

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2018

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Roberts

Councillors: Cllrs S Baggott, K Bellamy, JG Cropper, TW Dixon, SN East, R Hogley, T Walshaw and D Yates

Officer: Mrs S S Barber

### **1718 138 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

As Council meetings can be recorded, the Chairman checked if anyone wished to do so, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. The Clerk recorded the meeting (for Minute purposes only) but the recording would be deleted once draft Minutes had been ratified.

### **1718 139 Open Session at Planning**

Two members of public were present and addressed Members regarding Item 9 on the Planning List (2018/90192 – Land adjacent to 8 Miry Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UQ).

### **1718 140 To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Christofi, P Davies, CM Kaye and R Rogers.

### **1718 141 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr S Baggott declared a personal interest in Item 11 (Conservation Areas) regarding any matters relating to Holmfirth Conservation Group.

### **1718 142 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

### **1718 143 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

It was agreed that no items required to be taken in private session.

### **1718 144 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 January 2018, numbered 1718 125 to 1718 137 inclusive, be confirmed.

### **1718 145 Completed Planning Lists**

RESOLVED: That the completed Planning List 1718/10 dated 29 January 2018 be confirmed.

### **1718 146 Planning Applications – Kirklees Council**

Members considered any amended or new applications received by Kirklees Council from 24 January 2018 to 20 February 2018 inclusive (List 1718/11).

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It was agreed to consider item 9 on the Planning List in priority order due to members of the public being in attendance.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow questions to be asked of the members of the public.

Standing Orders were then resumed.

Two members of the public left the meeting after item 9 on the Planning List had been considered.

Cllr D Yates entered the meeting during item 13 on the Planning List.

RESOLVED: That the observations for the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council.

## **1718 147 Kirklees Council – Officers’ Decisions**

RESOLVED: That the Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council from 24 January 2018 to 20 February 2018 be noted.

## **1718 148 Conservation Areas**

Members considered correspondence dated 13 February 2018 from Holmfirth Conservation Group regarding the views of Kirklees Council Officers on the first draft of the Conservation Area Appraisal.

The purpose of an appraisal is to define what makes up the special character of the area and sense of place by assessing, amongst other things, the special interest and undertaking an assessment of the condition of the area. Any negative features that detract from the special qualities of the area are identified and recommendations made, in a Management Plan, for proposals to protect and enhance the area.

Members were disappointed that Kirklees Council had stated that the appraisal would not be adopted by the (Kirklees) Council, but the resultant Management Plan would, which is informed by the appraisal. If only the resultant Management Plan is adopted, and not the appraisal itself, there would be no rigour to work to it. Kirklees Council, as the local planning authority, has a statutory obligation - under the 1990 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act - to carry out a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan but, to date, had only completed two Appraisals on the 14 Conservation Areas in the Valley.

Once adopted, a Conservation Area Appraisal becomes a material planning consideration and, therefore, contributes to defining the historic environment of the Valley. It is therefore vital that the Appraisal is adopted, not just the Management Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to write to Kirklees Council to express Members’ disappointment that the appraisal will not be adopted by Kirklees Council and to request that they reconsider the matter.

## **1718 149 Neighbourhood Planning**

(1) The Chairman of the Group reported on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 6 February 2018.

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The Group had reworked the draft Neighbourhood Plan (which now included 13 different policies) and would continue to do so over the next few weeks, with the aim of sending it to Kirkwells for them to advise on what we can/cannot include following our changes and what can be a policy and what is just an action. In the meantime, a number of queries from the Group meeting had been forwarded to Kirkwells, many of which referred to how the Kirklees Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan inter-relate. Kirkwells had subsequently addressed the queries which would now be incorporated into the revised draft Neighbourhood Plan, to be submitted to Kirkwells in early March 2018 for reformatting and comment. The aim was to hold the next consultation in June/July 2018.

RESOLVED: That Cllr R Hogley would distribute an extract from the draft Neighbourhood Plan (the Executive Summary) to all those on the distribution list, by 11 March 2018.

(2) That Cllr Hogley be thanked for all the work she had done to pull the draft Plan all together, since the last meeting.

(2) RESOLVED: That the next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting would be held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Holmfirth Civic Hall (room to be advised).

## **1718 150 Consultations**

(1) Members considered correspondence dated 26 January 2018 from Highways England regarding the Trans-Pennine Upgrade 2018 Public Consultation, held on 12 February to 25 March 2018. It was agreed that individual Members with concerns re the increased traffic on the A628 should contact Highways England direct to express their personal views or attend a future consultation event.

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(2) Members considered correspondence dated 29 January 2018 from Barnsley MBC regarding Local Plan Examination Consultation 2018 – 29 January 2018 to 12 March 2018.

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

## **1718 151 Freedom of Information Act 2000 – to agree what information will be made available to the public**

RESOLVED: That, under the Council's Publication Scheme, supporting papers for any item within the public session of the meeting be made available, if requested, after confirmation of the minutes.

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Chairman