

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 7 MARCH 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

- The meeting started at 1903. Cllr Blacka welcomed five other Councillors and seven members of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee. The members of the public were present regarding three specific planning applications.

### Open Session at Planning

- The Committee resolved that standing orders would be suspended under item 2122 205 to allow Members of the Public to speak and answer questions on specific applications. Therefore, nobody spoke in this Open Session.

### **2122 198 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 199 To approve apologies for absence**

- Cllr RP Dixon had tendered his apology.  
**RESOLVED:** The reason for his apology was approved by the Committee.

### **2122 200 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

- Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in a Peak District National Park Authority planning application, - 2122/03PD/01, - being considered under item 2122 209 i.

### **2122 201 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

- No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

### **2122 202 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 203 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 February 2022, numbered 2122 181 – 2122 197 inclusive were approved.

## 2122 204 Completed Planning Applications Lists

- **NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2122/10 updated with the views of the Committee.

## 2122 205 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

- Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 1 February 2022 to 1 March 2022 inclusive – List 2122/11.  
At this point, standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to report on specific planning applications and those planning applications pertinent to those people were moved to the top of the running order. Two people spoke in opposition to one specific Kirklees Planning application; one person spoke in support of their own planning application; one further person spoke in support of their own planning application. Members of the public left after each planning application pertinent to them was deliberated.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Deputy Clerk.  
**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would write to Kirklees with regard to how Planning Applications are currently advertised, given that the tradition of lamppost notifications does not seem to have been restarted after the pandemic. The Parish Council would ask for on-site lamppost notifications to be re-introduced.

## 2122 206 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

- **NOTED:** The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 1 February 2022 to 1 March 2022 inclusive

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## 2122 207 Neighbourhood Planning

- i. - At the last Planning Committee Meeting, Members voted to supply a hard copy of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan to all Councillors. The Deputy Clerk reported on options for printing and binding including that of the purchase a binding machine. Members considered the options.  
**RESOLVED:** Autobind of Denby Dale would be commissioned to print and bind 25 copies of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan at a cost of £360.  
**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan would essentially be loaned to Councillors and they would be asked to return copies of the NDP if they then left the Council.
- ii. - The Committee Chair and Cllr Hogley had drafted a covering note to accompany the Neighbourhood Plan being distributed, as above, to Councillors. Members considered approving the submission of this covering note.  
**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that the covering note as supplied would be included with copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be given to Councillors.
- iii. - **NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk has promoted the Neighbourhood Development Plan via the Parish Council website, social media, and noticeboards, explaining how local people can access the Plan.
- iv. - **NOTED:** The Committee noted reports from the Chair and from Cllr Hogley on their communications with members of the Kirklees Planning team regarding usage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Both shared positive messages from their Kirklees contacts and that Planning Officers and developers were “getting up to speed” with the NDP.
- v. - **NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had emailed Julie McDowell, Area and Neighbourhood Action Coordinator for Kirklees, regarding the timeframe for the £1.5m Small Centres Funding set aside for Holmfirth. He had received no reply.

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## 2122 208 Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

- At the last Planning Committee meeting, it was resolved that Members would endeavour to continuously review the work of the Parish Council in the light of the Neighbourhood Development Plan with a view to prioritising outcomes. These outcomes could subsequently constitute a focus for the Small Centres Funding (as above) or the Parish Council's own expenditure. Members considered, identifying specific targets for the Parish Council (or for the Planning Committee) based on the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan which would be part of actively focused work and campaigning.

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the Deputy Clerk would formally request an update and clarification on the pending but delayed conservation area appraisals including that for Honley.

**RESOLVED:** 2) That the Deputy Clerk would formally contact with Kirklees about the plan for the local consultation on listing non-designated heritage building assets in Honley. Cllr Hogley will forward prior communications about this to the Chair and Officer.

Cllr Hogley reported that a clear theme in the Council's action-planning is to do with traffic, speed limits, HGV limits, priority passing lanes, green lanes, traffic reduction and so on.

**RESOLVED:** 3) That Holme Valley Parish Council would prioritise action on highways issues and initiatives particularly on options for 20mph limits in suitable built-up settlements in the Holme Valley:

- That Cllr Wilson would attend a YLCA online training event regarding the national "20's Plenty for Us" campaign regarding 20mph zones.
- That the Deputy Clerk would write to Kirklees Highways to arrange a meeting with members of the Highways team to discuss the viability of creating 20mph zones in our village centres.

