

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2009 -

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J Roberts

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr M Bower, Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr D M Firth, Cllr C R Greaves, Cllr P S Hirst, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr P D Searby, Cllr B A Smith

Non Councillors : Mr D Cuttell

Officers : Mrs S S Barber

09 98 Open Session at Planning

No members of the public or press were present.

09 99 To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Cropper, R P Dixon, T W Dixon, Mrs Hall, Kaye and Mrs Walker, and the Clerk.

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs Osborn assisted the Chairman.

09 100 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.

09 101 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr P Hirst declared a personal interest in Item 5 on the Planning List (2009/62/92706/W1 - Holmfirth High School).

09 102 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2009 numbered 09 86 - 09 97 inclusive be confirmed and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

09 103 Completed planning lists

RESOLVED: That the Completed Planning Lists dated 5 October 2009, numbered 37/2009, 38/2009 and 39/2009 be confirmed.

09 104 Planning Applications - Kirklees Council

Consideration was given to planning applications relative to the Holme Valley from 40/2009, 41/2009 and 42/2009.

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

Members considered the following application which had been deferred at the previous meeting: 2009/62/92615 (2009/39/06) - B Bedford - Change of Use of existing single dwelling into two (within a Conservation Area) - Netherthong Post Office, 15 Giles Street, Netherthong, Holmfirth HD9 3EF

Comments on the above application are included at item 1 on the attached planning list.

RESOLVED: That the above observations be forwarded to Kirklees Council.

09 105 Kirklees Council - Officers Decisions

RESOLVED: That Lists 40/2009, 41/2009 and 42/2009 be received and noted.

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09 106 Peak National Park

Planning Application NP/K/0809/0770 - 14 The Village, Holme - Listed Building Consent - Proposed replacement windows, demolition and replacement of stone porch: Members considered this planning application and agreed to support it.

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

09 107 Planning matters

(1) Planning Training - 21 October 2009 - Minute no. 09 94 refers: Five Members and the Administrative Support Officer attended the training session provided by Kirklees Council Planning and Building Services. The session was considered to be very informative and clarification had been provided on a number of issues previously raised. Although Members noted that Case Officers would no longer be providing comments on applications, a request could be made to the Case Officer to meet on site, to enable Ward Councillors to raise any specific concerns on any application. Kirklees Council also confirmed that photographic evidence could also be submitted, where appropriate, e.g. parking congestion. Members were informed that all parish/town council comments were taken into consideration by Kirklees Council, who would aim to provide more feedback on Officers' decisions in the future, together with copies of the relevant Case Officers' reports once in the public domain.

RESOLVED: (i) That the above be noted, and the Members and Officer thanked for their attendance.
(ii) That the Clerk should write to Kirklees Council to thank them for providing the above training, and to ask for a repeat session to be provided sooner rather than later, for those who were unable to attend this session.

(2) E-consultation - Minute no. 09 95 refers: In the absence of the Clerk, the Officer reported that progress was being made with Kirklees Intech on the implement of full e-consultation, but costs were still awaited on network connections. In the meantime, other costs for projector, screen etc. were now being sought.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

(3) Other planning issues - Minute no. 09 80 and 09 94 refer: Issues of concern had already been raised and addressed at the Planning Training session (as above).

(4) New shop - Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth: Members considered the correspondence from a local resident expressing concern about a shop opening on Huddersfield Road. Members noted the concerns. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no control over the types of shops moving in to the town, or licensing arrangements, but Members felt that it was better to have shops occupied and trading, as opposed to vacant and untidy (e.g. Basics).

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the resident on the lines discussed, but thanking her for her comments.

09 108 Representation

Peak Park Parishes' Forum Planning Workshop - Saturday 5 December 2009 - Bakewell: It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy should be asked to attend this workshop.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should ask Cllr Bellamy if he would be willing to represent the Parish Council at the Planning Workshop and to respond to the Peak Park Parishes' Forum accordingly.

Yorkshire Water Event - 13 November 2009: Although this item was not on the Agenda, Members noted an invitation to Councillors to take a tour of Ramsden Reservoir, Brownhill Water Treatment Works and Riding Wood Reservoir, to see the essential improvement works. Due to the short timescale, the Officer asked that any Members wishing to attend should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

09 109 Consultation

The Planning Inspectorate - Sarah Bartram - Site at 5 Scotgate Road, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6JQ (Application Ref 2008/62/93405/W3): Members noted that this appeal had been allowed.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

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09 110 Footpaths

Kirklees Council Legal Services - Public Footpath Holmfirth 21 (Part) - Royd Farm, Farnley Tyas - Minute number 08 278 refers: Members noted that the Order made by Kirklees Council on 26 November 2007 was confirmed by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 16 March 2009, and came into effect on 9 October 2009.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted.

09 111 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