

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 30 APRIL 2018

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Roberts

Councillors: Cllrs S Baggott, TW Dixon, SN East, R Hogley, CM Kaye, T Walshaw and D Yates

Officer: Mrs S S Barber

1718 183 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 184 Open Session at Planning

Two members of the public were present and addressed Members regarding Item 11(2)(Planning Matters) on the agenda.

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

Standing Orders were then resumed.

It was agreed that Item 11(2) be brought forward on the agenda in priority order.

1718 185 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs K Bellamy, G Christofi, JG Cropper and P Davies.

1718 186 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr J Roberts declared a personal interest in Item 22 (2018/91255 – Land adjacent Wolfstones Road, Netherthong).

Cllr CM Kaye declared a personal interest in Item 4 (2018/90791 – The Old Dairy, Oldfield Road, Honley).

1718 187 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

1718 188 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 189 Planning Matters

RESOLVED: That this item be brought forward in priority order.

(2) Members considered the concerns of a local resident regarding development at New Mill.

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RESOLVED: That, as it appeared that substantial development, on this green belt land, was ongoing, perhaps without the necessary planning consents being in place, the matter be referred (by the Clerk) to Kirklees Council Planning Services; delegated authority be given to the Clerk to liaise with Kirklees Planning/Enforcement and the complainant regarding any response from Kirklees Council.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

1718 190 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 April 2018, numbered 1718 168 to 1718 182 inclusive, be confirmed.

With regard to Minute 1718 181, Members considered a response dated 18 April 2018 from the Service Director, Economy, Regeneration and Culture, Kirklees Council about the Holmfirth Conservation Appraisal, which had also been copied to Holmfirth Conservation Group. Members felt that, as there appeared to be confusion as to what is actually meant by the appraisal not being adopted by Kirklees Council, a further communication from the Parish Council was warranted.

RESOLVED: That a response, content as drafted, be sent to Kirklees.

1718 191 Completed Planning Lists

RESOLVED: That the completed Planning List 1718/13 dated 9 April 2018 be confirmed.

1718 192 Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

(1) Members considered any amended or new applications received by Kirklees Council from 4 April 2018 to 24 April 2018 inclusive (List 1718/14).

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

(2) The Clerk reported on recommendations made at a recent YLCA training event on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding personal data on planning applications.

RESOLVED: That future planning lists should not include the applicant's or agent's name, but should provide a link to each application on the Kirklees Council's planning portal instead.

1718 193 Kirklees Council – Officers' Decisions

RESOLVED: (1) That the Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council from 4 April 2018 to 24 April 2018 be noted.

(2) That any decisions made by Kirklees Officers/Planning Sub-Committee that differ from the Parish Council's comment be forwarded to all Members of the Planning Committee in future.

1718 194 Planning Matters

(1) Members considered the concerns of a local resident regarding inconsistent planning advice received from Kirklees and other matters regarding a holiday let in Holmfirth.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to write to Senior Planning Officers, Kirklees Council to express concern regarding the lack of consistent information.

1718 195 Peak District National Park Authority

(1) Members considered correspondence dated 23 April 2018 (Bulletin 19) including an interesting article on retrospective planning applications.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(2) Members considered the Peak Park Parishes Forum's response to the PDNPA Management Plan.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

1718 196 Neighbourhood Planning

The Chairman of the Steering Group reported on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and a public consultation to run for six weeks from early June to mid July 2018. A pamphlet will be distributed to as many properties in the Valley as possible, through Royal Mail distribution. After the consultation, any feedback received would be reviewed and changes made to the draft Plan accordingly. The Plan would then be submitted to Kirklees Council and other statutory bodies.

The Group's recommendations on the method of consultation, and design, printing and distribution costs were also considered.

RESOLVED: (1) That the consultation and pamphlet design, printing and distribution costs (in the region of £7,000) be approved.

(2) That, as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) needs to be budgeted for in future, the Clerk to seek guidance from YLCA/NALC/SLCC in due course; upon such guidance being provided, the full Council to determine which Committee (if any) should have delegated authority and responsibility for deciding how CIL money should be expended to benefit the Valley.

(3) That a full update on progress of the draft Plan to date, plus details of the consultation etc, be raised at the full Council meeting on 21 May 2018, for such costs to be ratified.

1718 197 Yorkshire Water

Members considered correspondence dated 19 April 2018 from Huddersfield Angling Association regarding the decommissioning of Holmestyes reservoir.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee reported on his recent conversation with one of the project managers for Yorkshire Water in relation to the decommission proposed for 2020. The Ward Councillors for the Upper Holme Valley were also being kept informed.

Yorkshire Water owns and manages around 120 reservoirs. Many of these were built in the 1800s and present significant maintenance and repair challenges. Very rarely, they become uneconomical to maintain to modern standards so they are decommissioned.

Decommissioning usually involves reducing the volume of water to avoid any flood risk should the structure fail. This can present an opportunity to create good habitats for Yorkshire's wildlife, by reducing the volume of water below that which would pose a flood risk, whilst maintaining some lake habitat to support its aquatic residents.

The consequence of decommissioning is improved biodiversity through the creation of a

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mosaic of habitats that include basking sites for reptiles and invertebrates, low nutrient grassland and moor land pockets and the lake and stream for aquatic species.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk be authorised to invite a representative from Yorkshire Water to a future meeting to discuss the above.

(2) That Yorkshire Water be requested to involve the Parish Council in any consultation when it takes place.

1718 198 Consultations

Members considered any response to a Government consultation on the draft revised Neighbourhood Planning Policy Framework, open from 5 March to 10 May 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be given delegated authority to comment, if appropriate, based on comments already provided by YLCA/SLCC.

1718 199 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