

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 02 APRIL 2007 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Spencer

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs R Jackson

Councillors : Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr J R Chilton, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr A L Gosslin, Cllr R N Haynes, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P Robinson, Cllr P J Rodgers, Cllr Mrs H L Rodgers, Cllr P D Searby

Non Councillors : Mr S Hunter

Officers : Mrs E Hirst

1 member of the public was present for the open session. He left at the close of the item.

Open Session at Planning

A resident of Honley was in attendance to draw Members attention to the contravention of planning conditions attached to a planning approval given in 1985. The application was 1985/62/05017/C3 and it concerned the haulage company site in the Concord Street/Marsh Gardens area of Honley. The planning conditions had stated that a comprehensive scheme for landscaping treatment of the site, including the planting of climbing plants, should be discussed and approved with the Planning Authority before development commenced; this to be carried out in the first planting season following the commencement of development and maintained for a period of 5 years from the completion of planting works; any specimens which died being replaced to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. This was in the interest of public visual amenity.

The complainant indicated that mature trees had been removed from the site recently and that saplings had been planted. These were very small and provided no screening whatsoever. Razor wire had been erected around the perimeter of the site which was, in his view, dangerous. He felt the conditions of the original planning application had been contravened and sought the Parish Council's support for his views. Members agreed with the resident concerned and indicated a letter pointing out the above facts be prepared and sent to Kirklees MC in an effort to assist in seeking enforcement action by Kirklees MC at the site mentioned.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christofi, Firth, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Smith.

06 167 Admission of the Public

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

06 168 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Dixon declared an interest in Planning Application 2007/62/90845/W3 and left the meeting during discussion of this item. He also declared an interest in item 17 (2006/62/94406/W3) and similarly left the meeting during discussion.

06 169 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2007 numbered 06 156 - 06 166 inclusive be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

06 170 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 12 March 2007 numbered 7/2007, 8/2007 and 9/2007 be confirmed.

06 171 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

There was no correspondence arising from the Minutes to report.

06 172 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: (1) That Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members to peruse planning applications.

RESOLVED: (2) That Standing Orders be resumed and normal procedure applied prior to considering planning applications.

06 173 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to Planning Applications relating to the Holme Valley from Lists 10/2007, 11/2007 and 12/2007.

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

06 174 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 10/2007, 11/2007 and 12/2007 be received and noted.

06 175 Planning matters

i) Communities and Local Government News Release - Tougher measures to crack down on illegal outdoor advertisements: Members had been circulated with a copy of the above News Release. This was noted and welcomed by Members.

ii) Rural Issues - approach from Oaklands Health Centre re rurality of area and impact on dispensing status: This matter had been referred to Planning Committee from the Council Meeting. An approach had been made from the Oaklands Health Practice for support in its efforts to retain the pharmacy at the health centre. It had sought help from the Parish Council in proving the rural nature of the district. Councillor Dixon indicated if the pharmacy was lost this could affect funding at the health centre, possibly resulting in the loss of one doctor and one nurse.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: (1) That the Parish Council should support the Oaklands Practice in its application to retain its Pharmacy facility at the centre and that a letter of wholehearted support for this application be sent to the West Yorkshire Central Services Agency; a copy of the appropriate map to accompany the letter.

(2) That the Oaklands Practice be informed of the action taken by the Parish Council.

06 176 Consultation

i) Oldham and Rochdale - Urban Design Guidance - Raising Design Standards - comments required by 20 April 2007

ii) Oldham Metropolitan Borough - Local Development Framework Core Strategy - Issues Survey - comments by 5 April 2007

iii) Barnsley MBC - New Consultation Website account.

iv) Yorkshire Water - Holme and Ribble Compensation Flow Trial Continuation.

RESOLVED: (1) That the above documents be received and noted.

(2) That a copy of the Holme and Ribble Compensation Flow Trial Continuation be supplied to Cllr. Bratt.

06 177 Representation

Local Government Information Unit - Good Practice Seminar - Influencing Town Planning - 8 May 2007 - London: Details of this Seminar had been forwarded to all Members.

RESOLVED: That no representative be appointed to attend, in this instance.

06 178 Peak National Park

i) Evening Exhibitions - Early consultation work on options for new land use policy: Details of Evening

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Exhibitions had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

ii) NP/K/1206/1118 - Mr & Mrs. Copsey - Rejoining No 2 with No 4, removal of modern features, simplify layouts of bathroom and kitchen - 2 & 4 Meal Hill Road, Holme:

Members noted that the above application had been granted.

RESOLVED: That the Decision Notice be received.

06 179 Footpaths

Ramsden Road, Upper Holme Valley: Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter in which it was asked if the use of Ramsden Road had been discussed at the Parish Council. On receipt of the letter the Deputy Clerk had checked with Kirklees MC regarding the current situation. The initial proposal for the use of a Traffic Regulation Order had not gained support at Kirklees MC at the time as there was not sufficient evidence of reported problems on the route.

RESOLVED: That a reply indicating the matter had been discussed at the Parish Council and what the current situation at Kirklees MC was be sent to the enquirer.

06 180 Naming of New Streets

Southgate, Honley: Members considered appropriate suggested names for the above development. The Civic Society had submitted Wheatsheaf Square and it asked for support for this suggested name.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council suggests the following names for the above development - Taylor Croft, Theatre View and Wheatsheaf Square.

06 181 Appeals

Written representation procedure

- i) 2006/62/94406/W3 - K M Liles - Lamma Wells Farm, Washpit, Holmfirth:
- 2006/62/94108/W3 - Mr & Mrs. Garitt - Scatchfold Barn, Hill Lane, Upperthong:

Members were informed that comments on the above Appeals had to be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 5 April 2007.

RESOLVED: That the comments previously made be reiterated and that they be submitted within the due date.

Cllr. Dixon declared an interest, signed the book and left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The Deputy Clerk sought permission to raise two further Appeals, as follows -

ii) 2006/2006/60/94907/W3 - Moor Site, Cartworth Moor Road, Holmfirth: Comments on this Appeal were required by the 23 April 2007.

RESOLVED: That the comment previously made be reiterated.

iii) Spring Villa Farm, Long Lane, Honley - Notice that Kirklees MC had issued an Enforcement Notice in relation to an alleged breach of planning control, namely the erection of a building at the above Farm was reported.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Parish Council should support Kirklees MC in its enforcement action and that an appropriate letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate within the due date.

(2) That further information be obtained from Kirklees MC together with a plan, is possible and that the matter be discussed at a future meeting.

06 182 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.

06 183 Chairman's thanks

As this was the last full meeting of Planning, the Chairman of Planning, Councillor Janet Spencer, thanked Members for their help and support over the past civic year.

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Chairman