

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 17 APRIL 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)

Also present: Mrs Gemma Sharp (Assistant Clerk)

Welcome

Before the formal start to the meeting, noting that this was the final meeting of the Planning Committee of the current Parish Council, the Committee Chair thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and commitment, the officer, and Cllr Hogley, who was stepping down from the Council, for her inspiration in seeing through the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Hogley was wished a “happy retirement” from life as a Councillor.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public was present to speak about a specific planning application under Item 2324 08.

RESOLVED: At this point, Members voted to suspend standing orders so that the member of the public could speak on that application when it arose under the new Kirklees applications list 2324 08.

RESOLVED: Members further resolved to amend the order of the applications list so that the application the member of the public was in attendance for could be put to the top of the list order.

2324 01 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 Chair 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.

2324 02 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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2324 03 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

RESOLVED: Cllr T Dixon declared a personal interest in Kirklees planning application 2324/01/03. The Chair declared a personal interest in Kirklees planning application 2324/01/15.

2324 04 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

2324 05 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.

2324 06 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 March 2023, numbered 2223 155 – 2223 174 inclusive were approved.

2324 07 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List

NOTED: The Committee noted list 2223-10 updated with the views of the Committee.

2324 08 Kirklees Council - New Planning Applications

To consider, new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 28 February 2023 to 11 April 2023 inclusive – List 2324-01 enclosed.

At this point, as resolved above, the order of the planning applications was changed to move the application to the top of the order which the member of the public was present to speak on.

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

At this point, the Officer apologised to the Committee because it was clear that not all the applications received since the last meeting had been included in the list sent out to be reviewed by Members. The Officer said he would contact Kirklees to ask for a delay, if possible, in their submitting their reports for the applications that have been missed.

2324 09 Kirklees Council - Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 28 February 2022 to 11 April 2023 inclusive.

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2324 10 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

i. Conservation Area Awareness

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had, again, 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 was currently on leave.

ii. Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones

At the last meeting of the Committee, Members resolved to recommend to Council the purchase of a mobile SID. This was considered at Council 27th March 2023. The Council resolved to spend up to £5,000 on the purchase and attendant costs of a purchase. Members considered any further action on this purchase.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the purchase of the device and any deliberations on locations for its installation should be left to the newly elected Council after May. However, Members thought it was important that the previous report written by Cllrs Blacka and Wilson on potential locations for a mobile SID should be shared with the newly constituted Planning Committee after 15 May 2023. It was further resolved that the Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Highways to establish which lampposts within the Holme Valley were already set up with an electric connection to enable the installation of an SID (without the need for additional works).

At the last meeting, it was resolved to ask Cllr Charles Greaves, Holme Valley North Councillor, for him to report on his proposals for

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.

NOTED: Cllr Greaves was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He will attend the meeting in May to discuss his proposals.

2324 11 Peak District National Park Authority

i. **NOTED:** Members noted List 2223-10PD updated with the views of the Committee.

ii. Members considered new or amended applications received from the Peak District National Park Authority 28 February 2023 to 11 April 2023 inclusive – List 2324-01PD enclosed.

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

iii. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 03 January 2023 to 11 April 2023 inclusive.

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- iv. **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Peak Park Parishes Forum had extracted elements from the new Peak Park Management Plan 2023-28 which it thinks is of relevance to the parishes. The full Peak Park Management Plan 2023-28 was also noted.

2223 12 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

i. Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: The Committee noted the letter from Kirklees Highways on the pending public consultation on the Hade Edge road scheme. The Chair said she would attend one of the consultation sessions.

Members considered any further action on the consultation.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

ii. Burnlee Road Closure

There were still no significant developments at Burnlee Road. Given the length of time that had elapsed since the Parish Council was encouraged not to pursue Kirklees on this matter, the Committee considered any further action on this issue.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

iii. Ramsden Road

NOTED: The Committee noted the email from the Parish Council to Will Acornley, commending the installation of the barrier-gates on the lanes adjoining Ramsden Road and asking for information on the plans for the gates to be activated and enforced. The Parish Council had not received a response to this email.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

iv. Cartworth Moor Road

Following representation from Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpath Society at the last meeting, the Committee had voted to write to Kirklees about the state of this road and that its recreational users should be considered a priority.

NOTED: Members noted the Parish Council's letter to Graham West (sent with the photos from Andy Leader shared previously).

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

v. Cheesegate Nab

Following representation from residents affected by the opening of Cheesegate Nab and Scaly Gate to off-roaders, quadbikes and trials bikes, the Parish Council had resolved to write to Kirklees.

NOTED: Members noted the Parish Council's letter to Graham West.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

2324 13 Unmade Roads, Green Lanes and Byways of the Holme Valley

At the last meeting of the Planning Committee, as listed above, the Parish Council received representation about three unmade roads, - Ramsden Road, Cheesegate Nab/Scaly Gate and Cartworth Moor Road. Previously, the Parish Council has had representation about Round Close Road in Hade Edge. All representations concerned damage and anti-social behaviour affecting unmade roads in the Holme Valley and impacting on residents. At the last meeting, the Committee elected to treat these concerns, firstly, individually, - hence, the communications to Graham West and to Will Acornley, - and, secondly, as a bundled issue sharing common themes. The Parish Council's consideration was that a strategic, protocol-led approach to the issues being faced by Kirklees would be a more effective way of addressing the issues than the current piecemeal approach.

NOTED: Members noted the Parish Council's letter to Graham West asking for a meeting to be arranged between stakeholders (Kirklees officers and leads, Holme Valley Ward Councillors, and the Parish Council) to 1) discuss the broad experience of issues relating to damage and anti-social behaviour on unmade roads in the Holme Valley, and 2) to seek to find ways of working more systematically with issues pertaining to unmade roads.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would write on behalf of the newly constituted Parish Council May 2023 to get an update on all the local issues with unmade roads identified above, - Burnlee Road, Ramsden Road, Cartworth Moor Road, and Cheesegate Nab.

2324 14 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

- i. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the notes of the meeting attended by Cllr Green 13th March 2023. Members noted that Cheesegate Nab was discussed at the meeting.
NOTED: It was noted that the Parish Council's representative to the Public Rights of Way forum will be considered at the Annual Council Meeting 15th May 2023. The next meeting is Monday 19th June 2023 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall. Cllr Green said he would be interested in attending.

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- ii. The Committee considered commenting on the “Informal Consultation – Washpit Mills investigation of an application to modify the Definitive Map and Statement and create a byway-open-to-all-traffic (BOAT).”

RESOLVED: It was resolved that, given that the Consultation was seeking the opinions of individuals, the Parish Council would not reply to the consultation but would post to Facebook encouraging local people to get involved.

2324 15 Planning Policy and Guidance

NOTED: The Committee noted that Kirklees had adopted its Affordable Housing and Housing Mix Supplementary Planning Document which the Parish Council had commented on previously.

2324 16 Committee Budget 2023-24

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: The Planning Committee noted that, at the start of the Council year, the 4505 Neighbourhood Plan budget line contains £3,000. Furthermore, it was noted that in earmarked reserves, the Committee oversees two funds created from underspends on the 2022-23 budget, -

- £3,000 earmarked for the Holmfirth Market project
- £7,000 earmarked for Road Safety, - of which up to £5,000 has been committed to the purchase of a SID.

2324 17 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: As stated above, the Parish Council would encourage local people to get involved with the consultation on the Washpit Mills proposed Map Modification Order via a Facebook post.

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Chair