

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 17 MAY 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, RP Dixon, T Dixon, R Hogley, M Pogson

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

### Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors to this return to in-person meetings of the Planning Standing Committee.

### Open Session at Planning

No members of the public were present.

#### **2122 19 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 via the Zoom platform in video format for upload to the Parish Council's YouTube channel.

#### **2122 20 To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Gould had tendered his apologies.

**RESOLVED:** Apologies were approved by the Committee.

#### **2122 21 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr Hogley disclosed a personal interest in 2122 08 application 2122-01-23.

Cllr Blacka disclosed a personal interest in 2122 08 application 2122-01-26.

*Cllr RP Dixon did not disclose any interests at this stage but later disclosed personal/pecuniary interests in 2122 08 applications 2122-01-04, 2122-01-05, 2122-01-14 and 2122-01-36.*

#### **2122 22 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

#### **2122 23 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.

#### **2122 24 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021, numbered 2122 01 – 2122 18 inclusive were confirmed.

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## 2122 25 Completed Planning Applications Lists

**NOTED:**

The Planning Committee noted List 2021/14 updated with the views of the Committee.

## 2122 26 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

*During this item, as stated above, Cllr RP Dixon declared disclosable personal/pecuniary interests in applications 2122-01-04, 2122-01-05, 2122-01-14, 2122-01-36.*

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 6 April 2021 to 10 May 2021 inclusive – List 2122-01.

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

## 2122 27 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

**NOTED:** The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 6 April 2021 to 10 May 2021 inclusive.

## 2122 28 Neighbourhood Planning

**NOTED:** Cllr Hogley reported that the Independent Examiner, Peter Biggers, had completed his examination and drawn up a draft report for fact-checking by partners including the Parish Council over the week ahead. Once the fact-checking is complete, the final report will be prepared. Cllr Hogley reported positively on these developments. There was ongoing dialogue with Kirklees on areas of contention.

Cllr Hogley reported that modifications to the final report will be undertaken by the consultants we have been working with throughout the Neighbourhood Plan development. A cost will be incurred. Budget provision for this is already in place.

## 2122 29 Peak District National Park Authority

- a. Members considered new or amended applications received by the Peak District National Park Authority from 6 April 2021 to 10 May 2021 inclusive – List 2122-01PD.

**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to the Peak District National Park Authority by the Deputy Clerk.

## 2122 30 Holme Valley Parish Council Strategic Priorities for Planning

**RESOLVED:** The Committee resolved to defer further discussion on strategic priorities for Planning until after the Neighbourhood Plan had been published.

## 2122 31 Holme Valley Parish Council representation to a Planning Appeal

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that, as resolved at the last meeting, the Deputy Clerk has commented to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Planning Appeal APP/Z4718/F/21/3267855

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## 2122 32 Wolfstones Footpath 60

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had contacted the Department for Transport Casework Manager regarding the Public Inquiry into the proposed amendment to Footpath 60. The Casework Manager had advised that i) the Inquiry has received the Parish Council's evidence to date and ii) the Parish Council is not duty-bound to attend the hearing.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had contacted the Kirklees Public Rights of Way team about Kirklees' representation to the Public Inquiry. At the time of writing, no response has been received.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would again contact the Kirklees PROW team regarding the manner and nature of Kirklees' representation at the Public Inquiry.

## 2122 33 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to Round Close Road

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had written to the Kirklees Public Rights of Way team about the status of Round Close Road. Giles Cheetham from PROW has informed the Committee that Round Close Road is classed as a "highway" maintainable at public expense and open to vehicular transport. It is not a bridleway as suggested, although someone has applied to make it one.

**NOTED:** Members noted Giles Cheetham's view that the destruction to open-access land by 4x4s may be a reportable crime.

**NOTED:** Members noted that land ownership could likely be established through a Land Registry check.

**NOTED:** Members noted that Giles Cheetham has reported the issue to Rob Dalby who is the officer dealing with legal and illegal off-road driving.

Cllr Blacka reported that, as ward Councillor, she had contacted residents of Round Close Road for their opinions on the damage caused by "off-roaders." Residents were very concerned about the risks to pedestrians including dog walkers caused by the off-roaders. They also emphasised the dangers to the off-roaders themselves like hidden trenches in the moor.

Cllr Blacka also reported that she had contacted the Hade Edge Residents Association asking for any response on the issue of damage caused by off-roading. She had not received a response yet but would follow it up.

**NOTED:** This report was noted by Members.

## 2122 34 Issues with environmental damage by 4x4 users to a lane called Broad Carr Lane in Hepworth ward

The Deputy Clerk reported that he had still not heard from Rob Dalby from Kirklees Council regarding his team reviewing the condition of Broad Carr Lane and giving consideration to imposing an order to manage the usage there by vehicular traffic especially recreational 4x4s. Nor had Mr Dalby responded to questions regarding the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to the lanes around the Upper Holme Valley reservoirs.

**RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would continue to press Rob Dalby about developments at Broad Carr Lane as well as asking for updates on the progress of the PSPO to Ramsden Road.

**NOTED:** Members noted that a 4x4 had recently been seized by police off Brownhill Lane for off-roading.

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## 2122 35 Issue with Shop Frontages

**NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had contacted the Officer dealing with the two shop frontages in the Holmfirth Conservation Area. She has responded to say that some enforcement action has been taken, but that some of the signage still needed to be removed.

**NOTED:** Members noted that the Chair of the Planning Committee had met with the owner of one of the shops in question and had a positive meeting with him, explaining the idea of a Conservation Area, and its purpose, and the restrictions it placed on some developments and signage. Cllr Blacka reported that she intended to visit the second shop as well.

Cllr Blacka also reported that there were issues with the frontage of some other Holmfirth shops. There was a suggestion that some of the money Kirklees were due to invest in Holmfirth might be directed towards improving the shop fronts in the conservation area.

The meeting closed at 8.53PM

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Chairman