Valley ward.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to recommend to Council expenditure to purchase one SID and to identify locations for installation. Woodhead Road from Hinchliffe Mill to Holme was considered an obvious camera-free stretch of road that might be an appropriate location. Purchase of the SID, which would ultimately be managed by Kirklees, would be conditional on the Parish Council having some say on the locations of the device. Through an email exchange, Cllr Charles Greaves, Holme Valley North Councillor, was keen to ensure that the recently created Road Safety earmarked reserve would apply both in Holme Valley South and Holme Valley North. Cllr Blacka informed him that the earmarked reserve was for the whole Holme Valley area. Cllr Greaves suggested that asking for speed tests at proposed sites would be an appropriate way to start.

Cllr Greaves had also asked the Committee to consider two proposals having financial implications from the Road Safety earmarked reserve. These were:

A) recommending to Council expenditure on 10 Kiddie Cut Out Road Safety Parking Buddies Pavement Signs with Lollipop Messages cones (£1,850) for use across the Holme Valley.

B) recommending to Council to, in principle, commit £2,000 to extending the Brockholes 20mph zone across to Oakes Lane.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee felt that more information was needed on these proposals, namely, regarding A) who would be responsible for the ongoing and regular management of the pavement signs (have schools bought into this?, who would put the signs out, storage etc) and regarding B) more context on the extension and on how the £2,000 would be spent and when. The Committee resolved to invite Cllr Greaves to a meeting of the Committee.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Parish Council had emailed Jason McCartney MP inviting him to attend a meeting at the Parish Council. Jason McCartney had said he would like to attend a meeting 'to support the work you do.' The Deputy Clerk would follow up on this in due course.

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the launch of the 2023 West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership Strategy.

## **2223 165 Peak District National Park Authority**

- i. Members considered new or amended applications received from the Peak District National Park Authority 24 January 2022 to 28 February 2023 inclusive – List 2223-07PD.

**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 further information regarding Membership of the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). Parish Councillors who are elected in the coming May election may opt to put themselves forward for ballot for selection as a Member of the PDNPA for the area designated “High Peak & Metropolitan”, covering all the Peak Park parishes in High Peak, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire. The new information lays out requirements and timescales etc for the process.

## 2223 166 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

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

**NOTED:** It was noted that Cllr Greaves had informally shared data from the speed tests recently undertaken at Magdale. The Deputy Clerk would thank Councillor Greaves for sharing the data. If Cllr Greaves subsequently attends a meeting to discuss other matters, then the Magdale situation might be discussed too.

- iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk’s letter to Kirklees Highway Safety on the public consultation on the Hade Edge road scheme.

- iv. **Burnlee Road Closure**

**NOTED:** Nothing new to note.

- v. **Ramsden Road**

**NOTED:** Members noted an email from Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpath Society to Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services, Kirklees Council who is overseeing the management of byways around Ramsden, Riding Wood, Brownhill and Yateholme reservoirs.

**NOTED:** The Committee also noted an exchange of emails between Cllr Wilson and Will Acornley regarding the same. Cllr Wilson reported that Kirklees Council have now installed gates on these byways, - though they are not yet locked shut, - but they have done this without doing the consultation they said they were going to do with local people, and the gate prevents one owner from reaching their property.

**RESOLVED:** Again, as already resolved, the Committee would like a meeting with key stakeholders on the strategy and rationale behind the way Kirklees Council is working on these cross-authority issues.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council would write to Kirklees referencing the positive news of the installation of the gates, commending the team for the progress made, and asking Kirklees to outline the process timetable whereby the gates should become a permanent deterrent to anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Green advised that local people affected by anti-social off-roading should report their issues to the police so there is at least an ongoing record of the problem.

## 2223 169 Hinchliffe Mill Access Concerns

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the letter from the Deputy Clerk to Mark Scarr, Kirklees Head of Highways, regarding the road safety and access issues around Hinchliffe Mill centre.

## 2223 170 Planning Policy and Guidance

**NOTED:** Members noted the National Planning Policy Framework - Neighbourhood Planning consultation summary document.

## 2223 171 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

Nothing to note.

## 2223 172 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.

**NOTED:** Members noted that at the start of the year, the budget contained £10,000. Since then, it has been resolved that £3,000 is to be earmarked for the Holmfirth Market project and £7,000 is to be earmarked for Road Safety.

## 2223 173 Communication from a Netherthong resident

A resident has concerns over recent planning developments by the Londis shop in Netherthong and has asked the Parish Council for support.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors suggested some actions for the residents to undertake to try and resolve this. The Deputy Clerk would forward the advice.

## 2223 174 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

Members considered recent events or news that this Committee wishes to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

**RESOLVED:** No news item was identified to be publicised.

Cllr Wilson asked about the pavement-side display screen in Holmfirth Library. The Deputy Clerk would ask them about its usage.

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**Chair**