## 2122 209 Peak District National Park Authority

- The Committee considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority Council from 1 February 2022 to 1 March 2022 inclusive – List 2122/3PD.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.
- The Committee Chair reported on ongoing work on a draft response by her and Cllr Wilson to the government's [Landscapes Review – National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#) including specific reference to off-roading in protected landscapes.  
**NOTED:** Members noted that consideration of a draft report would be deferred to the next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April with a deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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- iii. - The Committee considered a request from the Peak Park Practices Forum to comment on the Peak District National Park Authority's Development Management Practice Note Policy DMH1: New Affordable Housing.  
**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved not to respond to this consultation. The Deputy Clerk would write to the Peak Park Parishes Forum to thank the Forum for their communication, to say the Parish Council had discussed the request, but we do not wish to raise any objection to the existing policy.

### **2122 210 Ongoing Highways campaigns**

- i. **Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme**

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report that there had been no further communication from Kirklees on this campaign issue since the last meeting.

- ii. **Campaign for a Safer Magdale**

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report that there had been no further communication from Kirklees on this campaign issue since the last meeting.

- iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report that there had been no further communication from Kirklees on this campaign issue since the last meeting.

- iv. **Burnlee Road Closure**

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's email to Mark Scarr at Kirklees Highways thanking him for the letter from the Structures team but insisting that the necessary works to see through the re-opening of the road are progressed with due haste. Members discussed a communication on this to the Parish Council from Cllr Nigel Patrick.

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## 2122 211 Ramsden Road

- **NOTED:** The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's letter and supporting documentation, supplied by Cllr Wilson, sent to Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services at Kirklees Council, regarding the lack of progress of the Public Space Protection Order on the lanes and byways around Ramsden, Brownhill, Riding Wood and Yateholme reservoirs.
- **NOTED:** The Committee further noted Will Acornley's response to the above.
- Cllr Wilson reported on ongoing anti-social behaviour in the Ramsden Road area, namely, two instances of flytipping and one burnt out Land Rover.

Members considered any further actions on this issue.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would go back to Will Acornley to suggest trialling a cheaper, gated option, that the expensive option proposed.

Cllr Hogley suggested seeking advice from Yorkshire Water regarding the specifications of gates they have installed at Digley reservoir. Cllr Wilson said he would seek advice from the Forestry Commission about gates that they used.

## 2122 212 Footpaths

### i. Bridge Lane to Sands

- **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Planning Inspectorate had made a decision on the footpath Bridge Lane to Sands. The decision, on 2 February 2022, was to modify the Definitive Map and Statement and record a Restricted Byway 231 between Bridge Lane and the Sands Recreation Ground. A Restricted Byway does not allow for the use of mechanised vehicles by the general public. The only vehicles permitted under this Order is the private use already in place for the Foundry, Holmfirth Cricket Club and Holmfirth Bowling Club.

### ii. - **NOTED:** Regarding the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to Public Right of Way HOL 31/40, Honley, Members noted the Deputy Clerk's email to Kirklees Highways regarding this lengthy, proposed closure. The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received no reply in the interim.

### iii. Holmfirth Footpath 60 Wolfstones

- **NOTED:** Members noted that there was still no outcome with regard to the public inquiry into the diversion of Holmfirth Footpath 60 at Wolfstones.

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## iv. Recording Historic Paths in England

- **NOTED:** Members noted that the government is to repeal the 2026 deadline for recording historic paths in England. As legislated, the deadline would have meant that on 1 January 2026, public rights over thousands of paths, which are public highways but not yet recorded as such, or not yet recorded correctly, would have been extinguished, with those rights being lost for ever. This had now been scrapped.
- However, Members further noted, alongside this repeal, that the government also plans to introduce a "right to apply" for landowners to divert or extinguish rights of way in certain circumstances.

## 2122 213 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

- **RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk should keep on publicising the Planning meetings. One of the members of the public had used a model of their proposed new-build in their presentation and it was suggested that that was a good story to share if consent was given.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**

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Chairman