

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

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

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and members of the public to this virtual meeting of the Planning Standing Committee. Cllr Blacka began with a short tribute to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, who died last week, and a minute's silence was held in respect of his lifetime of service.

Open Session at Planning

Six members of the public were present. One person was present to comment on a pending Planning Appeal. Three people were present to comment on two individual planning applications. One person was present to observe the process of the review of planning applications. One person said they would later join expressly to view agenda items 2122 16 and 2122 17.

With regard to the pending Planning Appeal, the Chair asked to suspend Standing Orders to report.

RESOLVED: Committee resolved that the Council would participate in the Appeal through a letter drafted under devolved powers by the Deputy Clerk with input from the Committee Chair and a ward Councillor. This would affirm the agreed resolution of the Committee to support decisions of Kirklees Planning Officers with regard to all Listed Building Applications.

2122 01 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 Officer was recording the meeting via the Zoom platform in video format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

2122 02 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Pogson and Cllr Gould had tendered their apologies.

RESOLVED: Apologies were approved by the Committee.

2122 03 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

The Deputy Clerk disclosed a personal interest in Application 2021/14/07.

Cllr RP Dixon did not disclose any interests at this stage but later disclosed a personal/pecuniary interest in Application 2021/14/11.

2122 04 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

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2122 05 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.

2122 06 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8 March 2021, numbered 2021 152 – 2021 168 inclusive were confirmed.

2122 07 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED:

The Planning Committee noted List 2021/13 updated with the views of the Committee.

2122 08 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

At this point the Chair asked Members to consider changing the order of the applications to be reviewed so that the planning applications that members of the public had attended to comment on were moved up to the top of the order.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the change to the order of applications.

During this item, Cllr RP Dixon declared a disclosable personal/pecuniary interest in Application 2021/14/11.

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 2 March 2021 to 6 April 2021 inclusive – List 2021/14.

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

RESOLVED: With regard to the run of new planning applications regarding work to overhead lines, the Deputy Clerk is to ask Kirklees why we have received these.

2122 09 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 2 March 2021 to 6 April 2021 inclusive.

2122 10 Neighbourhood Planning

NOTED: Cllr Hogley reported that the Independent Examiner, Peter Biggers, has drawn up questions on the Neighbourhood Plan for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, for Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Kirklees coordinates the replies. Partners are working on three areas, - i) the preservation of the landscape; ii) the protection of our heritage assets and iii) the protection of non-designated heritage assets/buildings. Cllr Hogley has had meetings with Kirklees and our consultants about these areas to draw together an agreed statement whereby information included in the appendix to the plan is now to be incorporated into the main body of the work. The Independent Examiner will reflect on answers presented and then may ask additional questions which may involve amendments to the plan. The progress is positive but a lot of work still needs to be done.

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2122 11 Peak District National Park Authority

- a. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the Peak District National Park Authority Planning List 2021/07PD updated with the comments of the Committee.
- b. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority from 2 March 2021 to 6 April 2021 inclusive.
- c. **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Peak District National Park Authority had adopted its [Residential Annexes Supplementary Planning Document](#) in February 2021.

2122 12 Holme Valley Parish Council Strategic Priorities for Planning

The Chairman reported that consideration was being given to a local design guide using a recent online buildings survey as a starting point.

2122 13 Wolfstones Footpath 60

NOTED: The Committee noted that the virtual Public Inquiry regarding the proposed amendment to Footpath 60 has been set for 24 August 2021, that written Statements of Case to support verbal evidence needed to be received by the Department for Transport by 03 August 2021, and that the date of the pre-Inquiry meeting was still to be confirmed.

The Committee considered arrangements regarding presentation of Holme Valley Parish Council's evidence to the Public Inquiry. The Chairman of Council suggested that the Parish Council may not need to attend the virtual Inquiry if everything that pertains to the Parish Council's case is already being presented by Kirklees Planning who must attend as the planning authority.

RESOLVED: i) The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Planning to establish the case they are presenting and to gauge whether the Parish Council needs to submit additional evidence.
ii) Additionally, the Deputy Clerk would contact the Department for Transport to inquire whether the Parish Council, as a statutory body, would be expected to attend the Public Inquiry.
iii) The Deputy Clerk to inquire of officers involved with the Inquiry to establish whether previous evidence submissions by the Parish Council would be included within case documentation for review by inspectors.

2122 14 Listed Building Application on behalf of Holme Valley Parish Council

NOTED: Members noted the application by the Publications and Communications Standing Committee to affix a commemorative plaque on Holmfirth Civic Hall has been granted.

2122 15 Notification of conservation area appraisal being prepared for Honley

NOTED: The Committee noted the appraisal and pending consultation, and the request for assistance with regard to better engaging with the Honley public on this process.

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2122 16 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to Round Close Road

The Chair reported on fact-finding visits and meetings she had undertaken with regard to the damage to Round Close Road.

Cllr Hogley additionally reported that a number of different landowners were potentially involved, that some landowners had put some trees on the land to informally prevent off-road 4x4 access, and commented on the potential utility of closing off a section of the lane with gated access for the farm. The Committee considered further actions regarding the ongoing issue.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved for Cllr Blacka as ward Councillor to engage with Hade Edge Residents Association and residents of the farm to try and agree a way forward.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees officers with regard to establishing the official status of the lane.

2122 17 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to a lane called Broad Carr Lane in Hepworth ward

NOTED: Members noted that the Deputy Clerk has contacted Rob Dalby regarding his team reviewing the condition of the lane and giving consideration to imposing an order to manage the usage by vehicular traffic especially recreational 4x4s. The Deputy Clerk reported that Mr Dalby was on holiday until 13th April 2021. A Councillor reported that he had spoken to the home owner in question and he understood that Rob Dalby was already working with the family to resolve the situation.

RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would continue to press Rob Dalby about developments at this site, as well as inquiring about developments with regard to the Public Space Protection Order around the Upper Holme Valley reservoirs.

2122 18 Request from Mirfield Town Council with regard to its recent resolution on the planning process in Kirklees

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk has contacted Mirfield Town Council to indicate that Holme Valley Parish Council had resolved at this stage simply to note their resolution.

The meeting closed at 8.53PM

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Chairman