

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 23 JULY 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 W Dixon, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr Mrs B E Smith, Cllr B A Smith, Cllr M A Walker

Non Councillors : Mr S Hunter

Officers : Mrs E Hirst

2 members of the public were present.

Messrs Kent, Witten and Bickley were present in connection with the item 5 on the agenda (Mottram-Tintwistle Bypass).

Open Session at Planning

2 members of the public were present in connection with planning application 2007/62/92827/W3 - development at Hollin Brigg Lane, Holmbridge. The comments put to Members of the Planning Committee were noted and would be taken into account when considering the planning application at item 9 on the agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dearnley, R.P.Dixon, Greenwood, Mrs. Hall and Kath Smith.

07 37 Admission of the Public

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

07 38 Disclosure of Interests

None were given.

07 39 Speakers at meetings

A57/A628 Mottram Tintwistle Bypass and A628/A616 Route Restraint Measures.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Kent, Mr. Witten and Mr. Bickley to the meeting and invited them to address Members with regard to the above matter. Mr Kent indicated the scheme was progressing through the statutory process and objections were currently being heard. The Parish Council's objection was due to be heard in October - delays had occurred with previous objections resulting in the delay. Members had been circulated with a copy of the Statement of Case and the Highways Agency rebuttal of the Council's statement. Members were invited to put their questions.

Concerns were expressed that the projected increases in traffic were not accurate and that any increase would have an adverse affect on the Holme Valley area; the A6024 was not equipped to take further traffic. Accident figures on the A6024 had been requested from the Police but to date these had not been received. Concerns were expressed regarding noise pollution. The junction at New Mill was very congested at peak times and any accident on the Woodhead Road resulted in large tailbacks in this area. Large vehicles had been observed on the A6024; it was felt satellite navigation contributed to this and there were insufficient signs at appropriate places warning the drivers, in a universal language, that the road was unsuitable.

It was pointed out to the Parish Council that Kirklees Council was responsible for managing the road.

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The proposal to add traffic lights at a number of locations would result in improvements to road safety and would distribute the traffic along the road.

Questions were raised regarding the projected number of accidents; accidents were projected to increase but fatalities would decrease due to the road safety measures being proposed. Members wished to have information regarding traffic flow in peak periods, the affect on travel times and noise pollution levels. They were advised to attend the Inquiry where experts would be in attendance who could address the matters raised.

The three gentlemen were thanked for attending the meeting. There would be a further opportunity for the Council to discuss the matter at a future Planning Meeting and it would be included on an appropriate agenda. They left the meeting at this point.

07 40 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 9 July 2007, numbered 07 31 - 07 36 inclusive, be adopted as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr. Osborn indicated she had registered a personal interest in planning application 2007/62/92383 not a prejudicial - this correction was noted and would be amended in the minutes of the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk sought permission to inform Members of a Seminar regarding Rural Transport to be held at Stocksmoor Village Hall on 25 July 2007 from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

RESOLVED: The Chairman of Planning, Councillor Mrs. Roberts, and Councillor Bailey indicated they could attend.

07 41 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 9 July 2007 numbered 23/2007, 24/2007, 25/2007, 26/2007 and 27/2007 be confirmed.

07 42 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Kirklees Council - acknowledgement letter re training evening: The Deputy Clerk informed Members that the Head of Planning Services had thanked the Council for its kind comments following the recent training evening. This was noted.

Kirklees Council - informal notes of training evening: These had been circulated to all Members for information.

Local residents - Heys Gardens, Thongsbridge: An email had been sent to the Council inviting Members to visit the site in Heys Road and see the effect the development had on the residents of Heys Gardens. A copy of the email would be circulated to the Wooldale members for information purposes.

07 43 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

It was proposed and seconded that item 17 on the List of Planning Applications to be considered be given priority in the order and taken first. The comments are as detailed in the lists attached to the Minutes.

2 members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Consideration was given to Planning applications relating to the Holme Valley from Lists 28/2007 and 29/2007.

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

07 44 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 28/2007 and 29/2007 be received and noted.

