

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2022

Those present:

Chair: Cllr M Blacka

Vice Chair: Cllr T Dixon

Councillors: Cllr C Green, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr A Wilson

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

### Welcome

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

Cllr Chris Green, the new Councillor for Honley South, was in attendance and asked to be considered for membership of the Committee.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Green was voted onto the Planning Committee.

The Chair then shared some thoughts on best practice for Councillor conduct in meetings, - especially with regard to planning applications which she said could be emotionally charged discussions. She pointed out that Cllrs should be conscious, when they have a personal or pecuniary interest in an item, that they should neither vote nor even comment on the item. She also encouraged Councillors to be conscious of the way they comment in meetings as people watching proceedings may have different opinions and may have reason to take offence at the ways opinions are shared. She said that she, as Chair, would try to stay on top of ensuring good conduct and best practice in the meetings.

### Open Session at Planning

The member of the public said he was present to speak in opposition to a specific planning application.

The Committee voted to suspend standing orders under item 2223 89 to allow the member of the public to speak when the application was considered, and to move that application to the top of the planning list.

### **2223 82 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 83 To approve apologies for absence**

Cllr Colling and Cllr RP Dixon had sent apologies.

**RESOLVED:** The reasons for their apologies were approved by the Committee.

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**2223 84 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr Blacka declared a personal interest under the discussion on Holmfirth Market.  
The Deputy Clerk declared a personal interest under 2223 89 – Application 2223/06/05.

**2223 85 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

**2223 86 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

No items were requested to be discussed in private session.

**2223 87 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 September 2022, numbered 2223 66 – 2223 81 inclusive were confirmed.

**2223 88 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2223/05 updated with the views of the Committee.

**2223 89 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council**

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 21 September to 25 October 2022 inclusive – List 2223/06.

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

**2223 90 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 21 September 2022 to 25 October 2022 inclusive.

**2223 91 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes**

**i. Conservation Area Awareness**

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Deputy Clerk's post to the Facebook Parish Council page, shared to the Honley and Holmfirth community pages. The Deputy Clerk reported that the community had shown a lot of interest in these two posts and had viewed them more than 7,000 times and had clicked through to the Kirklees webpage of conservation area maps over 1,700 times.

The Committee thanked the Deputy Clerk for the posts.

The Committee considered any further action to promote public awareness of local conservation areas.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would post the guidance and maps of the local conservation areas to relevant Facebook village community pages.

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## ii. Lord's Mill

**NOTED:** The Parish Council noted that a new team leader was to be appointed to cover the Kirklees Planning and development Conservation Team in early October 2022. This had delayed a report or action on Lord's Mill, Honley until that appointment.

The Planning Committee considered any further actions.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would email Sebastian Pickles, Kirklees Senior Conservation Officer, to find out if a new team leader had been appointed. If that was the case, the Deputy Clerk would make contact with the new team leader.

## iii. Parish Council Actions from the Neighbourhood Development Plan

**NOTED:** The Committee noted the Chair's updated report on her assessment of progress by the Parish Council against the 51 actions of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan. She had asked all Councillors for comment.

Cllr Hogley and other Members made further suggestions to enhance the assessment such as i. the community acquisition of Holmfirth Tech and Honley Library, ii. the Holmfirth business map created by Holmfirth Forward and funded by the Parish Council, iii. patient transport provision iv. River Holme pathway and v. the beginnings of engagement with the public about conservation areas.

This report will be finalised for presentation at the 12 December meeting of Council.

The Committee considered any further action arising from this work.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council would submit an article to the January edition of the TiTo Holme Valley magazine, noting the 1-year anniversary of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and sharing some of the progress that had been made. Cllr Hogley would draft the article.

Additionally, the Committee noted that Kirklees Council had asked for a monitoring report on how the Neighbourhood Plan was impacting on Planning Decisions.

Cllr Hogley had responded to this request.

## iv. Traffic calming including 20MPH Limits and Zones

Cllr Wilson reported on a meeting he had attended about a recent, independent, comprehensive review of Kirklees speed limits. Cllr Wilson said that the review had found that almost all Kirklees speed limits were appropriate. Only 4 needed changing. He reported that there seemed to be little drive from within Highways to amend current speed limits other than ongoing plans for 20mph 'school streets'.

The Highways team's focus was very much on accident reduction and there was little interest in wider outcomes that the Parish Council favoured such as reduced road noise, cutting pollution, and a better all-round pedestrian and community experience. Cllr Wilson suggested that the two approaches, - the Highways emphasis on accident reduction and the Parish Council's emphasis on life quality, - were separate initiatives. Cllr Donald Firth was supportive of 20mph zones.

**NOTED:** The Committee noted Cllr Wilson's report.

Cllr Wilson suggested the 20MPH zones in Meltham were co-funded by Meltham Town Council. The Deputy Clerk will enquire of Meltham whether that was the case.

Members further noted the Committee's report updated by the Chair which had been circulated to all Councillors for additional comment on 1) the criteria for identifying roads suitable for new traffic calming schemes and 2) identifying potential locations for such schemes.

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**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Committee chair had written to the resident who enquired about traffic calming near Holmfirth High School.

**RESOLVED:** A meeting between Planning Committee Members and the Kirklees Holme Valley North and South ward Councillors would be arranged to discuss traffic calming including asking why Kirklees is not focused on instituting 20mph zones in residential areas.

Cllr Hogley shared that the MP for the Colne Valley had an interest in road safety and lowering speeds in his constituency area.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council would write a letter to our MP.

