

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2008 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs J M Osborn

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

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

### **Open Session at Planning**

One member of the public was present. He had no questions to put to the meeting.

The Chairman asked that all Members should avoid making derogatory comments about any named individual, as this was disrespectful and could be construed as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

### **08 74 To accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors G Christofi, T Dearnley, R P Dixon, D Firth, Mrs D Hall, C M Kaye, R Oldfield, P D Searby and Mrs M Walker.

### **08 75 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 76 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None were declared.

### **08 77 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2008 numbered 08 67 - 08 73 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

### **08 78 Completed planning lists**

RESOLVED: That the Completed Lists dated 13 October 2008, numbered 36/2008, 37/2008, 38/2008 and 39/2008 be confirmed.

### **08 79 Correspondence arising from the Minutes**

Minute number 08 63 (2) - Sign at shop premises on Woodhead Road, Holmfirth: The Kirklees Council Enforcement Officer had investigated this sign and had confirmed that consent was not required and that Kirklees Council had no control over the design or materials.

RESOLVED: (1) That the above be noted.

(2) That the Parish Council's guidelines on signs in a Conservation Area should be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.

### **08 80 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.**

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 40/2008, 41/2008 and 42/2008.

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

One application had not appeared on a planning list and, therefore, could not be commented on by Members. As comments were requested by the Area Planning Team W3 by 30 October 2008, Members asked that an extension to the consultation period be requested from Kirklees Council.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk should request an extension, to allow Members to comment at the next Planning Committee meeting on 17 November 2008.

### **08 81 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions**

RESOLVED: That Lists 40/2008, 41/2008 and 42/2008 be received and noted.

### **08 82 Planning matters**

(1) Kirklees Council Planning and Building Control Services - Consultations with Parish Council - Correspondence from Kirklees Council was considered and Members understood that although the Parish Council had exercised its right to be consulted on planning applications, it was not a statutory consultee. Members were concerned that a number of points previously raised by the Parish Council had not yet been addressed satisfactorily by Kirklees Council and there was still a lack of consistency on how certain applications were being dealt with by Kirklees Council. A meeting was therefore suggested with the relevant Kirklees Council Officers, with the intention of rebuilding a satisfactory and positive working relationship, based on clarity and consistency, and agreeing future working arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Kirklees Council at Kirklees Council Planning Services offices; the Chairman of Planning Committee, Clerk and Administrative Support Officer to attend on behalf of the Parish Council, and report back to the Council.

(2) Arrangements for requesting consideration of a planning application by the Kirklees Council Planning Committee.

(3) Offer from Jonathan Barrett, Kirklees Council, to provide training on consideration of planning applications and aspects of Kirklees Council Policies.

RESOLVED: That these items be included on the agenda for the above meeting with Kirklees Council Officers.

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

RESOLVED: That Cllr Bailey should assess all the information available on the subject of wind turbines, and to report to a future Planning Committee meeting.

(5) Request from Councillor, following a complaint from a local resident - Jaguar Estates development, Huddersfield Road: Councillor Cropper reported that the developer had already used blue slates instead of reclaimed grey stone slates, the latter as stipulated in a condition of a planning application.

RESOLVED: That the resident should be advised to lodge a formal complaint with one of the Kirklees Councillors who is on the Kirklees Council Planning Committee.

### **08 83 Appeals**

Planning Reference 2008/62/90822/W3 - Appeal by Hannah Walker - Site at Rose Glen, Far Lane, Hepworth: The Clerk reported that she had responded to the Planning Inspectorate, reiterating Members' previous comments, by the due date.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

### **08 84 Footpaths**

Interim decision by The Planning Inspectorate - Public Path Modification Order 2007 - Public Footpath 226, Old Turnpike to Woodhead Road, Honley (Minute no. 08 10 refers): Evidence gathered by The Planning Inspectorate indicates that the public have enjoyed unchallenged use of the footpath during the 20 years prior to 2003, and that the way has been dedicated as a public footpath. This interim decision is because the Inspector has proposed a modification to the order concerning the widths to be recorded.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

**08 85 Consultation**

(1) Peak District National Park Authority - Local Development Framework and Landscape Strategy - workshop held on Wednesday 22 October 2008 at Holme Sunday School: Cllrs Bellamy and Mrs Osborn attended this very informative meeting, attended by approximately 60 people. A 15-year strategy is proposed and topics at this workshop included wheelie bins, lack of picnic sites, lack of transport/public bus services, the reactivation of quarry sites within the National Park, wind farms and affordable housing.

(2) West Yorkshire Central Services Agency/NHS - Gradualisation period for Oaklands Health Centre (Dispensing Practice): A gradualisation period of 6 months had been granted and patients affected would be informed by no later than 31 October 2008.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

**08 86 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**