

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr G Christofi, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr C M Kaye, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public and one member of the press were present.

08 229 To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs Hall, R Oldfield, Mrs Osborn and Mrs Walker.

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Cllr J G Cropper assisted the Chairman.

08 230 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.

08 231 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Members declared interests in planning applications as follows:

Cllr Mrs R Bratt - 2009/62/90043/W3 - Land adjacent to South Down, 8B Burnlee Road, Holmfirth - personal.

Cllr T Dearnley - 2009/44/90092/W3 - 31 Broad Lane, Upperthong - prejudicial.

08 232 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2009 numbered 08 116 - 08 228 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

08 233 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 12 January 2009 numbered 51/2008 and 01/2009 be confirmed.

08 234 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

08 235 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 02/2009, 03/2009 and 04/2009.

Cllr Mrs R Bratt withdrew from the meeting during consideration of item 8 on the list. Cllr T Dearnley withdrew from the meeting during consideration of item 15 on the list.

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

08 236 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 02/2009, 03/2009 and 04/2009 be received and noted.

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08 237 Planning matters

(1) Members noted the correspondence received from Pavilion Pre-school, Scholes regarding a planning application to be submitted for a proposed disabled ramp. The Pre-school is built on land held in Trust and forms part of the Parish Council's Charity Scheme.

(2) Members noted correspondence from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - South Pennine Branch Business on a proposal that the planning development control function for minor items (e.g. conservatories, small extensions etc.) be delegated to parish councils.

RESOLVED: That the above correspondence be noted and no further action need be taken.

08 238 Appeals

(1) The Planning Inspectorate - Appeal by Fortis Homes Ltd - Former site at M Littlewood Garage, Station Road, Holmfirth HD9 1AE - Planning Reference 2007/62/91294/W3: Members noted that the appeal has been cancelled as the appellants have withdrawn their appeal.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(2) The Planning Inspectorate - Appeal by Mr Craig Leslie - Site at Kirkwood Hospice Charity Shop, 21 Westgate, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6AA - Planning Reference 2008/62/92503/W3: Members wished to reiterate their previous comments that they support the application, subject to the roller shutters matching others in the vicinity. Members also considered that it would be helpful to seek advice from Kirklees Council Conservation and Design Team on an acceptable, standard type of shutter to recommended for Conservation Areas in the Holme Valley.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk should respond to The Planning Inspectorate by the due date, reiterating Members' previous comments.

(ii) That the Clerk should write to Kirklees Council Conservation and Design Team to request details of their policy on shutters in a Conservation Area, to be considered by Members at a future Planning Committee meeting.

08 239 Peak National Park

Peak District National Park Authority - Application Code No. NP/K/1208/1057 - Variation of condition 6 to allow storage of materials or equipment outside the building - Lane Head Farm, Woodhead Road, Holme: Members considered the correspondence and were happy to support the application.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the Peak District National Park Authority, by the due date, to confirm that Members support this application.

08 240 E-consultation

(1) Report of visit to Denby Dale Parish Council's Planning Meeting - Minute No. 08 224 refers: The Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Administrative Support Officer had attended this meeting to observe the implementation of the e-consultation process, as recommended by Kirklees Council, and to see for themselves first hand what the Parish Council's experiences of the process were. Provided the user of the system is totally familiar with the equipment, which is sufficiently powerful to accommodate downloaded graphic files, there should be no problems accessing the relevant information from the Kirklees Council website. It would be beneficial, however, to have preparation time before a meeting, to ensure quick and easy access at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should pursue the purchase of appropriate equipment (e.g. laptop or use of existing computers with wireless access, and overhead projector and screen, to seek relevant quotations for consideration at a future meeting.

(2) Members considered the timescale to progress with e-consultation and agreed that the purchase of necessary equipment should be made out of this year's budget if possible.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should obtain quotations for the purchase of necessary equipment and any installation works, to be purchased, if at all possible, within the current financial year.

08 241 Freedom of Information Act 2000 - to agree what information will be made available to the public

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