

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, RP Dixon, T Dixon, R Hogley, M Pogson

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors to this virtual meeting of the new Planning Standing Committee.

Open Session at Planning

No members of the public were present.

2021 152 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

Council meetings can now be recorded.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk was recording the meeting via the Zoom platform in video format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

2021 153 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Gould had tendered his apologies but these had been sent to the Clerk so were not received by the Deputy Clerk before the Committee meeting.

2021 154 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

No disclosable personal and pecuniary interests were disclosed at this point.

Later in the meeting, Cllr Pogson disclosed personal interests with regard to Item 2021 167.

2021 155 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

2021 156 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: Members decided that no items on the agenda should be discussed in private.

2021 157 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8 February 2021, numbered 2021 135 – 2021 151 inclusive were confirmed.

2021 158 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED:

The Planning Committee noted List 2021/12 updated with the views of the Committee.

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2021 159 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 2 February 2021 to 2 March 2021 inclusive – List 2021/13.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Committee’s comments on the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Deputy Clerk.

2021 160 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers’ Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 2 February 2021 to 2 March 2021 inclusive.

2021 161 Planning Application Appeal

NOTED: The Committee noted the Parish Council’s response to Planning Application Appeal [APP/Z4718/Y/20/3263293](#) regarding Planning Application [91481](#).

2021 162 Neighbourhood Planning

NOTED: Cllr Hogley reported that an Independent Examiner, Peter Biggers, had been appointed for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the dates of the examination would be announced soon. In this process, all the materials previously submitted would be reviewed alongside Kirklees Council’s views, and then there are likely to be some follow-up questions.

2021 163 Peak District National Park Authority

- a. **NOTED:** The Committee noted Peak District National Park Authority Planning List 2021/06PD updated with the comments of the Committee.
- b. The Committee considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 2 February 2021 to 2 March 2021 inclusive – List 2021/07PD.
RESOLVED: That the Standing Committee’s comments on the above applications list be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.
- c. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority from 2 February 2021 to 2 March 2021 inclusive.

2021 164 Holme Valley Parish Council Strategic Priorities for Planning

The Chairman reported on the working party’s draft Summary Plan and draft Action Plan regarding the Strategic Priorities of the Council that were tasks under the remit of the Planning Committee. The working party had divided the tasks into three categories, - 1) routine tasks that are a matter of course for the Committee; 2) four items that are proposed to be high priorities; 3) other priorities. **NOTED:** Members noted that sometimes the Parish Council and other local authorities are trying to set targets (around planning developments and around climate change) that are more ambitious than national or local governments.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to support the ongoing work of the working party. It was acknowledged that refining and targeting priorities will be made easier once the Neighbourhood Development Plan is approved.

Members were encouraged to contribute to the development of the draft Action Plan.

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2021 165 Ramsden Road

NOTED: Members noted that the Chairman of the Council had communicated to Kirklees Council regarding Holme Valley Parish Council's support for Kirklees' proposed use of a Public Space Protection Order for the byways open to all traffic around Ramsden, Brownhill, Riding Wood and Yateholme reservoirs. The Parish Council's position on this matter was to be reviewed in 4 months.

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had communicated to Kirklees to encourage repair work to be undertaken on the damaged byways.

2021 166 Footpath at Pigginger Lane off Laithe Lane off Cliff Road

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had contacted Kevin Moore at Kirklees Environmental Health on behalf of the Parish Council asking him to look into the issue at Pigginger Lane in the light of Section 59 of the Buildings Act 1984, - inadequate drainage to a property. Giles Cheetham from Kirklees Public Rights of Way team was copied into this communication and also asked to be put in touch with the complainant with regard to resolving the problem. Investigations are ongoing by both parties. Deputy Clerk will seek further comment before the next meeting.

2021 167 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to i) moorland beside a track and ii) a green lane

Members considered:

- i) a resident's concern regarding damage to moorland from a track called Round Close Road near Hade Edge in Scholes ward.
- ii) a resident's concern regarding damage to a green lane called Broad Carr Lane in Hepworth ward.

RESOLVED: With regard to Round Close Road, Cllr Pogson would check the status of the land regarding ownership or common land status with Kirklees Mapping. The Deputy Clerk would report the issue to the three Holme Valley Councillors. The Committee would review the situation after the preliminary investigation.

RESOLVED: With regard to the green lanes around Broad Carr Lane Hepworth, the Deputy Clerk will write on behalf of the Parish Council to Rob Dalby at Kirklees requesting that his team look at the condition of the relevant green lanes and consider imposing an order (like a Public Space Protection Order) to manage the usage by vehicular traffic.

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At this point, Cllr Pogson said that he had a disclosable personal interest in the following item and left the meeting.

2021 168 Request from Mirfield Town Council

The Planning Standing Committee Mirfield considered a request from Mirfield Town Council to support or comment on their recent resolution regarding the planning process in Kirklees. This was the resolution, - "Proposal by Cllr Bolt, Seconded by Cllrs Guy, Lees-Hamilton, Taylor, Naisbett, Hinchliffe & Connell: Mirfield Town Council recognises the concerns expressed by residents with regards to the lack of clarity in the planning process and that recent issues and applications have resulted in a reduction of confidence by residents in Kirklees planning systems. In order to try and restore public confidence in the Council and its processes Mirfield Town Council calls on Kirklees to set up a Community Commission to take evidence from residents and constituted community groups of their experiences with the remit to consider any changes needed. That commission should be open to all in Kirklees but held in Mirfield – Cllr Bolt reports of a number of Community Commissions set up with the chance of local input & view. Cllrs in other areas are also infuriated with the planning process and Kirklees staff. Kirklees ignoring key factors like trees, flooding & traffic surveys carried out at quiet times or during school holidays. Following the Proposal and seconding of the motion Vote: All in favour"

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved simply to note Mirfield Town Council's resolution at this stage.

The meeting closed at 7.58PM.

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Chairman