

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr J G Cropper

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

### **Open Session at Planning**

6 members of the public were present. Mr S Hunter represented Holme Valley Civic Society.

One member of the public was present to address Members regarding a specific application: 2008/62/90679/W3 - erection of general purpose agricultural building - Land at Junction of Acre Lane/Horn Lane, Snowgate Head, New Mill, Holmfirth.

One member of the public was present to address Members regarding a specific application: 2008/69/90827/W3 - Conservation Area consent for demolition of all buildings on site and existing bridge crossing River Holme - Land at Prickleden Mills, Woodhead Road, Holmfirth HD9 2JU.

The comments made would be taken into account when considering the applications later on the agenda.

### **To accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Christofi, Greenwood, Mrs Hall and Mrs B E Smith.

### **07 163 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.

### **07 164 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

Members declared interests in planning applications, as follows:

Cllr P Dixon - 2008/65/90605/W3 - Whitehouse Barn, Scholes - prejudicial  
Cllr T Dixon - 2008/65/90605/W3 - Whitehouse Barn, Scholes - prejudicial  
Cllr T Dearnley - 2008/65/90605/W3 - Whitehouse Barn, Scholes - personal  
Cllr J Roberts - 2008/60/90529/W3 - 9 Scotgate Road, Honley - personal

Members withdrew from the meeting, as appropriate, or by choice.

### **07 165 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2008 numbered 07 152 - 07 162 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

### **07 166 Completed planning lists**

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 25 February 2008 numbered 5/2008, 6/2008 and 7/2008 be confirmed.

### **07 167 Correspondence arising from the Minutes**

RESOLVED: That the letter from Kirklees Council re Climate Change be noted.

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### **07 168 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.**

It was proposed and seconded that items 9, 20 and 4 be taken first in priority order. This was so RESOLVED.

Cllrs R P Dixon, T Dixon and T Dearnley withdrew from the meeting during consideration of item 4 on the list. Cllr Mrs Roberts withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the application deferred from the last meeting (2008/60/90529/W3); the Chair was taken for this item by Cllr J G Cropper.

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 08/2008, 09/2008 and 10/2008.

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

### **07 169 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions**

RESOLVED: That Lists 08/2008, 09/2008 and 10/2008 be received and noted.

### **07 170 Planning matters**

1) Oldham MBC - Local Development Framework - 'Call for Sites' exercise:

RESOLVED: That the above document be noted.

2) EKOSGEN - Peak Sub Region Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to advise that the Council does not recommend any sites in the Holme Valley area of the Peak District National Park.

### **07 171 Footpaths**

Correspondence from Kirklees Council on proposed diversion and allied closures of footpaths at Ramsden reservoir (footpaths 89 and 180) was noted. Following a Councillor's concerns regarding the use of TROs, the Clerk read out a response from Kirklees Rights of Way.

RESOLVED: (1) That it should be stressed to Kirklees Council that a public footpath of some sort should be open at all time, all the way round the reservoir, if at all possible.

(2) That Yorkshire Water should be asked to remove temporarily from their website details of walks around the relevant reservoirs, until the works are completed.

### **07 172 Consultation**

Correspondence from Kirklees Council was discussed regarding requests from a Parish or Town Council for a planning application to be considered by the Area Planning Committee. Some Members considered this to be a step backwards and expressed concerns about requests for Committee consideration of an application being refused. It was felt that Council must retain the right to request a Kirklees Ward Member for such an application to be considered by the Area Planning Committee. Other Members thought it could have benefits, but Kirklees Council and its Officers must be accountable for its, or their, decisions.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seeks clarification regarding retention of the right to ask via a Kirklees Ward Councillor that an application be considered by the Area Planning Committee, in addition to arguing its own case for this.

### **07 173 Freedom of Information Act 2000 - to agree what information will be made available to the public**

RESOLVED: That, under 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**