

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 08 JUNE 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs D Hall

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr G Christofi, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr A R Otterburn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Non Councillors : Mr D Cuttall

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

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09 05 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.

09 06 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Members declared interests in planning applications as follows:

Cllr R P Dixon - 2009/58/90894/W1 - Greengates Farm, Holmfirth - prejudicial; 2009/64/91348/W1 - Ramsdens Solicitors - prejudicial; 2009/62/91380/W1 - Moorbrook Mills, Greenhill Bank Road, New Mill

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Cllr P Hirst - 2009/64/91203/W1 - Co-operative Food (Petrol Station), New Mill Road, Brockholes - prejudicial; 2009/62/91380/W1 - Moorbrook Mills, Greenhill Bank Road, New Mill

Cllr Mrs J Osborn - 2009/58/90894/W1 - Greengates Farm, Holmfirth - prejudicial

Cllr Mrs M Walker - 2009/58/90894/W1 - Greengates Farm, Holmfirth - prejudicial

Cllr G Cropper declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11(1) on the Agenda.

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Mr Dyke explained that all reservoirs must be inspected by independent engineers at least once every 10 years (Reservoirs Act 1975) and the current works are to bring the four reservoirs up to a standard whereby the overflows are designed to withstand and safeguard against high level floods.

Mr Dyke answered Members' questions and addressed residents' concerns. He went on to add that, as well as a series of open days to highlight the works involved, regular meetings would be held with residents and other interested groups. The Chairman asked that this should include the Parish Council's

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Planning Committee, to communicate details of the various stages of work, and to address any further concerns and potential problems before each stage of work commences. Such regular meetings would be welcomed by Members.

Mr Dyke was thanked for his attendance at the meeting. He then left the meeting.

09 08 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2009 numbered 08 295 - 08 303 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

09 09 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 11 May 2009 numbered 16/2009, 17/2009 and 18/2009 be confirmed.

09 10 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 19/2009, 20/2009, 21/2009 and 22/2009.

Cllrs R P Dixon and T W Dixon withdrew from the meeting during consideration of items 18, 36 and 39 on the list. Cllr P Hirst withdrew from the meeting during consideration of items 22 and 39 on the list. Cllrs Mrs J Osborn and Mrs M Walker withdrew from the meeting during consideration of item 18 on the list.

RESOLVED: That the observations as contained in the detailed lists be forwarded to Kirklees Council.

Members expressed concerns about the ongoing problems with the receipt of plans and comments from Kirklees Council, the lack of responses to the Council's letters to the Head of Planning Services and lack of progress with planning training. Without the appropriate information and support from Kirklees Council, Members were unable to represent their electorate effectively and action needed to be taken urgently to improve the situation.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk should write to the Head of Policy and Governance at Kirklees Council, with copies to Cllr Pinnock, Mr N Howe and Mr J Barrett, to demand action on these concerns.

(2) In the absence of a satisfactory response from Kirklees Council, copies of the letter to be sent to the local media (newspaper and radio stations).

09 11 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 19/2009, 20/2009, 21/2009 and 22/2009 be received and noted.

09 12 Appeals

(1) Kirklees Council Legal Services - 2008/62/94122/W3 - Mr Anoop Kapitan - Site at 6 Allergill Park, Upperthong, Holmfirth HD9 3XH - Members wished to reiterate their previous comments that they recommend refusal of the application until concerns re Highways, design and private amenity space issues are addressed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to the Planning Inspectorate by the due date, reiterating Members' previous comments.

(2) The Planning Inspectorate - 2008/90679 - Mr N Whiteley - Site at Land at Junction of Acre Lane and Horn Lane, Snowgatehead, New Mill, Holmfirth HD9 7HG - Members noted that the appeal had been allowed, subject to conditions.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

09 13 Footpaths

(1) The Planning Inspectorate - Public Footpath Holmfirth 71 (Part) - New Close Farm, Wickens Lane, Upperthong - Public Path Diversion Order 2008: Cllr G Cropper left the meeting during consideration of this item, having declared a prejudicial interest.

Members noted that a hearing is to be held at Holmfirth Civic Hall on Tuesday 29 September 2009 at

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10am.

RESOLVED: (i) That there would be no representation at the hearing by the Council.
(ii) That the Clerk should write to the Planning Inspectorate to reiterate Members' previous comments in support of moving this footpath.

(2) An acknowledgement had been received from Higham & Co regarding information supplied about past usage of the Public Right of Way between the Old Turnpike and Woodhead Road, Honley.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

09 14 Peak National Park

(1) Annual Liaison Meeting between Parish/Town Councils/Parish Meetings and officers of the Peak District National Park Authority: Members noted that this meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 July 2009 at National Park Offices, at 6.30pm. No items for discussion were put forward.

(2) Planning Application Ref NP/K/1208/1057 - Lane Head Farm, Woodhead Road, Holme: Members noted the information provided by the Peak District National Park Authority and that all conditions on the planning decision notices had now been complied with or varied, to their satisfaction.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

09 15 Consultation

(1) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council - Barnsley Education Sites Development Plan Document (DPD): Members noted that the DPD was found to be sound by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and adopted by Barnsley MBC on 29 January 2009.

(2) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council - Barnsley Local Development Framework - Core Strategy (Revised Preferred Options) Consultation: Members noted correspondence on this consultation and that the deadline for responses is 10 August 2009.

RESOLVED: That the above correspondence be noted and no further action need be taken.

09 16 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.

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