

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2022

Those present:

Chair: Cllr M Blacka

Vice Chair: Cllr T Dixon,

Councillors: Cllr P Colling, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr A Wilson

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed all the Members and thirteen members of the public to the meeting.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public spoke about a proposal he had previously brought to the Committee about the need for better public awareness about the extent of conservation areas in the Holme Valley and the duties and restrictions that being in the conservation area places on home- and business- owners. This is an item on the meeting agenda.

One Councillor attended as a member of the public to speak in opposition to a planning application, - 2223/04/09 – Land to rear of 5 and 7 Oakes Lane, Brockholes.

Eleven members of the public were present with regard to application 2223/04/26 – land adjacent to 67, Chapelgate, Scholes. Two of the group spoke in the public session in opposition to this proposed development. Another member of the group spoke briefly in opposition to this proposed development outside of the public session.

2223 50 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 51 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr RP Dixon had sent apologies.

RESOLVED: The reasons for Cllr RP Dixon's apology were approved by the Committee.

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2223 52 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Blacka, Cllr Colling, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr Hogley and Cllr Wilson, each declared a personal interest in planning application 2223/04/26. They did so on the basis that the Parish Council is the sole corporate trustee of the Holme Valley Land Charity which is the owner of the land of this proposed development. All individual Councillors including those present are members of the corporate trustee. Therefore, under guidance from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Members each declared a personal interest pertaining to this application and the application was not considered and no decision made on it.

Eleven members of the public who had attended the meeting with regard to application 2223/04/26 – land adjacent to 67, Chapelgate, Scholes left the meeting at this point. The member of the public who is also a parish councillor also left the meeting at this point to talk to the group who had left the meeting. The Committee voted to amend the running order of applications so that application 2223/04/09 was discussed after his return.

2223 53 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

2223 54 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items were requested to be discussed in private session.

2223 55 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 July 2022, numbered 2223 33 – 2223 49 inclusive were approved

2223 56 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2223/03 updated with the views of the Committee.

At this point, Members voted to move item 2223 59i up the order.

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2223 59 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

i. Conservation Area Awareness

To consider, how the Parish Council can help to increase public awareness about the responsibilities and restrictions placed on home- and business- owners in Holme Valley Conservation Areas. Cllr Blacka expressed that it would be good to involve existing community groups in such a proposal.

RESOLVED:

It was resolved that the Parish Council would work with the Kirklees Planning team on this to ensure that the message is consistent. As a starting point, the Parish Council would contact Sebastian Pickles, Senior Conservation Area Officer, for advice on what information would ideally be shared to the Holme Valley public regarding conservation areas since only 2 of 13 conservation areas in the Holme Valley actually have formal conservation area appraisals, - Holme and Oldfield. Honley's is pending but delayed. The guidance might consist of sharing maps outlining the extent of each conservation area with advice to contact Planning if you are considering doing work on your home or business in a conservation area.

Thereafter, the Parish Council would consider at a subsequent Committee meeting the best ways of broadcasting the information including use of the Parish Council website and social media, Council News in TiTo magazine and potentially some other mediums and platforms such as local community Facebook group pages, mailshots and so on.

At this point, Members voted to return to the original agenda order of the meeting.

2223 57 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 28 June 2022 to 9 August 2022 inclusive – List 2223/04.

The Parish Councillor attending the meeting as a member of the public returned part-way through deliberations on the list.

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

2223 58 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 28 June 2022 to 9 August 2022 inclusive.

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ii. Lord's Mill

NOTED: Members thanked the Deputy Clerk for the Parish Council's letter to Sebastian Pickles, - cc'd to the Kirklees PROW team, Safer Kirklees, and Historic England, - in response to a request from a resident for support regarding the poor state of Lord's Mill, Honley.

