

# Holme Valley Parish Council

**DRAFT** Minutes of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** held at **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9** on **MONDAY 27 April 2026** at **700pm**.

## **Attendees:**

Cllr Andy Wilson (Chair), Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Tom Dixon, Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Jo Liles.

## **Approved Apologies:**

Cllr Steve Ransby

## **Welcome**

### **2627 1 Open Session at Planning**

9 Members of the public attended the public session, with 4 people speaking in relation to Holmfirth Market.

### **2627 2 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.

### **2627 3 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 Ransby.

### **2627 4 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None declared.

### **2627 5 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

### **2627 6 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**Resolved:** no item would be held in private session.

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## 2627 7 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- **Noted:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 March 2026 numbered 2526 117 – 2526 132 inclusive approved at Full Council on 23 March 2026.

## 2627 8 Holmfirth Forward & Holmfirth Market

At this point in the meeting committee members **Resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow for members of the public to join discussion for this item.

Cllrs and members of the public discussed some of the issues around Holmfirth Market and the move from the current location on School Street to the new location at the new car park on Huddersfield Road. Issues included storage for the stalls, possible alternative locations, competition with existing adjacent businesses, disruption, hygiene facilities and safety.

A representative from Holmfirth Forward agreed to investigate the viability of other locations within the town and report back.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to seek further clarification from Kirklees regarding intended stall storage and hygiene provision for the new site.

## 2627 9 Kirklees Planning Applications

- i. - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 3 February 2026 to 3 March 2026 updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. - The Committee considered the new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 3 March 2026 to 21 April 2026 – List 2627-01.
- iii. - **Resolved:** The Planning Committee's comments on the above applications will be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Officer.
  - **Noted:** The notice of appeal hearing at Claytons Hotel, Sweet Street, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 9AT on 6 May 2026 has been postponed. Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/EPR/705 regarding Windy Ridge Recycling Ltd. No future date has been confirmed.
  - Residents have contacted the Parish Council regarding a proposed registration of mine and mineral rights at Cartworth. Cllr Liles has offered to support residents in this matter if they get in touch via the Parish Council office.
  - **Noted:** Letter regarding pre-consultation for housing developments at Hade Edge date 11 March 2026 (previously circulated to members).
  - **Noted:** Email regarding public consultation event at The Band Room, Hade Edge Band Building 56 Greave Rd, Hade Edge, Holmfirth HD9 2AQ, between 3.30 – 6.30 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (previously circulated to members). Cllr Wilson attended the event and reported back to The Committee.
  - **To consider,** any further action.

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## 2627 10 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority 3 February 2026 to 3 March.
- ii. - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority 3 March 2026 to 21 April 2026 for comment.
- iii. - **Noted:** Publication of new evidence supporting the review of the PDNPA Local Plan. **PDNPA Local Plan Review – Settlement Character & Landscape Sensitivity Assessment.** Document available via link below:  
[https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0030/226596/111474-SCA-LSA-F-2026-02-12-optimised-v2.pdf](https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0030/226596/111474-SCA-LSA-F-2026-02-12-optimised-v2.pdf)
- iv. - **Noted:** Correspondence from PDNPA regarding the timetable for the Local Plan Review. **(I)**

## 2627 11 Traffic Calming

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

Cllrs and Assistant Clerk reported on updates received from Kirklees Councillors and officers regarding Sheffield Road hazard management, SID location suggestions, progress with 20mph zones close to schools and other traffic calming measures.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to follow up on possible Sheffield Road hazard improvements to query further possible measures including speed limit, cameras and the clearing of ditches to reduce surface water.

**To consider,** any further action.

## 2627 12 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley

The ongoing campaigns are:

### Ramsden Road/ Cheesegate Nab

Cllr Wilson reported on updates received included that the TRO had been challenged with judicial reviews.

## 2627 13 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation

- i. **Noted:** The **West Yorkshire Combined Authority** adopted the **Mayor's West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan** on 12 March 2026 following consultation periods in 2024 and 2025. The consultation outcomes and adopted plan can be found at:  
<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/transport/transport-plans/>
- ii. **Noted:** The UK government have published a new set of toolkits to support communities to draft their Neighbourhood Plan in England. The guides can be accessed via the

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following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/neighbourhood-planning-toolkits?utm\\_source=emailmarketing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=news\\_bulletin\\_20\\_april\\_2026&utm\\_content=2026-04-20](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/neighbourhood-planning-toolkits?utm_source=emailmarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news_bulletin_20_april_2026&utm_content=2026-04-20)

## 2627 14 Design Guide

Cllrs reported on roll out progress, updates and feedback received.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to contact conservation enforcement with regards to investigating one of the shop fronts in Holmfirth town centre.

## 2627 15 Holmfirth Town Centre Updates

The Assistant Clerk reported on a previously circulated consultation regarding parking restrictions on the layby on Town Gate, Holmfirth.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to clarify with Kirklees Highways that adequate time had been given to the consultation on the layby on Town Gate, Holmfirth.

## 2627 16 Section 106 Funding

Cllr Wilson presented a summary report on Section 106 funds and expenditure relating to the Holme Valley.

**Noted:** Summary report of S106 funding in the Holme Valley.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to compile a list of Section 106 funding entries over five years old, including Woodhead Road, and seek clarification from Kirklees Council regarding:

- Expenditure to date and any plans or commitments relating to remaining unspent funds;
- How the Parish Council may support in the Section 106 process;
- Opportunities for the Parish Council to support community liaison and local input in relation to proposed developments at Gynn Lane and Hade Edge; and
- How Section 106 figures are calculated and allocated.

## 2627 17 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure Against Budget and EMRs 2026-27

**Noted:** the Planning Committee's expenditure against budget 2026-27 year to date:

- The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. At the start of the Council year this budget line contains £1,000.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to add an item on Shop Front Grants in the next planning committee meeting and include information on the Meltham Town Council scheme.

## 2627 18 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

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The Assistant Clerk updated on recent and planned activity.

**Noted:** A period of election sensitivity relating to the Kirklees local elections will run from 26 March 2026 to 7 May 2026.

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

Close 9pm