

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2006 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Spencer

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs R Jackson

Councillors : Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr G Christofi, Cllr R N Haynes, Cllr Mrs S Hobson, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J Roberts, Cllr P J Rodgers, Cllr Mrs H L Rodgers, Cllr R Rogers, Cllr P D Searby

Non Councillors : Mr S Hunter

Officers : Mrs E Hirst

Councillor Otterburn was present in his ex-officio capacity as Chairman of the Council as he had a particular interest in item 13(2) on the agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chilton, Firth, Andrea Gosslin, Mrs. Osborn, Robinson and Mrs. Smith.

06 03 Disclosure of Interests

None were declared.

06 04 Admission of the Public

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

06 05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings dated 15 May 2006 numbered 05 191 - 05 198 inclusive, and dated 22 May 2006 numbered 06 01 and 06 02 be confirmed as a true record of the meetings.

In connection with planning application 2006/62/91471/W3 - Use of existing playroom in dwelling for childminding business - The Old Piggery, Bradshaw Road, Honley - Councillor Rogers indicated he had requested this be considered by Committee at Kirklees MC. The Deputy Clerk was asked to enquire as to when the application in respect of the development at Westcroft, Honley would be submitted to Committee at Kirklees MC.

06 06 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Barnsley MBC - Planning Application 2006/0227 - Change of Use to Manufacture of Dog Food - Lower Drake Hill Farm, Windmill Lane, Upper Cumberworth. Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter from Barnsley MBC. This indicated the above planning application had been withdrawn. This information was noted.

06 07 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 15 May 2006 numbered 17/2006, 18/2006 and 19/2006, be confirmed.

06 08 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to Planning Applications relating to the Holme Valley from Lists 20/2006, 21/2006 and 22/2006.

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

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06 09 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 19/2006, 20/2006 and 21/2006 be received and noted.

06 10 Consultation

East Midlands Regional Assembly - Review of the East Midlands Regional Plan: Proposed Alteration to the Review Project Plan: Members had been circulated with copy correspondence in this matter. It was noted there was a proposed alteration to the Review Project Plan.

RESOLVED: That the letter and information be received and noted.

06 11 Appeals

Written representation procedure - 2005/60/93591/W3 - Appeal by Coach House Properties Ltd. - site at land adjacent to 13 Cuckoo Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6AS: The Deputy Clerk informed Members that she had responded to this appeal prior to the meeting to ensure the comments were received within the due date. The letter had reiterated the comments made previously.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk's action be approved with regard to this appeal.

06 12 Peak National Park

(1) NP/K/0306/0222 - Conversion of Footpath to bridleway standard including improvement works to slope and widening for ease of access - Lumbank Wood Path, between Bilberry Reservoir, Digley Reservoir:

Members considered the above planning application received from the Peak District NPA. Letters of objection to this proposed improvement were also submitted. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of undertaking this work and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the proposals provided the works were to make the footpath of bridleway standard and were not to create a bridleway.

RESOLVED: That the comment as detailed above be forwarded to the Peak District NPA together with the letters of objection received.

(2) NP/K/0506/0408 - Retain consent for Annexe for dependent relative - Underhill, Holme: Members considered this application which was a renewal of a previous consent which had been won on appeal.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports the application.

06 13 Representation

Yorkshire and Humber Action for Market Towns - Funding and Support Fair - Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster - 4 July 2006: Members noted the information regarding the above event.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

06 14 Administrative Matters

(1) Honley Civic Society - report change of representative: Members were informed that the current representative of the Honley Civic Society to Planning Meetings had resigned as he was leaving the area. Arrangements had been made for papers to be sent to the new representative, subject to Committee approval.

RESOLVED: (1) That future papers for Planning Committee be sent to the new representative of Honley Civic Society.

(2) That the good wishes of the Council be passed to Mr. Mc Gowan.

(2) Introduction of open session for members of the public to comment on planning applications to be considered by the Planning Committee:

Councillor Otterburn outlined his thoughts with regard to the Planning Committee having a public open session at the commencement of Planning meetings to enable members of the public to address Members with regard to planning applications being discussed at the meeting.

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It was felt a period of 15 minutes should be allowed for this purpose with both objectors to applications and applicants being allowed to speak. Individuals would be allowed 3 minutes to address Members and this would be controlled by the Chairman of the Planning Committee. Where large groups were involved it had been the usual practice to appoint a spokesperson if this was necessary; the Civic Society representatives would also be allowed to speak at this point.

RESOLVED: (1) that a document setting out the guidelines be prepared;
(2) that the scheme be implemented for a trial period of six months; and
(3) that a Press Release be submitted to the local press and an item be included in the next Holme Valley Voice.

06 15 Environment Agency

Floodpact from Environment Agency: Members had been circulated with details of this information. A DVD was available should a Member wish to view it.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

Councillors Rogers and Christofi indicated they wished to view the DVD.

06 16 Freedom of Information Act 2000

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 approval of the minutes by the full Council.

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Chairman