

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 JANUARY 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr J G Cropper

Councillors : Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Non Councillors : Mr S Hunter

Officers : Mrs E Hirst

3 members of the public were present.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman of the Planning Committee informed Members that Mr. B. Barrett, Kirklees Council, Senior Planning Officer, was retiring in the very near future. Members wished to thank Mr. Barrett most sincerely for his help and co-operation with the Parish Council. It was agreed that a suitable letter should be sent to the Officer concerned as soon as possible and the Council's thanks passed on.

Open Session at Planning

The members of the public present had expressed an interest in item 8 on the agenda in so far as it related to the proposed development at Prickleden Mill.

It was agreed that this item could be discussed at this point on the agenda.

Cllr. Bratt indicated she had attended the recent exhibition. Currently the planning application for the proposal had not been submitted but as far as she could ascertain it was proposed to site a sheltered housing complex on the site. Concerns were expressed regarding the highway situation as the proposed access would be Lower Mill Lane and Hollowgate. At this stage, however, it was not possible to make comments to Kirklees Council but comments would be made when the planning application was received.

Cllr. Dixon asked the Deputy Clerk to inform the members of the public present when the planning application was to hand.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey, Mrs. Bower, Christofi, Dearnley, Greenwood, Mrs. Hall, Kaye, Oldfield and B.A. Smith.

07 127 Admission of the Public

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

07 128 Disclosure of Interests

Members declared interests in the following planning applications -

Councillor R.P. Dixon - 2007/62/94923/W3, 2007/62/95149/W3 and 2007/62/95256/W3 - prejudicial interests

Councillor T. Dixon - as above - personal interest

Councillor P.Searby - 2007/48/95186/W3 - personal interest

Councillor M. Walker - 200762/95029/W3 - prejudicial interest

07 129 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 November 2007 numbered 07 107 - 07 117 inclusive and dated 17 December 2007 numbered 17 118 - 17 126 inclusive be confirmed and adopted

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as true records of the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk informed Members that objectors to a planning application at Greenfield Road, Holmfirth had requested a meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning and the Clerk which would be held in the near future.

07 130 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 26 November 2007 numbered 46/2007 and 47/2007 and dated 17 December 2007 numbered 48/2007, 49/2007 and 50/2007 be confirmed.

07 131 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Development at Prickleden Mill: This matter had been dealt with at the open session. Cllr. Bratt was thanked for attending the Exhibition and for her report.

Honley Park: A response had been received from one of the Kirklees Councillors which outlined the position with regard to consultations which Kirklees had undertaken. Cllr. Mrs. BE Smith asked if she could raise the issue of the perimeter trees; these were mature trees and it was hoped they would be retained as part of the park's refurbishment. The Deputy Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with the Trees Officer at Kirklees Council and the appropriate Officer in Leisure and Recreation Services and to stress that the Parish Council would not wish to see the trees removed. Agreement had been given to bushes being removed from the site to make the area more open and more inviting to people using the facility.

2007/91725 - Development at Greenfield Road, Holmfirth: A further copy letter of objection had been received in respect of this site. This was noted.

The Deputy Clerk informed Members that the first meeting regarding Windfarms had been arranged by Dunford Parish Council. This was to be held on 25 January 2008 at Crowedge Community Centre at 7.30 pm. The Chairman and Vice-chairman of Planning indicated their interest in attending; Councillor Dixon being unable to attend on this occasion. A copy of the appropriate information would be forwarded to the Councillors concerned, together with Councillor Bailey who had expressed an interest.

07 132 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 51/2007 and 52/2007.

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

07 133 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 51/2007 and 52/2007 be received.

07 134 Planning matters

- Barnsley MBC - Local Development Framework - Education Sites:
- Supplementary Planning Document - Assessment of employment sites:
- Government Office for the East Midlands - Publication of the Draft East Midlands Plan Panel Report:

RESOLVED: That the above documents be received and noted but that no comments be submitted.

07 135 Appeals

Written representation procedure -

a) Appeal by Mr. D. Sykes - Moor Site, Cartworth Moor Road, Holmfirth - 2006/60/94970/W3: Members were informed that comments on the above appeal were required by the Planning Inspectorate by 11 January 2008.

RESOLVED: That the previous comment made be adhered to and that it be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate within the due date.

b) Appeal by Kuppammal Partha Sarathy - site at 6 Wadman Road, Scholes, Holmfirth - 2007/62/91042/W3: Members were informed that the above Appeal had been dismissed by the

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Planning Inspector.

RESOLVED: That the decision notice be received and noted.

07 136 Peak National Park

Consultation on the draft Peak District landscape character assessment report: Members had been circulated with a copy letter from Peak District NPA. In order to address the questions raised it was agreed that there needed to be time to download the appropriate document and insufficient time had been allowed for this.

RESOLVED: That the Peak District NPA be informed that the Parish Council may be able to make comments on the above document but that insufficient time had been allowed for this to happen. Further time to be requested in this case.

07 137 Footpaths

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Appeal under Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 14 - Holmfirth Cattle Market:

Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter from Kirklees Council regarding the above matter. A map showing the footpaths concerned had been received prior to the meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the regular use of the footpaths in question and it was agreed that a response informing Kirklees Council the Parish Council felt the loss of a well used facility over a long number of years, which had also provided an access to the Riverside Way, was regretted.

RESOLVED: That a comment, along the above lines, be expressed to Kirklees Council before the 16 January 2008.

07 138 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