

Holme Valley Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** held at **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9** on **MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026** at **700pm**.

Attendees:

Cllr Andy Wilson (Chair), Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Tom Dixon, Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Steve Ransby.

Approved Apologies:

Cllr Jo Liles

Welcome

Open Session at Planning

No members of the public were present for the public session.

2526 98 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chair checked if any members of the public wished to record the meeting. The meeting was already being recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel.

No other recordings were made.

2526 99 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies and reasons for absence were circulated by email prior to the meeting.

Noted and Approved: Apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Liles.

2526 100 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Ransby declared a personal interest in item 2526 104 applications 2526/10/02, 2526/10/06 and 2526/10/07

2526 101 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

2526 102 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

Resolved: no item would be held in private session.

2526 103 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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Approved with amendment: Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 November 2025, numbered 2526 77 – 2526 97 inclusive, were approved with a minor amendment to item 2526 84.

The Assistant Clerk gave updates on progress and matters arising from the previous minutes not otherwise covered in the agenda including:

- Commercial waste storage in Holmfirth town centre
- The public enquiry regarding the width of Footpath 60 at Wolfstones Heights
- Video conferencing platform for the planning applications sub-committee.

To consider, any further action.

2526 104 Kirklees Planning Applications

- i.
 - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 30 September 2025 to 4 November 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
 - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 4 November to 2025 2 December 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii.
 - The Committee considered the new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 2 December 2025 to 6 January 2026 – List 2526-10.
 - **Resolved:** The Planning Committee’s comments on the above applications will be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Officer.
- iii.
 - The Committee considered a community consultation for a proposed wind turbine at Carter Plantation Farm.
 - **Action:** The Assistant Clerk will respond to the Carter Plantation to convey that the Parish is supportive of green energy in general but would need to see the full application before comment can be made.

2526 105 Peak District National Park Authority

- i.
 - **Noted:** List of applications received from the Peak District National Park Authority 30 September 2025 to 2 December 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii.
 - The committee considered the new or amended applications received from the Peak District National Park Authority 2 December 2025 to 6 January 2026 inclusive – List 2526-10.
 - **Resolved:** The Planning Committee’s comments on the above applications will be forwarded to the Peak District Planning Authority by the Officer.
- iii. **PDNPA Local Plan consultation**
The previous working group on responding to the PDNPA local plan consultation reconvened to consult with residents and respond to the Local Plan Preferred Response consultation by the deadline of 21 December 2025.

The Working group gave an overview of the submission, which is available to read on request with the Chair.

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Cllrs Blacka and Ransby thanked the chair for their work on coordinating and submitting the response to the consultation.

2526 106 Traffic Calming

Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley

Cllrs and Assistant Clerk reported on updates received on SID location suggestions, progress with 20mph zones close to schools and other traffic calming measures.

Noted: correspondence with Kirklees HV South councillors concerning the HV South SID.

Noted: concerns raised by a member of the public via Cllr Dixon regarding frequent accidents on Sheffield Road Hepworth.

Action: Assistant Clerk to request update on SID location decisions and movement schedule, and to reiterate that the funding provided included resource for device movement.

Action: Cllr Dixon to request permission of resident to pass on contact details and concerns regarding road safety on Sheffield Road to Kirklees officers and Cllrs.

Action: Assistant Clerk to pass on the concerns of the resident to the relevant Kirklees contacts pending permission to do so.

2526 107 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley

The ongoing campaigns are:

Ramsden Road/ Cheesegate Nab

Cllr Wilson gave updates on information received from Kirklees Cllrs.

2526 108 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation

- i. **Noted:** An update on the roll out of the new Local plan-making system was published on 27 November 2025:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-local-plan-system-launching-early-2026-latest-update>

The new system for local plan development launches in early 2026, introducing a 30-month process, three gateways, and digital-first requirements.

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ii. Consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework

Noted: On 16 December 2025 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government launched an open consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system.

The consultation and associated documents can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

The consultation is open until 10 March 2026.

Cllr Blacka gave updates that the Reference Group on the Local Plan would be making a response to the consultation and that they would be holding open community session for anyone that wanted to contribute. The sessions will be held on:

- **Wednesday 11 February, at 7-00pm, at Holme Community Centre**
- **Monday 16 February, at 7-00pm, at Brockholes Village Hall**

iii. **Noted:** Invitation to join a participatory event focused on shaping community visions for nature in protected areas of the Peak District Dales.

Saturday 24th January 2026 (10am-3pm) at Beltonville Farm, Millers Dale (Nr Buxton), Derbyshire, SK17 8SS. An event poster and FAQ are included.

The study by the University of East Anglia seeks diverse local voices to explore how nature is valued and imagined in the Peak District Dales to build community visions for the future of nature in the Dales — that reflect the hopes, experiences and aspirations of those who know this landscape best.

2526 109 **Concerns regarding Packhorse Bridge, Smithy Place, Brockholes (referral from Full Council)**

This item was referred to Planning Committee by Full Council on 15 December 2025 following concerns raised by Cllr Donna Bellamy (Kirklees Holme Valley North) about damage to the Packhorse Bridge, Smithy Place, Brockholes. The Grade II listed bridge has missing coping stones, leaving the structure exposed and at risk of further deterioration.

Residents have expressed concern that delays to repairs could increase future costs. No repair date has been confirmed. Cllr Bellamy has raised the issue through Councillor Enquiries and requested urgent action, and has asked whether Holme Valley Parish Council could also contact Kirklees to reinforce the need for timely repair and conservation oversight.

Action: Assistant Clerk to request a repair timeframe and updates from Kirklees Holme Valley North councillors and Customer Enquiries.

2526 110 **Design Guide**

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Cllr Wilson gave an update on progress.

The design guides and letters are now in the envelopes ready for delivery (pending address labels, to be completed in the following days).

The guides will then be hand delivered via councillors over the coming weeks.

Copies for agents were delivered via Royal Mail in December 2025.

2526 111 Holmfirth Town Centre Group

- No updates received

2526 112 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Ransby reported work on the Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan actions and gave an overview of findings.

Noted: An assessment of progress was circulated before the meeting, which would be considered in the context of the Kirklees Local Plan review.

2526 113 Section 106 Funding

Noted: The most recent Kirklees Council Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024/25 was published in December 2025.

Cllrs discussed the possibility of funding from future housing developments and engaging with Kirklees and Developers on identifying local need for Section 106 infrastructure expenditure.

2526 114 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure Against Budget and EMRs 2025-26

Noted: The Planning Committee's expenditure against budget 2025-26 year to date:

- The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. At the start of the 2025-26 Council year, the budget contained £2,500. £30 was spent on room hire for a public meeting, leaving £2,470 remaining.

Action: Assistant Clerk to seek advice from the Deputy Clerk regarding the need to move budget intended for the Local Plan review to Full Council as the Working and Reference groups are now under that reporting line.

2526 115 Planning Standing Committee Budget and EMRs 2026-27

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Noted: At the meeting of Full Council on 15 December 2025 the Planning Committee budget (4505 Neighbourhood Plan) for 2026-27 was approved at £1,000.

Action: Cllr Wilson to circulate details of the Meltham shop front grants scheme for consideration.

2526 116 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on recent and planned activity and the period of election sensitivity until 5 February 2026.

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

Close 8.37pm