## 2223 92 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. **NOTED:** The Committee noted Applications List 2223-04PD updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. **NOTED:** The Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by the Peak District National Park Authority for the period 21 September 2022 to 25 October 2022 inclusive.

## 2223 93 Planning Policy

As discussed at the last Committee meeting, Kirklees Council is undertaking a consultation on its draft Affordable Housing and Housing Mix Supplementary Planning Document. Members discussed the content and wording of a response. The Committee broadly welcomed an SPD on affordable housing and housing mix, though Members were concerned that much of the guidance was advisory, - "should," – rather than prescriptive, - "must." The Committee felt that the SPD was weak on addressing the climate emergency. There was concern that a 20% affordable housing provision would not address the supply problems in the Holme Valley.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Blacka will draw up a response to the consultation based on Members' comments for submission 1 November.

## 2223 94 Ongoing Highways campaigns

The ongoing campaigns are:

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

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had received no reply from Liz Twitchett to his email 1<sup>st</sup> September regarding the speed tests undertaken near Holme Bank, Woodhead Road, Holme.

Members considered any further actions at this time.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the Deputy Clerk should escalate the request to Mark Scarr, Liz Twitchett's line manager, and should cc to relevant Kirklees Holme Valley ward Councillors.

Members considered that use of a Freedom of Information request was not appropriate at this time.

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## ii. Campaign for a Safer Magdale

**NOTED:** Members noted, as reported last month, that speed count cables had been installed at Magdale. This should allow Kirklees Highways to assess the scale of the issue, the traffic makeup and volume as well as speeds, which, when completed (date yet to be confirmed), should allow a conclusion to be drawn regarding any highways plans for Magdale.

Members considered any further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action.

## iii. Hade Edge Road Intersection

**NOTED:** The Committee Chair said that she had no new report to make on this road scheme.

Members considered any further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action.

## iv. Burnlee Road Closure

**NOTED:** Members noted the reply from Ben Wright to the Deputy Clerk's email on the now 20-month closure of Burnlee Road. The work was still incomplete. There were concerns that another impasse had been reached between the local authority and the insurers of the property suffering the landslip.

Members considered any further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action.

## v. Ramsden Road

**NOTED:** Members noted that, as reported previously, Cllr Wilson wrote 26 August 2022 to Will Acornley who is the Kirklees Director overseeing the implementation of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and the physical installation of barriers. Cllr Wilson received no response. Hence, 14 October 2022 he wrote to the Kirklees Chief Executive, Jacqui Gedman; Kirklees Strategic Director, Colin Parr; and Kirklees Service Director, Julie Muscroft to ask if Will Acornley was still in post. Cllr Wilson then received a message from Will Acornley stating that new, cheaper gates had been identified for the PSPO area, the funding for which is available, but which must be spent before end March 2023.

Members considered any further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action.

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## Holmfirth Town Centre Masterplan

**NOTED:** Members noted that a working group had been established after the last meeting of full Council to enable the Parish Council to better engage with the Holmfirth Town Centre Masterplan and those leading its development.

Members of the working group are Cllr Blacka, Cllr Carré, Cllr Green, Cllr Hogley, Cllr Wilson.

A meeting with Zoe Stewart, Programme Manager Local Centres, had been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

A meeting to agree terms of reference will take place at a later date.

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*As Cllr Blacka had declared a personal interest on the next item, Cllr T Dixon was the temporary Chair for 2223 96.*

## **2223 96 Consideration of a Recommendation from the Finance and Management Standing Committee**

At the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee 19 September 2022, the Committee considered whether and how best to support a Holmfirth Market to be established after the decommissioning of the current Market Hall. The licence for the new market has been awarded to Holmfirth Forward.

However, that group reported it was struggling to make progress to establish a new market.

The Finance and Management Committee resolved that it was important for Holmfirth to have a market and further resolved that the Parish Council should support the market but ruled the Parish Council had no budget lines clearly defined to financially support the market's creation and development.

Cllr Hogley pointed out that, in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan, December 2021 p161 under 'Holme Valley Parish Actions – Local economy' it says the Parish Council will: "16. Support place-making initiatives seeking to build both community and economic value from our unique heritage and environment." The Finance and Management Committee resolved that an appropriate budget source for future funding to a Holmfirth Market might therefore be the 4505 Neighbourhood Plan budget line overseen by the Planning Committee which has £10,000 to support actions and outcomes identified in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Finance and Management Committee recommended to the Planning Committee to ringfence £3,000 from its 4505 Neighbourhood Plan budget line to create an earmarked reserve EMR Holmfirth Market to support the establishment of the Market.

The Planning Committee considered whether to approve this recommendation from the Finance and Management Committee.

**RESOLVED:** The Planning Committee voted to recommend to Council to ringfence £3,000 from the 4505 Neighbourhood Plan budget line and to create an earmarked reserve EMR Holmfirth Market.

*Cllr Blacka reverted to being Committee Chair after the completion of this resolution.*

## **2223 97 Committee Budget 2023-24**

Members considered the Committee Budget for 2023-24. The Planning Committee would retain having only a single budget line 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. The requested budget for 2023-24 for this budget line would be £3,000.

There would additionally be the earmarked reserve EMR Holmfirth Market should one be approved by Council.

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## 2223 98 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 Deputy Clerk would continue to work on raising awareness regarding the Holme Valley conservation areas via social media, - posting conservation area maps to relevant, village community groups.

Cllr Hogley would draft an article for TiTo for January on the 1-year anniversary of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and some of the progress that has been made over the year.

*The meeting closed at 9.11pm.*

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**Chair**