

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, T Dixon, R Hogley, S Sheard, A Wilson

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and six members of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public was in attendance to ask the Parish Council to revise its comment on a planning application in Scholes.

One member of the public was in attendance to ask the Parish Council to reiterate its opposition to a planning application in Honley.

Four members of the public were in attendance regarding their opposition to a planning application in Wooldale, of whom three addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the agenda items concerned with these representations would be moved up the order. Thus:

- Item 2122 168 “Further Communications on 3, Mount Scar View” would be brought forward to after 2122 158.
- Item 2122 167 “Further Communications about a planning application at 3, Marsh Gardens” would be brought forward to immediately follow that item.
- The review of planning application 2122 09 26 - Land adjacent to Cranborne would be undertaken as the first consideration of Item 2122 160.

2122 153 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 video format for upload to the Parish Council’s YouTube channel. No other people present wanted to record the meeting.

2122 154 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr RP Dixon had tendered his apology.

RESOLVED: The reason for his apology was approved by the Committee.

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2122 155 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

The Officer declared a personal interest in item 2122 160 Application 2122/09/14.

2122 156 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

2122 157 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 158 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 November 2021, numbered 2122 135 – 2122 152 inclusive were approved.

At this point, the agenda items pertaining to representations from members of the public were moved up the agenda.

2122 168 Further communications on 3, Mount Scar View

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Parish Council's revised comment 7th December 2021 of "No observation" on this application. This superseded an earlier comment of "Support."

The applicant had since submitted a revised Supporting Statement to the application. Committee Members received this document from the Chair 18th December 2021. The Chair asked Members to further review the application in the context of the new Statement and the testimony of the applicant in the public session.

Standing orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak on this item.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would retain its neutral comment of "No observation" on this application

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2122 167 Further communications about a planning application at 3, Marsh Gardens

- This application had been reviewed by the Parish Council at the last Planning meeting regarding "Removal/ Variation conditions 11 (solar panels) and 12 (bicycle storage) on previous permission 2019/93445 for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3 dwellings with gardens and parking" The Parish Council's comment was "Oppose. Both conditions should stand."
The Parish Council has since received further communications from a resident regarding the ongoing application and he had commented in the Open Session. Standing orders were suspended to allow the petitioner to speak on this item.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would reiterate its comments to Kirklees in opposition to the application and that both conditions should stand.
- At this point, the two members of the public making representations about these two items left the meeting.

2122 159 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2021/08 updated with the views of the Committee

2122 160 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 23 November 2021 to 4 January 2022 inclusive – List 2122/09. Application number 2122 09 26 - Land adjacent to Cranborne was considered first. The four members of the public who made representation about that application, left after it was reviewed.

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

2122 161 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 23 November 2021 to 4 January 2022 inclusive

2122 162 Neighbourhood Planning

- **NOTED:** Members noted the "Notification of Kirklees Council Decision on the making (bringing into force) of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (Made Plan) December 2021: The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan alongside the Kirklees Local Plan (2019) and will be used in the determination of planning applications in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area. Within the Peak District National Park, the Plan will be used alongside the Peak District National Park Authority Core Strategy (2011) and Development Management Policies Document (2019) (Local Plan Part 2)."

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- Cllr Hogley gave a brief report of developments after the Neighbourhood Plan was “made” and made a request of the Deputy Clerk.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Council to ask for several copies of the final, made Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan to be delivered to the Parish Council.
- **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had drafted formal letters of thanks to the community members of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who had committed so much to the development and final success of the Neighbourhood Plan for the Committee Chair to sign. The Committee Chair signed the letters at the meeting, and they will duly be posted out.

2122 163 Peak District National Park Authority

- **NOTED:** Members noted Peak District National Park Authority Planning List 2122/02PD updated with the comments of the Committee.

2122 164 Ongoing Highways campaigns

a. Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had written to Phillip Waddington Group Engineer, Highway Safety 23rd November 2021 requesting an update. No response was received to this request for information. They further noted the repeat email from the Deputy Clerk to Phillip Waddington 5th January 2022 asking for an update. The Deputy Clerk reported that no response had been received in the meantime. The Chair thanked the Deputy Clerk for his communications to Mark Waddington and others.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: The Chair of the Committee would draft a letter to Mark Scarr, Kirklees Head of Highways, copied to his line manager, acknowledging the working difficulties for Kirklees staff caused by the pandemic, but highlighting the longstanding and repeated lack of response from Kirklees Officers and Managers to requests for updates and information on highways campaigns the Parish Council is supporting, and expressing disappointment we are not receiving prompt replies advising of when we will receive substantive replies.

b. Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: The Committee Chair reported that she had been in contact with one of the key members of the Hade Edge Residents Group and was awaiting a response from her.

c. Campaign for a Safer Magdale

NOTED: Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had originally written to Mark Scarr, Head of Highways, 27th October 2021 about the Safer Magdale campaign. Receiving no reply, the Deputy Clerk had written again to Mark Scarr 22nd November 2021. Mark Scarr said then he had “forwarded your email to the Highway Safety team for their consideration. We are currently dealing with high volumes of enquiries, so it may be that they have not been able to fully research this issue, as of yet. I will forward your email trail below and ask them to advise by what date they will be able to provide HVPC with an update.” The Deputy Clerk reported that six weeks later there had been no follow-up email reply from Mark Scarr or from Highways Safety. The Deputy Clerk further emailed Mark Scarr 5th January 2022 requesting feedback or at least, as promised, a date by which we would receive an update. Mark Scarr then replied saying, “Apologies for the delay in responding. The highway Safety have been inundated with road safety enquiries of late. I will ask them if they can look at your enquiry as a matter of urgency.” There had been no response from Highways Safety since that date.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: The issue of poor communication from Highways Safety would be addressed in the letter to Mark Scarr as described above.

2122 165 Burnlee Road Closure

NOTED: Members noted the Deputy Clerk’s letter to Mark Scarr of 9th December 2021 asking for a review of the longstanding road closure at the junction of Burnlee Road and Woodhead Road and the way the process was being managed by Highways. Mark Scarr reported that he had forwarded the letter to the Structures Team Manager and asked that we be provided an update. An update had not been forthcoming since then. The Deputy Clerk had again written to Mark Scarr 5th January 2022 to push the Structures Team Manager for the promised update and Mark Scarr had replied that he had chased the Structures Team up for a response. Nothing was heard in the meantime.

RESOLVED: The issue of poor communication from the Structures Team Manager would be addressed in the letter to Mark Scarr as described above.

2122 166 Ramsden Road

- Cllr Wilson reported on the history of the issues of anti-social behaviour and illegal off-roading on the byways and lanes around Ramsden, Brownhill, Riding Wood and Yateholme reservoirs, and his frustration with Kirklees Council’s involvements. He asked the Committee to consider formally requesting an update on the progress of the Public Space Protection Order on these byways and lanes, together with a timescale for its completion.
- **RESOLVED:** Cllr Wilson would draft a letter for the Deputy Clerk to forward this request to Kirklees Council.

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2122 169 Resignation of a Committee Member

- **NOTED:** Members noted Cllr Gould's resignation from the Planning Committee with immediate effect from 17th December 2021.
Members considered electing a Committee Member who would be the designated person to review planning applications of the Wooldale ward on behalf of the Parish Council.
RESOLVED: Cllr Wilson would review the planning applications from Wooldale ward.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would ensure that all ward Councillors would be directed to the planning applications lists ahead of Planning Committee meetings for their comments.

2122 170 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

- **RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would work with Members to add new information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Parish Council website and to update the main Planning webpage reinforcing how the Neighbourhood Plan will impact on planning matters.

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Chairman