

# Holme Valley Parish Council

**DRAFT** Minutes of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** held at **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9** on **MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025** at **700pm**

**Attendees:** Cllrs Andy Wilson (Chair), Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Tom Dixon

**Apologies:** Cllrs Isaac Barnett, Cllr Jo Liles

**Absent:** Cllr Steve Ransby

## Welcome

## Open Session at Planning

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

### **2526 41 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 anyone else 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 42 To accept apologies for absence**

**Noted:** The resignation from the committee of Cllr Harry Davis.

**Noted:** Cllrs Barnett, Liles and Ransby were absent from the meeting.

**Approved:** Apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Barnett and Liles were approved by the committee.

### **2526 43 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None declared.

### **2526 44 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

### **2526 45 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**Resolved:** None of the meeting would be held in private session.

### **2526 46 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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**Approved:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 June 2025, numbered 2526 20 – 2526 40 inclusive.

Cllr Firth reported that he had attended the public meeting regarding the development at Gynn Lane.

## 2526 47 Kirklees Planning Applications

- i. - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 22 May 2025 to 24 June 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
- **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 24 June 2025 to 22 July 2025 updated with the views of the Planning Applications Working Group.
- ii. - **Resolved:** The comments on the new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 22 July 2025 to 12 August – (List 2526-05) would be forwarded to Kirklees via the Assistant Clerk.
- **Noted:** The public local inquiry into the Definitive Map Modification Order regarding the width of footpath HOL/60 at Wolfstone Heights took place 15 to 18 July 2025, a decision and accompanying report is to be expected in the coming weeks.
- **Noted:** The consultation on a minor diversion of Footpath 6, Holmfirth at 70 Acre Farm was carried out in July 2025

## 2526 48 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority from 22 May 2025 to 22 July inclusive to be updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. - No new or amended applications were received by Peak District National Park Authority 22 May 2025 to 22 July 2025 inclusive.

## 2526 49 HVPC Planning Sub-Committee on Planning Applications Terms of Reference

At the meeting of this committee on 30 June 2025 members **Resolved** to defer the item to adopt or amend the Terms of Reference for the Planning Applications Sub-committee to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

The committee discussed the membership of the committee and terms of reference of the sub-committee.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson to liaise with the Clerk regarding possibilities within the scheme of delegation for stand-by members of the planning committee, co-option of members of the public and voting rights. Relevant motions to be included in a future Full Council agenda.

**Action:** The Assistant Clerk to make the amendments discussed to the draft Terms of Reference of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee and bring the new version to the

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next meeting of the Planning Committee on 6 October 2025 for adoption. The amendments to add are:

- Members should declare pecuniary and personal interests in any applications at the start of each meeting in the same way that they would in a full committee meeting.
- Membership of the Planning Applications Sub-committee will comprise of all of the members of the Planning Committee.
- The videos of the meetings will be published on the HVPC YouTube channel and via a link on the HVPC website.
- The attendance of members will be recorded in line with the Planning Committee.

**Noted:** The Planning Applications Sub-committee meetings for the remainder of the council year 2025/26 have been set as follows (these meetings will be held via Zoom and will be advertised to the public and have a facility for public attendance):

Monday 15 September 2025, 7pm

Monday 8 December 2025, 7pm

Monday 9 February 2026, 7pm

## 2526 50 Remit and Priorities for HVPC Planning Committee 2025-2027

At the meeting of the Planning Committee on 30 June 2025 the committee **Resolved** that defining the core remit and priorities for the Planning Committee 2025-2027 would be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Following the appointment of committee members for the year 2025/26 at the Full Council meeting on 19 May 2025, the Planning Committee has a refreshed membership and an opportunity to revisit priorities for the committee.

**Resolved:** The committee will continue with the current structure and remit and review in March 2026.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to include a prompt in the Full Council agenda regarding membership of the planning meeting.

## 2526 51 Traffic Calming

### i. Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley

At a meeting of the Planning Committee on 30 June 2025 the committee **Resolved** that a discussion on locations for SIDs will be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Wilson to report.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson to forward points to include in a letter to Kirklees Councillors to the Assistant Clerk.

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**Action:** Assistant Clerk to draft a letter from the Committee to Kirklees HV South and North councillors regarding progress with SIDs.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson to ask Full Council for location suggestions.

