

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HADE EDGE BAND ROOM MONDAY 26 JULY 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, RP Dixon, R Hogley, A Wilson

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and five members of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee. The Chair specifically welcomed a new Committee Member, Cllr Andy Wilson, recently elected as a Councillor for Upperthong.

Open Session at Planning

The four members of the public were present to speak on longstanding plans for the Hade Edge Road intersection near the Boshaw Trout Pub.

RESOLVED: At this point, Members voted to move the relevant agenda item concerning the Hade Edge Road scheme up the agenda to the earliest point it could be considered, and to thence suspend standing orders allowing members of the public to report on their concerns.

2122 65 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 in audio format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel. No other people present wanted to record the meeting.

2122 66 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Gould and Cllr T Dixon had tendered apologies.

RESOLVED: Apologies were approved by the Committee.

Cllr Colling was late arriving for the meeting.

2122 67 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None were disclosed.

2122 68 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

2122 69 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.

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2122 70 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 June 2021, numbered 2122 52 – 2122 64 inclusive were confirmed.

The Committee Chair noted at this point that Kirklees Planners had refused the application for a 5G mast at New Mill Road which the Committee had objected to the previous month.

At this point, the Committee voted to move agenda Item 2122 80 up the order to here and voted to suspend standing orders so that members of the public could comment on issues pertaining to Hade Edge Intersection and the plans for its development.

2122 80 Hade Edge Road Intersection

Members of the public communicated that there had been little progress with the road scheme after eleven years, and road safety dangers needed better, ongoing management. Concerns were about suggested danger spots at the Boshaw Trout, Longley and Choppards Bank. There was disquiet about the 60mph speed limit for much of the road down to Holmfirth with narrow pavements, poor sightlines for people joining the main road, difficulties with pedestrian crossing, and poor, weathered and unclear signage. There were concerns about the traffic dangers to schoolchildren and about the increase in road users due to the new pub. Speakers wanted further consideration by planners into reducing the speed limit to 30mph down into Holmfirth, and a 20mph zone when school was in attendance.

Members considered how the Parish Council could engage with local people and Kirklees Council regarding plans to develop the road intersection at Hade Edge opposite the Boshaw Trout pub.

RESOLVED: The Committee voted that the Committee Chair and the Deputy Clerk would work together to send a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to Kirklees Highways outlining the issues raised by local residents, suggesting a two stage plan for the scheme, and asking for an Officer from Highways to attend an informal, private meeting with Planning Standing Committee Members to answer questions and discuss the scheme, and to thence discuss with the Officer the possibility of holding a public meeting in future.

2122 71 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2122/03 updated with the views of the Committee.

2122 72 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 21 June 2021 to 20 July 2021 inclusive – List 2122-04.

During this item, Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in planning application 2122-04-09.

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

2122 73 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 21 June 2021 to 20 July 2021 inclusive.

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2122 74 Neighbourhood Planning

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported that the final examiner's report had been issued, modifications to the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan had now been completed by our planning consultant, Kirkwells. The Plan cannot be published yet until it has been through the Peak District National Park and Kirklees Council cabinet meetings. Kirklees Council has to add in a number of maps to the final plan. After approval by the two primary authorities, a date can be agreed for the public referendum which is likely to be the end of October. The Steering Group Chair will ask the Parish Council to allow the Planning Committee to oversee the engagement with the local public on the referendum and its publicity.

2122 75 Peak District National Park Authority

Members were unable to find the Peak District National Park Authority Supplementary Planning Document on the Conversion of Historic Buildings.

RESOLVED: Members could forward any comments on this Document to the Chair to forward onto the Peak District National Park Authority.

2122 76 Engaging with the community regarding local planning applications

Cllr Hogley reported on the progress of a locally funded project by Create Streets regarding identifying key features valued in the Holme Valley as a way to develop a simple tool to encourage more community engagement and comment on local planning developments. Key features included things like buildings having a sense of "belonging", being in proportion, accessibility, and sustainability, for example, which would help developers. Cllr Hogley hoped that the Parish Council would support the initiative.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hogley would circulate a Powerpoint presentation to Members from Create Streets.

2122 77 Notice of Public Path Modification Order Footpath 60 - Wolfstones

NOTED: Members noted the Map Modification Order for Footpath 60.

2122 78 Oldham Council Local Plan

Oldham Council had invited the Parish Council to contribute to the consultation on their Local Plan.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the Deputy Clerk should thank Oldham Council for their inviting us to the consultation and refer them to the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2122 79 Kirklees Council Local Plan Supplementary Planning Documents - Batch 2

NOTED: The Committee noted Kirklees Council's adoption of its Local Plan Supplementary Planning Documents - Batch 2.

The meeting closed at 8.22PM

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Chairman