07 45 Administrative Matters

1) Open Session at Meetings: A copy of the procedure had been circulated to Members. This had been accepted in the Standing Orders and would be followed closely at Planning Meetings.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted; a copy to be displayed on the Council's Website.

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2) Conservation Area - Signs - Guidelines: A copy of the Guidelines had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted; a copy to be displayed on the Council's Website.

3) Planning Applications - E-consultation - letter from Kirklees Council: Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter from Kirklees Council Planning Services. This indicated that Kirklees intended to move towards electronic systems as a means of improving accessibility to planning information and this included e-consultation with statutory consultees. It would be necessary for the Parish Council to have a laptop and projector to facilitate group viewings of applications. It was intended to provide paper plans up to the end of 2007.

Concerns were expressed regarding the cost implications for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That in the first instance Kirklees Council be asked if it would fund the cost of the purchase of a laptop and projector and provide Officer training to enable the transition from paper copies of planning applications to e-communications to proceed as smoothly as possible.

4) Kirklees Council - Councillors' Protocol for Planning Committees: The Deputy Clerk informed Members that a report had gone to Kirklees Planning and Highways Committee which contained advice on protocol for Councillors in dealing with planning matters. There was guidance to Councillors who are also members of a Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the advice on protocol be circulated to the relevant Councillors.

07 46 Planning matters

1) Planning for the Future - White Paper - The Planning for a Sustainable Future White Paper: It was noted that should the Council wish to make comments on the above White Paper, these should be made before 17 August 2007. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee had been supplied with a copy of the Summary of the White Paper prior to the Planning Meeting. It was agreed that because of the shortness of time available it would not be possible to make a comment but Members could view the White Paper on line if they so wished (www.communities.gov.uk).

2) Dti - Consultation about nuclear power generation: In this instance there would be sufficient time for the Council to make a comment if it so wished, the closing date being 10 October 2007. Councillor Kaye indicated the Council had made a response in the past to a similar document and that he would endeavour to view the document and make a suitable comment for consideration by the Planning Committee (www.direct.gov.uk/nuclearpower2007).

RESOLVED: That the above courses of action be taken.

07 47 Consultation

1) Oldham MCC - Supplementary Planning Documents - Air Quality and Development and Contaminated Land - Adoption Statement:

2) Consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Document - Assessment of Employment Sites:

Copies of the above document had been received by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the documents be received and noted.

07 48 Appeals

2006/62/94194/W3 - Appeal by Mr & Mrs B Kilcline - site at 20 New Fold, Holmfirth: In order to comply with closing dates the Deputy Clerk had responded to the above appeal. The previous comments had been reiterated to the Planning Inspectorate and a Decision Notice would be available in due course.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk's action be confirmed.

In discussing this item the Deputy Clerk informed Members that an additional appeal had been received which required attention prior to the next Planning Meeting. Permission was given to raise this matter -

2006/62/95166/W3 - Appeal by Mr & Mrs Lindley - Site at 17 Leyfield Bank, Wooldale, Holmfirth -

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comments by 9 August 2007.

RESOLVED: That the comment previously made be reiterated, namely that the Parish Council supports the application, and that it be sent to the Planning Inspectorate within the due date.

07 49 Peak National Park

1) Consultation on the Peak District NPA's proposed policy and procedure for making Traffic Regulation Orders: A copy of this document had been circulated to all Members; comments were required by 1st October 2007. Members indicated their acceptance of the policies as outlined in the Order and did not wish to make further representations.

RESOLVED: That the above consultation be received, noted and no further comment be made on it.

2) 2007 Parishes Day - 15 September 2007: Members were informed of the arrangements for the Parishes Day. Councillor Bellamy indicated he would be willing to attend the event on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bellamy attend the above Parishes Day.

3) Results of the Ballot for the Appointment of Parish Members 2007: A copy of the results of the ballot had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

4) Design Guide and Award Competition: Members had received information indicating that a new Design Guide had been launched by the Peak District recently. To celebrate the new Guide a Design Award competition was being organised. Further details were available on the website.

RESOLVED: That the information regarding the Design Guide and Award Competition be received and noted.

07 50 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