The Committee further noted the verbal report from the Deputy Clerk regarding contact from the owner of Lord's Mill who asserted that the site was not unsafe and work to manage the disrepair would take place over the next few months. The owner spoke of plans to develop the site but stated that these had been delayed by rising costs and COVID. The owner was a local builder-developer who had managed similarly sized projects to the mill. The Committee further noted the response from Sebastian Pickles, - that his team were reviewing the situation and would report in a few weeks' time with an action plan.

The Chair would communicate with the member of the public who had raised the issue.

iii. Parish Council Actions from the Neighbourhood Development Plan

NOTED: Members noted the Chair's report on her assessment of progress by the Parish Council against the 51 actions of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chair asked for Members to consider further comment on gaps in the progress on actions and to forward them to her. Some detail regarding the Holmfirth Town Centre Masterplan could be included, as well as better trade recycling at The Civic, and The Square Peg access map. When complete, the report would be shared with Council.

iv. Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones

- a. **NOTED:** Members noted that the Chair is working with Committee Members to draft a list of criteria for identifying suitable localities for traffic calming, 20mph limits and zones.
- b. **NOTED:** Members noted that that the Committee Chair had asked for suggestions from full Council regarding identifying a specific locality in the Holme Valley for a traffic calming project including potentially the use of 20mph limits and/or zones. The suggestions received to date were i. Washpit New Road ii. New Mill centre. A Councillor also commented that locations with significant air pollution should be considered as well as village centres. This will be considered formally at the next meeting.

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2223 60 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted List 2223-02PD updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. Members considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 28 June 2022 to 9 August 2022 inclusive, List 2223-03PD.
RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.
- iii. **NOTED:** Members noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 28 June 2022 to 9 August 2022 inclusive.
- iv. **NOTED:** Members noted the response prepared by Members of this Committee to the Peak District National Park Authority's consultation on their Local Plan.

2223 61 Planning Policy

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted the Parish Council's response to Kirklees Council's consultation on the draft validation requirements for planning applications.
- ii. **YLCA consultation on Short Term Holiday Lets**
The Committee considered a response to the government's consultation on a registration scheme for short-term accommodation lets.
RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the Parish Council would not contribute to this consultation.

Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

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

NOTED: Members noted the Deputy Clerk's complaint to Mark Scarr regarding the lack of a report on speed tests undertaken along this stretch of highway despite multiple requests, and the response from Mark Scarr.

Members further noted the Deputy Clerk's report on a communication from Liz Twitchett (Operational Manager Kirklees Highways) where she responded, *"I have located the speed counts that were undertaken last year - 10th - 16th Oct, inclusive, taken on the A6024 Woodhead Rd, just west of Co-Op Lane. Having had an opportunity to look at what the data has told us, I can report that the average daily 85thile speed - so that is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below, is 29.5 mph – westbound (away from Holmfirth) [and] 30.4 mph – eastbound. There were a small number of instances recorded of speeds higher than the posted 30mph, the worst of which was 53mph, but on the whole - traffic is travelling within the 30mph limit. Having also checked the data we hold on personal injury collisions for this road, that have been reported to the Police, on Woodhead Rd between its junction with Fairfields Rd and St Davids Church at Holmbridge, I am happy to report that whilst there may be local concerns for safety, there have not been any injury collisions recorded, in the last 5 years (May 17 - May 22). Given the above information, it is unlikely that, in the current climate, with our current levels of resource and funding, we will be in a position to undertake anything further here."*

Members considered any further action on this campaign.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the Parish Council would write to Liz Twitchett and ask for further information on the speed tests undertaken, - specifically those taken near Holme Bank on the hill up to Holme village. The Deputy Clerk would also comment on reports of high traffic noise and noise pollution, and inquire about tests thereof at weekends, bank holidays and so on, where groups of touring motorcyclists and car clubs are more prevalent.

