

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2023

Those present:

Chair: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: Cllr P Colling, Cllr C Green, Cllr R Hogley

Officer: Mr Rich McGill (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

### Welcome

The Chair welcomed Members and one member of the public to the meeting.

### Open Session at Planning

The member of the public was present to ask for support from the Parish Council with regard to resolving access issues pertaining to Hinchliffe Mill. The member of the public shared his written brief on the issues which, he suggested, would be exacerbated by the pending large-scale housing development and attendant traffic at the mill site. The resident commented specifically on visibility and access issues at the junction of Co-op Lane and Woodhead Road. The resident proposed that single yellow lines up Co-op Lane should be changed to double yellows, and that the no-parking order should be enforced. He pointed out that the signs of when No Parking was enforced were not fit-for-purpose. He also suggested that Hinchliffe Mill centre should be a 20mph zone. At the end of his report, the resident asked for support from the Parish Council to share highway safety concerns with Kirklees Council.

**RESOLVED:** As this issue is being considered under Item 2223 149, the Committee resolved that that item would be moved up the order to after Item 2223 140, and that standing orders would then be suspended to allow the petitioner to comment and answer questions if required.

### **2223 135 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

Local (Parish and Town) 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 136 To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr T Dixon and Cllr Wilson.  
Cllr RP Dixon has a dispensation for absence currently in place.

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

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## **2223 137 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr Hogley disclosed a personal interest in applications 4, 8 and 9 pertaining to Holmfirth School being heard under 2223 142.

The Deputy Clerk disclosed a personal interest in 2223 149 and 2223 150.

## **2223 138 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

## **2223 139 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**RESOLVED:** It was determined that 2223 147iii should be heard in private session since some information was not yet in the public domain.

## **2223 140 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 09 January 2023, numbered 2223 117 – 2223 134 inclusive were approved.

*As per the resolution above, under the Open Session at Planning, Item 2223 149 was now moved up the agenda order.*

## **2223 149 Hinchliffe Mill Access Concerns**

The Committee Chair thanked the member of the public for the report he had done, the photos he had supplied highlighting the issues raised at Hinchliffe Mill, and his dogged persistence.

A Councillor commented on the possibility of a 1-way circuit – one way up Old Road to Woodhead Road and one way down Co-op Lane.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would write to Kirklees Council relaying its concerns on the highways safety issues at Hinchliffe Mill, ask Kirklees to give consideration to potential ways of resolving the issues as proposed, and encourage Kirklees to consider implementing a 20mph zone in the location. Highways would be encouraged to repair and enforce the parking restrictions signage. The member of the public was happy for his report to be included with the letter. The member of the public was encouraged to contact Holme Valley South Councillors with his concerns, and Jason McCartney MP.

*After this item, the original running order was returned to.*

## **2223 141 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List**

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted List 2223/08 updated with the views of the Committee.

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## 2223 142 Kirklees Council - New Planning Applications

Members considered new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 03 January 2022 to 24 January 2023 inclusive – List 2223-09.

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

## 2223 143 Kirklees Council - Planning Officers' Decisions

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 03 January 2022 to 24 January 2023 inclusive.

Members commented positively on applications which had been refused by Kirklees which the Parish Council had likewise opposed.

## 2223 144 Kirklees Planning Appeal

The Committee considered an opportunity to submit a comment to a planning appeal hearing. The Parish Council's previous comment on this application was "Support," which contradicted Kirklees' decision.

**RESOLVED:** The Planning Committee resolved not to submit a new comment to the hearing.

## 2223 145 Neighbourhood Planning and Reviewing Parish Council Outcomes

### i. Conservation Area Awareness

**NOTED:** The Planning Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk has emailed Helen Bower, Kirklees Conservation Team Manager, regarding the possibility of co-working some aspects of sharing information on Conservation Area Awareness.

The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received a reply from Helen Bower, seeking to establish contact with the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved that the Deputy Clerk should invite Helen Bower to a meeting of the Planning Committee, and to give a 30-minute presentation to Members on aspects of heritage conservation to be agreed including the timetable for local conservation area appraisals.

**NOTED:** It was noted that the Deputy Clerk would continue to share maps of the local conservation areas over the coming months with restatements of the restrictions and duties placed on home and business owners due to the conservation area. The posts would, however, be less frequent to avoid saturation as the posts essentially repeat much the same information.

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## ii. Lord's Mill

As reported at the last meeting, Kirklees had decided to not take any action about the dereliction of Lord's Mill. The Committee Chair had shared this with the original petitioner who was disappointed in this outcome. She said she would continue to monitor the site regardless. She thanked the Deputy Clerk for his persistence on getting a response from Kirklees. Councillors considered further action.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that Members of the new Parish Council after May 2023 would be encouraged to get to know their wards and that this process would involve 1) a visual check of shelters, benches and other Parish Council assets in the ward and 2) a visual check of listed buildings and other heritage assets in the ward. In the case of Lord's Mill, Cllrs East and Greaves are the ward Councillors, and would be encouraged to take a keen interest in the state of dereliction at the site.

Cllr Blacka would share a website which lists listed buildings.

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

**NOTED:** The Committee noted Adam Jones' (Kirklees Principal Engineer Highways Design) response to Cllr Hogley's comment to the consultation on the proposed Holmfirth Traffic Regulation Order.

At the last meeting, it was resolved to secure a meeting with Kirklees Holme Valley South ward Councillors to discuss traffic- and highways- related issues. The meeting took place 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Cllr Blacka reported that the meeting had been positive with an open exchange of views, and that both Cllr Firth and Cllr Crook had spoken supportively about further meetings. Cllr Blacka suggested that these could be meetings which covered the full range of Council issues (not just planning and highways). Cllr Hogley suggested that regular meetings between the Kirklees Councillors and, perhaps, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council would be useful.

