

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 9 APRIL 2018

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Roberts

Councillors: Cllrs S Baggott, K Bellamy, JG Cropper, P Davies, RP Dixon, TW Dixon, SN East, R Hogley, CM Kaye, R Rogers and T Walshaw

Officer: Mrs S S Barber

1718 168 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 169 Open Session at Planning

No members of the public or press were present.

1718 170 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr G Christofi

1718 171 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr RP Dixon declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 1 (2018/90775 – 141 Church Street, Netherthong) and Item 4 (2018/90845 – Upper Hagg Farm, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth) on the Planning List.

1718 172 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

1718 173 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 174 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 March 2018, numbered 1718 152 to 1718 167 inclusive, be confirmed.

1718 175 Completed Planning Lists

RESOLVED: That the completed Planning List 1718/12 dated 19 March 2018 be confirmed.

1718 176 Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered any amended or new applications received by Kirklees Council from 14 March 2018 to 29 March 2018 inclusive (List 1718/13).

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

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1718 177 Kirklees Council – Officers’ Decisions

RESOLVED: That the Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council from 14 March 2018 to 29 March 2018 be noted.

1718 178 Peak District National Park Authority

(1) Members considered an email dated 28 March 2018 and the Planning Bulletin for March, containing details of material considerations.

RESOLVED: That listing of the Parish Council’s web address on the PDNPA and vice versa, be approved.

(2) Members considered an email dated 28 March 2018 from the independent programme officer regarding Peak District National Park Development Management Policies Examination.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the learning sessions will commence on 22 May 2018.

1718 179 Neighbourhood Planning

(1) The Chairman of the Group reported on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) meeting held on 27 March 2018.

Our consultants, Kirkwells, had taken our feedback on the draft plan and incorporated suggested changes including revised wording regarding solar panels. We then went through it and reviewed all the policies to make sure we were happy with them. A further meeting will be held tomorrow to put together a summary leaflet to be delivered to everyone in the Valley, ideally through letter boxes; costs now being sought. The leaflet will ask people to give their views on ‘this is our vision, these are our objectives, these are the policies we propose and do you agree with them?’. There will be a public consultation in May, giving an opportunity for members of the public in the Holme Valley to give a view on whether they feel the draft plan that has been created reflects what they want to see. From their feedback we will then finalise the draft plan for the more formal consultation and review by Kirklees Council and all the statutory bodies.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

It was agreed to take the next item in priority order.

(2) The Chairman of the Group reported on a recommendation of the NPSG to request that the Chairman of the Council calls a Special Council Meeting in May 2018, if none is already scheduled around that time in the Civic year 2018-19, to approve the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation process.

RESOLVED: That the item be added to the agenda of the Council meeting be held on 21 May 2018 (subject to Schedule of Meeting list approval), to approve the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation process.

(3) Feedback from Group on commenting on draft plan: Members noted feedback from the NPSG and agreed that there will be an appropriate time and place for comments on the draft plan, alongside all other local people. It was acknowledged that the Group had done a fantastic job and the Council’s approval of the draft plan will be a democratic process, with

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the opportunity for all Members to suggest any specific changes during the May consultation.

RESOLVED: That the feedback be noted.

1718 180 Planning Matters

(1) Members considered emails dated 21 March and 26 March 2018 regarding Planning application 2018/90192 (Land adjacent to 8 Miry Lane, Netherthong) and a resident's concern that the Parish Council was happy to support this application, with an increase from 5 to 21 properties, subject to Highways.

Members felt that it was worth bearing in mind that the Local Plan identifies 21 houses as being the appropriate allocation for that site and our recommendation did not go above what was identified as a suitable number. It was unfortunate that the resident had not expressed his views to the Committee before the Council's recommendation was made to Kirklees Council, but he could still make his own representations to them, if he wished.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to respond to the complainant accordingly.

(2) Planning app 2018/93619 (Picturedrome, Market Walk, Holmfirth): Cllr R Hogley reported on local concern at a decision made by Kirklees to refuse the application, contrary to Parish Council recommendations to support the application, although the Kirklees website said the application was still to be determined.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to contact Kirklees Council to enquire about the status of the application.

(3) The Clerk recommended that, following advice given recently to one of the Council's newest councillors, it would be beneficial to all Members to have a protocol for site visits to gather information relevant to 'material considerations' on planning applications.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to produce a draft protocol for consideration at a future Planning Committee meeting.

(4) Members considered an email dated 29 March 2018 from a planning consultant regarding planning application 2018/90713 (Green Lane Mill, Green Lane, Holmfirth) and the availability of a Transport Statement. It was also noted that the building was not Grade II Listed, as first thought.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to write to the consultant to apologise for the Committee's error regarding Listed Building status but to confirm that, although the Transport Statement had been noted, the Council's views and comment on this application remained the same.

1718 181 Conservation Areas

The Clerk confirmed that Kirklees Council had been requested to reconsider its position on the adoption of the Holmfirth Conservation Area Appraisal (and not just to adopt the associated Management Plan). As yet, no response had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to contact key officers again, to insist that the Appraisal (as well as the Management Plan) is adopted.

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1718 182 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