## ii. School Parking Bollards

**Noted:** New Mill School have now received the parking bollards and they are in use. Feedback has been requested by the Assistant Clerk.

## 2526 52 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley

The ongoing campaigns are:

- i. Ramsden Road
- ii. Cartworth Moor Road
- iii. Cheesegate Nab

Cllrs reported on updates received.

- The TRO planned for Ramsden Road/Cheesegate Nab has been subject to a legal challenge and is due to go to cabinet but no date is yet confirmed.
- Cartworth quarry is now closed so Cartworth Moor Road can be removed as a standing item.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson will continue to liaise with Cllr Rylah on progress at Ramsden Road.

## 2526 53 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation

**Noted:** Planning Appeals Reform – The UK Government plans to streamline written representation appeals by late 2025, requiring all evidence to be submitted upfront. The roll out is expected to begin by the end of 2025:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-faster-more-efficient-planning-appeals-process>

**Noted:** A joint statement signed by all Combined Authority Mayors and supported by Active Travel England outlines a commitment to delivering over 3,500 miles of safer routes prioritising the school run. The initiative aims to integrate active travel into local transport networks and boost economic growth through healthier, better-connected communities.

Cllrs commented favourably on the aim to introduce more 20mph zones close to schools.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson to find previous contact at Kirklees regarding 20mph zones for future exploration.

**Noted:** Consultation on Electricity Network Infrastructure – Consents, Land Access & Rights. The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero launched a consultation on **8 July 2025**

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proposing reforms to land access, wayleave, and consenting processes for electricity infrastructure projects. The aim is to improve delivery speed and reliability for Net Zero energy connections while protecting the rights of landowners and local communities. Responses are invited from a range of stakeholders before the closing date of **2 September 2025**:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electricity-network-infrastructure-consents-land-access-and-rights?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=71bb5f59-5125-422a-94b8-6177e8241054&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electricity-network-infrastructure-consents-land-access-and-rights?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=71bb5f59-5125-422a-94b8-6177e8241054&utm_content=daily)

**Noted:** SLCC response to the government's consultation on the reform of Planning Committees (July 2025).

## 2526 54 Design Code

The list of business address with shop fronts in the Holme Valley is now available for councillors to use as a distribution list.

**Approved:** Draft letter to accompany the design guide when delivering to local businesses.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to request to Full Council for volunteers to help with the distribution of the Design Code.

**Action:** Cllrs Wilson and Ransby to work together to filter the long list of businesses with frontages to help to reduce the list to just the relevant properties.

**Action:** Cllrs Wilson and Blacka to approach the businesses associations in Holmfirth and Honley respectively for support in distribution and adoption.

## 2526 55 Holmfirth Town Centre Group

No new updates received, an item will be included at Full Council in September.

## 2526 56 Kirklees Local Plan Review

At the meeting on 30 June 2025, the Planning Committee **Resolved** to recommend to Full Council that both the Working Group and Reference Group on the Kirklees Local Plan report directly to Full Council, rather than via the Planning Committee. This recommendation will be considered at the Full Council meeting scheduled for 8 September 2025.

Until such time as this recommendation is formally adopted, the Working Group will continue to report to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Blacka gave updates on the work of the working group and reference group:

- A revised timetable for the Kirklees Local Plan update has been received. The draft

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plan will now be produced for December 2026 (due to delays in receiving information from central government).

- The group is currently preparing their aims for the plan.
- Cllr Whitelaw has produced a model for consultation via her work on the topics of farming and youth which can be used for other topics.
- Cllr Blacka will be coordinating all of the topic sub-groups to provide an update for 29 August 2025.
- There is an upcoming focus on upskilling the group on the new grey belt guidance.
- The next meeting will take place on 3 October 2025 and Jo Scrutton from the Kirklees team will be attending.

**Noted:** Notes from the Reference Group meeting of 20 June 2025, and 25 July 2025, and notes from the public consultation meeting on Farming and Food 23 July 2025.

## **2526 57 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Item deferred to next meeting.

## **2526 58 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure against Budget and reserves 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 local plan public meeting, leaving £2,470 remaining.
- There are no EMRs associated with the Planning Committee for 2025-26.

## **2526 59 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council**

The Assistant Clerk gave updates on recent and planned activity.

Close 8.33pm