ii. **Campaign for a Safer Magdale**

NOTED: Members noted the Deputy Clerk's report on a communication from Liz Twitchett (Operational Manager Kirklees Highways) where she wrote, *"On the Magdale issue – we are still in discussion with local Cllrs about what, if anything, can realistically be achieved by intervention from the Council. We have ordered some traffic counts for after the schools return in Sept, to assess the scale of the issue, the traffic volumes and make up, as well as speeds, which, when completed (date yet to be confirmed) should then be able to draw to a conclusion those discussions – however, whatever solutions there may or may not be, will all be subject to funding options and priorities, as always. I will ensure that the local Ward Cllrs are aware of your interest, and provide further updates when possible."*

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Members considered any further action on this campaign.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

iii. Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: The Committee noted the Chair's report that a meeting had at last taken place between Kirklees Councillors from Holme Valley South ward and members of the Highways team. The plan would involve use of revised speed limits, vehicle-activated signs, and, - a new development, - a roundabout at the Greaves Road junction. The last few details were being resolved.

The Parish Council considered any further action on this matter.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

iv. Burnlee Road Closure

NOTED: The Committee noted the response from Ben Wright from the Kirklees Structures team regarding the status of the road closure, and the timetable for the anticipated corrective work. The Committee further noted the report from Farhad Khatibi, Kirklees Highways Structures Team, - forwarded by Mark Scarr, - regarding the situation with Burnlee Road, South Lane and Kirkbridge Lane, New Mill.

The Parish Council considered any further action on this matter.

RESOLVED: Given that there was a timetable for improvements, no further action was required at this time.

v. Ramsden Road

NOTED: Members noted that Cllr Wilson had again written to Will Acornley 29 July 2022 asking for a further update on the provision of gates to the byways covered by the proposed PSPO. Cllr Wilson reported that a different, cheaper type of gate had been identified for the scheme, but that Kirklees now was questioning the suitability of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), and there was no timescale.

The Committee thanked Cllr Wilson for his diligence on this matter.

The Committee also noted that, separately, Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpaths Society had been trying to press Will Acornley about Kirklees' duty to repair the Ramsden byways, which have been cut up badly by 4x4s. He had invited Kirklees to draw up a scheme of works to make good the highway and threatened legal action. Will Acornley had responded that he was finalising some details on a scheme. Cllr Wilson's viewpoint was that there was little point repairing the road unless the use of the road by 4x4s, quad bikes and motorcycles was managed by a relevant legal order.

The Committee considered any further actions on this issue.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

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2223 63 Footpaths and PROWs

Holmfirth Bridleway 94 Windy Hill Quarry, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth

NOTED: The Committee noted that there had been some development over the last month about the bridleway. Cllr Wilson visited the site and described that the situation was as bad as reported. Andy Leader from Peak and Northern Footpaths continued to petition Kirklees to act, and other groups, - The British Horse Society and Huddersfield Ramblers, - had got involved too. The Parish Council had also emailed in support of a need for corrective action to the bridleway. Enforcement Officers from Kirklees Council had visited the site and Kirklees Planning reports that *“Following on from this it is the Council’s intention to address the surface of the bridleway, and any obstructions, with the company. Moving forward these will be dealt with using our statutory powers.”*

Members also noted that a TTRO was in place and the bridleway had been closed until 29th August hopefully for remedial work.

The Parish Council considered any further action.

RESOLVED: No further action at this time.

2223 64 Holmfirth Town Centre Masterplan

The Chair reported that Committee Members had had a productive meeting with Zoe Stewart from the Kirklees Local Centres team regarding the Masterplan. Members felt that Zoe might appreciate the Parish Council taking a more central role in carrying through the Masterplan.

RESOLVED: Members felt that the Parish Council’s working team on this might be broader than the Planning Committee to include other Members of full Council and should, it was suggested, include Cllr Carré. This would be addressed as a motion to full Council.

2223 65 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

The Committee considered whether there were any pertinent recent events or news items that it wished to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

RESOLVED: The Committee did not identify any items at this time additional to publicising the planning applications list.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.

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