

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21 MAY 2007 -

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 G Christofi, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr J M Greenwood, Cllr Mrs D Hall, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Officers : Mrs E Hirst

3 members of the public were present

Open Session at Planning

The Chairman, Councillor J. Roberts, welcomed all Members to the first Planning meeting of the new Civic Year.

A member of the public present wished to address Members with regard to a long standing dispute about boundary treatment in Concord Street/Marsh Gardens, Honley. The complainant thanked the Council for the action taken to date. The problem which existed was that many large mature trees had been removed from the boundary of the Moorhouse transport site in Concord Street and these had been replaced with six small saplings. It had been a condition of previous permissions that trees should be provided at equal distances with climbing shrubs to mask the fencing.

The Chairman indicated to the complainant that further enquiries would be made of Kirklees MC and the findings would be supplied to him.

1 member of the public left the meeting at this point.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kaye and K.L. Smith.

07 03 Admission of the Public

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

07 04 Disclosure of Interests

Councillors declared interests in the following applications and left the meeting, where appropriate during discussion of the items.

Councillor Mrs. M. Bower -

2007/60/91568/W3 - land adjacent to 86 Hall Ing Lane, Honley

Councillor R.P. Dixon -

2007/57/91407/W3 - Spring Villa Farm, Honley

2007/62/91346/W3 - 86 Far Lane, Hepworth

2007/62/91482/W3 - Moorfield House Farm, Bradshaw Road, Honley

2007/62/91525/W3 - 6 Moor Park, Honley, Holmfirth

2007/62/91634/W3 - Cross Farm, Dunford Road, Holmfirth

2007/65/91635/W3 - Cross Farm, Dunford Road, Holmfirth

Councillor T. Dixon -

2007/62/9634/W3 - Cross Farm, Dunford Road, Holmfirth

Councillor T. Bellamy -

2007/65/91635/W3- Cross Farm, Dunford Road, Holmfirth

07 05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2007 numbered 06 184 - 06 - 193 inclusive be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

07 06 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 23 April 2007 numbered 13/2007, 14/2007 and 15/2007 be confirmed.

07 07 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

(1) 1985/62/05017/C3 - Moorhouse Haulage Co - Concord Street, Honley: Following discussion of this matter at an earlier point in the meeting, the Deputy Clerk informed Members that a letter of acknowledgement had been received from KMC. After enquiries a copy email had been sent to the Parish Council and the content of this was read to all Members. It indicated that where permissions were older than 10 years Kirklees MC did not have any control over what may have been a breach of condition. A replanting scheme had been approved by the Trees Officer and carried out to his satisfaction. Kirklees MC did not feel it could take any further action. In view of this further information it was agreed that the Parish Council should write once again to Kirklees MC seeking information regarding the ten year issue and the current situation at the site, it being understood a further meeting had been held.

(2) Conservation Areas - Conservation Area Maps had been amended and these affected Holme, Oldfield and Upperthong Conservation Areas. These would be held on file for future reference.

(3) Forward Developers - Former Lodges building - Meeting with Councillors: The Deputy Clerk indicated a site meeting had been held in which it had been possible to see the interior of the former Lodges building. It was anticipated a further application would be submitted in respect of the top floor of the building. This was noted.

(4) Highways Agency - A57/A628 Mottram-Tintwistle Bypass and A628/A616 Route Restraint Measures - Draft Orders - Statement of Case - letter from Highways Agency: It was indicated that the Council would be required to submit a Statement of Case. It was agreed that the comments made previously be forwarded as a Statement of Case together with a comment that the road is subject to accidents from time to time.

(5) Street Naming - Development off Southgate, Honley: Further comments had been requested regarding this street naming. The names previously forwarded had been reiterated together with some information regarding the name 'Taylor Croft'. This was noted.

07 08 Suspension of Standing Orders

A short discussion ensued in which it was agreed that it was not necessary to suspend Standing Orders as it was thought preferable to revert to the earlier method of dealing with planning applications, namely all Members being involved in all discussions regarding planning applications in both Holme Valley North and South Wards.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reverts to its previous practice of all Members considering planning applications for both Holme Valley North and South Wards.

07 09 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to Planning Applications relating to the Holme Valley from Lists 16/2007, 17/2007, 18/2007 and 19/2007.

RESOLVED: That the observations as contained in the detailed lists 16/2007, 17/2007, 18/2007 and 19/2007 be forwarded to Kirklees MC.

07 10 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 16/2007, 17/2007, 18/2007 and 19/2007 be received and noted.

