

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs D Hall

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr J G Cropper, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr C M Kaye, 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

Two members of the public were present.

One member of the public was present to address Members regarding item 11(4) on the Agenda - Planning application 2008/62/91877/W3 - Smith and Hargreaves.

Cllr L Bailey, having declared a prejudicial interest, exercised his right under Paragraph 12(2) of the Council's Code of Conduct, to address Members regarding item 11(1) on the Agenda - policy on wind turbines.

08 54 To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs M Bower, T Dearnley and R Oldfield.

08 55 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 56 Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That new newly co-opted Councillor, Cllr P S Hirst, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee.

08 57 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr L Bailey declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11(1) - policy on wind turbines.

08 58 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2008 numbered 08 47 - 08 53 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

08 59 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Lists dated 1 September 2008, numbered 31/2008, 32/2008, 33/2008 and 34/2008 be confirmed.

08 60 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Minute number 08 41(2) - Signs, Woodhead Road, Holmfirth: Further correspondence had been received from the Enforcement Officer, Kirklees Council. Irrespective of whether or not there had been a sign in place for the last 10 years and, therefore, whether it was lawful, it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to Kirklees Council to reiterate that the current plastic signage does not meet the Parish Council's policy on signs in a Conservation Area.

08 61 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.

The Clerk reported that a Joint Meeting of Parish/Town Councils and Kirklees Council would take place on 24 September 2008, to be attended by Mr Jonathan Barrett, Head of Planning and Building Control

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Services, Kirklees Council. Cllrs Bellamy, Kaye, Mrs Roberts and the Clerk would be attending.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would raise the following concerns:

- (1) Lack of continuity at Planning Office, with staff retirements/changes of case officers.
- (2) Changes in procedures affecting timescales, resulting in case officers being unable to visit site before commenting to the Parish Council.
- (3) Kirklees' decision to change procedure for requesting Committee consideration of a planning application, without prior consultation or notification to Parish Council of this change.
- (4) Lack of communication with Parish Council re policy changes, e.g. wind turbines; better training required on policy interpretation.
- (5) Lack of consistency in approach to planning applications due to changes in case officers, workloads etc.
- (6) Role of an Enforcement Officer is not clear.
- (7) Lack of clarification from Kirklees on their policy on Section 106 payments.

It was proposed and seconded that items 11(1) (wind turbines) and 11(4) (Planning Application 2008/62/91877/W3 - Smith and Hargreaves) on the Agenda be taken first in priority order. This was so RESOLVED.

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from List 35/2008 and other applications received.

Due to changes in Kirklees Council's software which handled planning applications, no weekly planning lists were being produced. This had resulted in some applications having to be deferred.

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

08 62 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That List 35/2008 and other applications decided be received and noted.

As mentioned above, no weekly planning lists of applications decided were being produced.

08 63 Planning matters

(1) Definition and use of a formal policy on wind turbines, similar to that used by Kirklees Council:

Cllr Bailey withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item. Prior to withdrawing, Cllr Bailey had distributed notes on the myths surrounding the installation of wind turbines.

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred until the next meeting, to allow the notes to be considered fully.

(2) Sign at shop premises on Woodhead Road, Holmfirth: A query had been received from a Member about a sign at the children's swimwear premises that does not meet the Parish Council's policy on signs in a Conservation Area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should ask the Enforcement Officer, Kirklees Council, to pursue this matter.

(3) Access to business premises from Concord Street, Honley: Members noted correspondence received from the Enforcement Officer, Kirklees, following a query from a local resident.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to the local resident, that Kirklees could not trace details of any permissions or conditions imposed on the business.

(4) Minute number 08 41(4) - Planning application 2008/62/91877/W3 - Smith and Hargreaves: Correspondence from Kirklees Council was considered by Members, who expressed concern that the situation was still causing problems for this local business. The local business had a right of appeal against the refusal of planning permission, or it could submit a new application supported by boundary line/right of way evidence.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should respond to Kirklees Council to point out a number of factual inaccuracies and inconsistencies in its letter.

08 64 Appeals

The Clerk reported that she had responded to The Planning Inspectorate, reiterating Members' previous comments, by the relevant dates on the following appeals:

(1) Planning Reference 2008/62/91041/W3 - Appeal by Dr T Mahmood - Site at Polly Dam, Dean Brook Road, Netherthong, Holmfirth - Minute No 08 45(6) refers.

(2) Planning Reference 2008/62/91147/W3 - Appeal by Mr Arthur Smith - Site at The Bungalow, Squarefield, Scholes Moor Road, Scholes HD9 1SH.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(3) Planning Reference 2008/62/90822/W3 - Appeal by Hannah Walker - As a matter of urgency the Clerk informed Members that she would respond to an appeal received that day for the site at Rose Glen, Far Lane, Hepworth, and would report formally at the next meeting.

08 65 Consultation

(1) West Yorkshire Central Services Agency (WYCSA)/NHS - New pharmaceutical premises in Holmfirth: Members wished to make no further comment on the application by Healthcare Location Ltd.

RESOLVED: That additional information provided by WYCSA be noted.

(2) West Yorkshire Central Services Agency (WYCSA)/NHS - Application by Shakeel Mukhtar for new pharmaceutical premises in New Mill:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should submit written representation, within 45 days of the date of the letter from WYCSA, that Members supported the above application, provided it was in a suitable location with appropriate parking.

(3) Oldham MBC - Urban Design Guide - Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):

RESOLVED: That availability of the above document be noted.

(4) Peak District National Park Authority - Local Development Framework and Landscape Strategy - workshop on Wednesday 22 October 2008 at Holme Sunday School:

RESOLVED: That the above be noted and Cllrs Bellamy and Mrs Osborn to attend.

08 66 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