

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 30 MARCH 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs D Hall

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr M Bower, 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 A R Otterburn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith

Non Councillors : Mr D Cuttell

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs MA Bewick

### **Open Session at Planning**

Two members of the public were present but neither wished to address Members.

### **08 267 To accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bratt, Christofi, Dearnley, Firth and Mrs Walker.

Cllr Otterburn was present as a substitute for Cllr Mrs Bratt.

Ms Jennifer Duncan and Mr Joe Dixon of Tesco were in attendance to address the meeting.

### **08 268 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.

### **08 269 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None were declared.

### **08 270 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2009 numbered 08 254 - 08 266 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

### **08 271 Speakers at meetings**

Members were reminded by the Chairman of the Committee of the need to listen to the information being offered, whilst maintaining an open mind.

Ms Jennifer Duncan and Mr Joe Dixon of Tesco were welcomed to the meeting. Mr Dixon explained the company's proposals for a new supermarket on the brownfield site formerly occupied by Midlothian Garage. Tesco had held a number of consultation meetings recently. Although the site was complex due to its former use, green issues, town centre impact and traffic issues were being considered, but plans were now being finalised to submit the application within the next eight weeks. The proposed store would be much larger than a Tesco Express type store and three times larger than the Co-operative Store at Crown Bottom, Holmfirth; it would provide the potential for 360 jobs (220 FTE) and parking for 375 vehicles, and opening hours would be from 7am to 11pm (reduced hours on Sundays). If the planning application was accepted, Tesco hoped to open the store by Summer 2011.

Ms Duncan and Mr Dixon answered questions from Members, and Mr Dixon agreed to provide the Council with examples of successful/not so successful stores which had recently been built. A straw poll on Members' opinions on preference for sedum roofing or more environmentally friendly roofing was conducted and Members preferred the sedum roofing option.

Members thanked Ms Duncan and Mr Dixon for their attendance at the meeting.

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### **08 272 Completed planning lists**

RESOLVED: That the Completed Lists dated 16 March 2009, numbered 08/2009, 09/2009 and 10/2009 be confirmed.

### **08 273 Correspondence arising from the Minutes**

Nothing to report.

### **08 274 Planning Applications - Kirklees M.C.**

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from Lists 11/2009 and 12/2009, together with two applications from list 09/2009 deferred from the last meeting awaiting Kirklees Council comment.

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

### **08 275 Kirklees MC - Officers Decisions**

RESOLVED: That Lists 11/2009 and 12/2009 be received and noted.

### **08 276 Appeals**

Planning Reference 2008/62/93924/W3 - Appeal by Andrew Beever - Site at 39a Scholes Moor Road, Holmfirth HD9 1SJ: Members noted the correspondence from Kirklees Council and wished to make no further comment.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

### **08 277 Consultation**

(1) Submission to Kirklees on Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Members of the Working Party had produced a draft submission, which was considered by the Planning Committee. Following a number of changes agreed by the Committee, the Clerk would arrange for the submission to be lodged with Kirklees Council by the due date and, as part of the Minutes, present the Committee's submission to full Council, as previously authorised.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk should amend the submission document as agreed.

(ii) That the Clerk be approved to submit the document, as revised, to Kirklees Council by 3 April 2009.

(2) Commission for Rural Communities: Members noted correspondence regarding the region's upland communities, but did not wish to make a comment.

RESOLVED: That the information supplied be noted.

### **08 278 Footpaths**

The Planning Inspectorate - Order Decision - Public Footpath Holmfirth 21 (Part) - Royd Farm, Farnley Tyas - Public Path Diversion Order 2007: Members noted the Inspector's decision on this Order.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

### **08 279 Planning matters**

Training to be arranged by Kirklees Policy and Governance Section on planning issues: Members considered relevant topics to be covered and agreed these should include Sustainability; Enforcement Policy; Consistency; Process of consultation with other departments, e.g. Highways and Environmental Services; Renewable Energy; Kirklees Council's view on the role of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should pursue the training session and put forward the topics as agreed.

### **08 280 E-consultation**

Minute number 08 230 (2) refers: Members considered quotations for the purchase of the necessary equipment for e-consultation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be approved to purchase the necessary equipment, within the budget

allocated.

**08 281 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.

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**Chairman**