

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: Cllr P Colling, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr A Wilson

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

### Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed all the Members and one member of the public to the meeting.

### Open Session at Planning

The member of the public was present in relation to a specific planning development under 2223 23. The Committee resolved that standing orders would be suspended under this item to allow the member of the public to speak and answer questions on the relevant applications at the point of discussion. Therefore, nobody spoke in this open session.

### 2223 16 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. The meeting was recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel. No other requests to record the meeting were received.

### 2223 17 To approve apologies for absence

All Members were present.

### 2223 18 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in a Kirklees planning application being considered under item 2223 23 as 2223/02/26.

Cllr Hogley, likewise, declared a personal interest in a Kirklees planning application being considered under item 2223 23 as 2223/02/23.

### 2223 19 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

### 2223 20 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items were requested to be discussed in private session.

### 2223 21 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 May 2022, numbered 2223 01 – 2223 15 inclusive.

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## **2223 22 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2223/01 updated with the views of the Committee.

## **2223 23 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council**

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 2 May 2022 to 31 May 2022 inclusive – List 2223/02.

Standing orders were suspended to allow one member of the public to report on two specific planning applications pertaining to one development. These applications were moved up the order for discussion.

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

## **2223 24 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 2 May 2022 to 31 May 2022 inclusive.

## **2223 25 Kirklees Council – Planning Appeals**

- i. Members considered whether to make any further comment on a planning appeal regarding application 2018/93676.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to take no further action.

- ii. Members considered whether to make any further comment on a planning appeal regarding application 2021/93514.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to take no further action.

## **2223 26 Neighbourhood Planning**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had re-sent the Parish Council's letter to the Kirklees Conservation and Design team 31 May 2022 regarding the proposed listing of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs) and conservation area appraisals, and that no reply had since been received. No further action at this time.

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## 2223 27 Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

### 20MPH Limits and Zones

**NOTED:** Members noted the Deputy Clerk's letter to Holme Valley North and South Councillors regarding our intention to work with Kirklees Highways to investigate the possibility of instituting more 20mph limits in town and village centres in the Holme Valley. Members further noted the responses from three Councillors:

- Cllr Charles Greaves – “Good stuff”
- Cllr Tony McGrath – “You have my support on pedestrian heavy village and town centres having a 20mph speed limit where appropriate.”
- Cllr Paul Davies – “Many thanks for forwarding this on to us. Look forward to seeing the outcome of these discussions.”

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had endeavoured to arrange a meeting with Liz Twitchett, Operations Manager for Road Safety, regarding Kirklees' approach to 20mph zones, their current policy, and what she called 'the art of the possible'. The Deputy Clerk reported that a face-to-face meeting had been arranged for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 1330hrs.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that Cllr Blacka would work with Cllr Wilson to draw up preliminary questions that would be forwarded to Liz Twitchett to enable her to better prepare for the meeting.

The drafting of questions now did not mean that other questions could not be asked as they arose at the meeting.

Cllr Wilson reported on the national 20's Plenty for Us campaign group for all 30mph limits to be made into 20mph limits. Cllr Wilson felt it was important to hear from Liz Twitchett before moving forward with anything else on this matter.

## 2223 28 Peak District National Park Authority

- NOTED:** Members noted Planning Applications List 2223-01PD updated with the views of the Committee.
- NOTED:** Members noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 2 May 2022 to 31 May 2022 inclusive.
- Members considered the Peak District National Park Authority's request for Parish Councils to contribute to a survey of their Local Plan. Since the agenda was set, Peak Park Parishes Forum had contacted the Parish Council suggesting that the survey not be completed until after the PPPF's Management Committee meets 13 June. The closing date for the survey is 31 August  
**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to delay the Parish Council's response to the survey until after 13 June.

Committee Members would meet in due course to work through the printable version of the survey.

## 2223 29 National Policy

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Future of the Planning System in England: government response to the Select Committee report.

## 2223 30 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The Committee previously voted to put on-hold further chasing of Kirklees on the ongoing highways campaigns until after Easter. The ongoing campaigns are:

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

**NOTED:** Mark Scarr head of Highways is away from work until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, so the Deputy Clerk had emailed Liz Twitchett speculatively for an update on the speed tests undertaken along this stretch of highway. No report had, however, been received.

**RESOLVED:** Members attending the meeting with Liz Twitchett would discuss this with her in the context of 20mph limits.

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

As above, Mark Scarr head of Highways is away from work until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, so the Deputy Clerk had emailed Liz Twitchett for an update on the issue at Magdale. No report had been received.

**RESOLVED:** Members attending the meeting with Liz Twitchett would discuss Magdale in the context of the 20mph zone of the quiet lane.

### iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that this road scheme is still awaiting the delayed meeting between Holme Valley South Councillors and Kirklees Highways. Cllr Blacka was to write a letter to the Kirklees Councillors to expedite the meeting.

### iv. **Burnlee Road Closure**

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Council to affirm the Parish Council's continued disappointment that this road is still closed approaching 1 and a ½ years since the landslide.

### v. **Ramsden Road**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted, with thanks, that Cllr Wilson along with other local people had continued to petition Kirklees Operational Services about the problems on Ramsden Road. Will Acornley Head of Operational Services had said he is looking for a halfway house between the high-cost/high-security gates that Kirklees wants but cannot afford, and the cheaper but potentially less secure gates that others have suggested. In the meantime, Cllr Wilson reported on continued anti-social behaviour, flytipping and abandoned vehicles/caravans. Members expressed disappointment that so little was being done to address ongoing problems and could not see why there would be an issue installing the sort of gates used successfully by Yorkshire Water at Holme Moss. Cllr Wilson would keep pressurising Kirklees Operational Services to get things moving.

### vi. **Town End Road**

**NOTED:** Members noted that Mark Scarr had been away from work until 6<sup>th</sup> June so to date had not responded to the Parish Council's letter on the longstanding blockage on Town End Road, Wooldale. However, in the meantime, Cllr Wilson reported that the blockage had been cleared.

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## 2122 31 Footpaths and PROWs

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the email and photographs from Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpath's Society regarding a variety of issues concerning 1) planning and 2) the PROW at Holmfirth Bridleway 94 Windy Hill Quarry, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth.

Members considered further action on the part of the Parish Council at this time. Members felt there were clear safety issues to walkers if one of the embankments collapsed, or if they encountered site traffic on the trail.

**RESOLVED:** To write to Colin Parr, copying in Kirklees Ward Councillors, regarding issues with the quarry, planning issues and safety and access issues with the public right of way.

## 2223 32 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

- i. **NOTED:** Members note that, as instructed by the Committee, the Deputy Clerk had posted guidance to the Parish Council's Facebook group from Kirklees Planning and Building Control summarised by the Chair regarding Kirklees Council's policy on use of "lamppost-notices" and other means of publicising planning applications. The Committee also noted that the Deputy Clerk had posted the Planning Applications list to Facebook and this had brought forth a number of communications from residents, some rather late in the day.
- ii. **RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the Deputy Clerk should continue to issue the Planning Applications list.  
Given that some contributions from members of the public were only received an hour or two before the meeting, the Committee considered how to manage these submissions.  
**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to add to the Facebook page a note to say that comments from members of the public would be accepted up to the Friday before the meeting; if people wanted to make further comment they should attend the meeting if possible. Late submissions of comments would still be forwarded to members when received.

*The meeting closed at 8.42pm.*