07 11 Planning matters

(1) Government consultation on changes to the planning system regarding the installation of micro-generated equipment on domestic properties: Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter from Kirklees MC which indicated consultations were taking place to change the permitted development

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rights section of the planning system in relation to the installation of micro-generation equipment to provide energy for domestic properties. The revised system would remove the need for many householders to apply for planning permission for such installations. Members welcomed this information; such proposals did qualify for grant funding but they had to be installed by qualified engineers.

(2) Town centres, Holme Valley - advertisements on the street - 'A' Boards: The Chairman of Planning indicated more and more 'A' Boards were in evidence in the centre of Holmfirth and, in some instances, were proving dangerous to pedestrians, particularly the partially sighted. It was reported it was not an offence to place a board on the pavement but that they should be placed so as to not cause problems. The Holme Valley Business Association would be asked to bring this issue to the attention of the local shopkeepers. If a board was obstructing the pavement enforcement action could be taken. In discussing this issue the question of studs on the pavement to indicate entrances to car parks were required in Holmfirth.

RESOLVED: (1) That the problems currently being experienced with regard to 'A' boards be passed to the Business Association with a request that action be taken to ensure any shopkeeper placing a board out on the street should take care to ensure it is not causing a problem to pedestrians.

(2) That Kirklees MC be asked to provide a stud surface at the entrances to car parks to indicate to the partially sighted that a particular area is an entrance/exit to a car park. Car parks where such a surface is required are - Station Road, the entrance to the Council offices car park and the entrance to the car park adjacent to the Market Hall, Holmfirth.

(3) Proposed Song Festival - Ivy Farm, Farnley Tyas - correspondence from Farnley Tyas Community Group: Members had been circulated with email communications which asked for the Parish Council's support in joining with the residents of Farnley Tyas in objecting to the above Song Festival. After consideration it was agreed that the matter was a licensing issue and, as such, would be decided by Kirklees MC but that should the event go ahead provided it is well organised and well policed, this Council would not wish to submit a formal objection.

RESOLVED: That the above comment be made to the appropriate body.

07 12 Consultation

(1) Kirklees MC - Local Development Framework - Working Party: Members were asked to appoint a Working Party to be in place to consider the next submission in connection with the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

RESOLVED: That the following Councillors serve on the Local Development Framework Working Party -

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee
Councillors Mrs. Bower, R.P. Dixon and Mrs. Walker

- (2) Oldham Metropolitan Borough - Statement of Community Involvement and Adoption Statement
- (3) Oldham Metropolitan Borough - Consultation on Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document:
- (4) Derbyshire County Council - Statement of Community Involvement - Adopted:

Members noted documents were available in the office in respect of the above matters.

RESOLVED: That the documents be received, noted and made available to any interested Member on request.

(5) Environment Agency - Draft Calder Catchment Flood Management Plan: Before taking further action on this matter it was agreed that further information should be downloaded for consideration at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That an item be included on a future agenda with regard to this matter.

07 13 Footpaths

(1) KMC - Holmfirth Public Footpath 226 - Old Turnpike to Woodhead Road, Honley - Public Path Modification Order 2007: The Order and Notice relating to the above Modification Order had been circulated to all Members.

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RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the proposed Order.

(2) Pennine Bridleway Feeder Route: Councillor Osborn indicated discussions were ongoing regarding how the above route would be directed through the Holme area, and in particular Bilberry area.

RESOLVED: That further developments be awaited.

07 14 Administrative Matters

(1) NALC - Community Empowerment Awards - sponsored by the Commission for Rural Communities: This information had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken because of the closeness of the closing date for applications.

(2) Yorkshire and Humber Market Towns Network Event - 20 June 2007 - Howden, East Yorkshire: Following consideration of this matter it was agreed not to appoint a representative because of the short time available. No further action was taken with regard to the National Market Town Awards due to the short time available.

RESOLVED: That the above decisions be noted.

(4) Lupton Fawcett - (a) Interview Skills Workshop - 4 June 2007 (b) Law Seminar - 6 June 2007 : Members noted details of the above Workshops/Seminars and indicated it was not the wish to appoint representatives.

RESOLVED: That the above decisions be noted.

07 15 Appeals

2006/62/91519/W3 - Appeal by Francis Hall - site at The Cottages at Dean Lane Farm, Dean Lane, Hepworth : Members were informed that the Appeal against the development proposed eg the re-use, extension and alterations to convert an existing building into one dwelling with a garage had been dismissed.

RESOLVED: That the Decision Notice be received and noted.

07 16 Peak National Park

(1) Peak District National Park Local Development Framework - Core Strategy - Issues and Options: Information regarding this document had been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the above document be received and noted.

(2) Peak District NPA - Parish Member appointments to the National Park Authority: Information had been circulated to all Members. Once again because the closing date had expired it was agreed that no further action could be taken on this occasion.

07 17 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