The Parish Council wrote to our MP, Jason McCartney, after the last meeting and an emailed reply was received quickly. Councillors spoke positively about this. The Committee considered any further action.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would send a brief email response to keep the lines of communication open, suggesting when Mr McCartney might meet with the Parish Council particularly in recess, and hoping that there would be opportunities for partnership-working.

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

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk has posted Cllr Hogley's article on the Neighbourhood Plan to the Parish Council website and to the Facebook Holmfirth and Honley community pages about the one-year anniversary of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**NOTED:** It was noted that further information will be posted on the progress by the Parish Council against the 51 actions of the Neighbourhood Development Plan after Council 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (deferred from the previous meeting).

Cllr Hogley reported that she had been contacted by a Councillor from Mirfield Town Council about the process of delivering the Neighbourhood Development Plan. She had previously been contacted by a Councillor from Saddleworth. This was taken as a positive sign.

## 2223 146 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. **NOTED:** Members noted list 2223-06PD updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. **NOTED:** Members noted, as already shared by email, the information regarding Membership of the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). Parish Councillors who are elected in the coming May election may opt to put themselves forward for ballot for selection as a Member of the PDNPA for the area designated “High Peak & Metropolitan”, covering all the Peak Park parishes in High Peak, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire. Cllr Blacka suggested that Cllr Wilson may consider putting himself forward.

## 2223 147 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 the email exchange between the Deputy Clerk and Mark Scarr, Head of Highways at Kirklees. The Deputy Clerk had been contacted by Liz Twitchett (now Liz Cusack) from the Road Safety Team. Liz reported that the speed tests done at Holme Bank October 2021 on the 30mph stretch between Holmbridge and Holme showed an average speed (based on a survey of 1404 vehicles) of 26.8mph with 85% travelling at or below 31.9mph. This data did not raise especial concerns for Highways.

The Committee considered any further actions at this time.

**RESOLVED:** Thanks would be passed on to Kirklees for the information. The data did not disclose a clear and obvious concern. It was resolved to “park” this issue for the time being.

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

**NOTED:** Members noted that stakeholders are still awaiting the delayed report from Kirklees on speed tests for Magdale.

- iii. **Hade Edge Road Intersection**

This item was taken in private session. The Committee made a number of suggestions and comments about how a public consultation might be delivered by Kirklees Highways on a proposed road scheme for the Hade Edge intersections.

**RESOLVED:** That a report from the Parish Council to Kirklees based on comments made at the meeting would be forwarded to Kirklees Council as per the instruction by the Deputy Clerk.

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## iv. Burnlee Road Closure

**NOTED:** Members noted the email from Mark Scarr, Kirklees Head of Highways, received the day before the 2-year Anniversary of the closure of Burnlee Road to traffic confirming that legal action had been taken. Members further noted comments from Kirklees Councillors on the sensitivity of the ongoing issue. Members were more confident that things were happening.

Members considered further action at this time.

**RESOLVED:** No further action at this time.

## v. Ramsden Road

There was no new information to note on developments pertaining to the lanes and byways around Ramsden, Riding Wood, Yateholme and Brownhill Reservoirs.

**RESOLVED:** No further action at this time.

## 2223 148 Holmfirth Blueprint

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that Zoe Stewart, Kirklees Programme Manager Local Centres, is leaving the Holmfirth Blueprint project. A final review and catch-up meeting with her had been arranged for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm in The Exhibition Room. All Members were welcome to attend.

## 2223 150 Hinchliffe Mill 5G Mast

The end-date of this pre-application consultation had passed. It had been received when there was no Planning Committee meeting to consider it. The Deputy Clerk asked the developer if a late response from the Parish Council could be sent after this meeting, - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, - but no reply had been received. Cllr Hogley had written a response as an individual Councillor highlighting the fact that the mast would be in a conservation area, that it was not in-keeping with the streetscene, that it detracts visually from a tourism perspective and that more consideration should have been given to, say, using existing structures (church tower, mill chimney) for the mast. The Committee considered, or otherwise, a belated response by the Parish Council to this pre-consultation.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to send a short response to the developer.

## 2223 151 Planning Policy and Guidance

The opportunity to comment on a draft Environmental Planning Guidance document had been sent to Cllr Blacka, but with little supporting information. The email came from the Policy Manager at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), and the author of the draft works for the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). The Parish Council had the opportunity to comment on this document directly to the author.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee would share feedback with the author.

## 2223 152 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

There was nothing to note on this item.

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## 2223 153 Remaining Committee Budget 2022-23

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that under its single budget line £3,000 has been earmarked for the Holmfirth Market project. The Committee has recommended to Council to earmark the remaining £7,000 for projects and initiatives for Road Safety Measures. The latter will go to Council 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for approval.

At this point, the Deputy Clerk shared an email from Liz Cusack at Kirklees Highways Safety team saying that she did not want to share a price list for road signage and mobile speed indicator devices (SIDs) currently, because prices were very unstable. Commissioning SIDs, Liz reported, would need the go-ahead of Kirklees Ward Councillors.

## 2223 154 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

**NOTED:** The Deputy Clerk shared a report that he had done on the metrics of Holme Valley Parish Council's planning-related posts to Facebook over the past year. Important takeaways were that 1) planning applications lists get rather more significant engagement than one would think if only 'likes' were considered, - people do not tend to click 'Like' on a planning applications lists but considerable numbers looked at the list 2) sharing news of Kirklees consultations on Holme Valley issues does garner significant interest 3) information on conservation areas was more engaged with than expected. The Deputy Clerk was thanked for the report.

Members considered, recent events or news that this Committee wishes to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

**RESOLVED:** Continue with regular posts.

The meeting closed at 2032



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