



**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllrs Sue Hewitson, Gill Dixon & Ann Foster

In attendance:

Deputy Town Clerk

PC2223/033 Chairs Comments

Thanks were extended to the Deputy Clerk for stepping in to minute the meeting in the Administrative Officers absence.

The Chair and committee hope that the Administrative Officer is back to good health shortly.

PC2223/034 Approve Reasons for Absence

Resolved unanimously to approve reasons for Cllr Jennison's absence.

PC2223/35 Disclosure of interests

None.

PC2223/36 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved unanimously to approve minutes of previous meeting.

PC2223/37 Clerks Report

None.

PC2223/38 Public Participation

Mr Batley was in attendance with hopes of Mr D'vali attending. Upon discovering that Mr D'vali was not attending, Mr Batley expressed his disappointment.

PC2223/39 Important Information from Councillors ad Staff

None.

PC2223/40 National Planning Issues

Cllr Hewitson provided detailed notes, to all in attendance, that she had taken during a recent reforms and planning seminar. Cllr Hewitson advised on possible upcoming changes to procedures (notes to be attached as an appendix to these minutes).

PC2223/41 Format for Planning Committees in the Future / Dealing with Local Planning Applications

Items 9 and 10 considered here.

Cllr Dixon advised that she had been discussing these issues with the Clerk.

The Clerks thoughts were as follows

- Comments on planning applications have to be made in a public arena.
- Could we have planning applications considered at the start of Full Council meetings?
- That there is flexibility in how planning applications can be considered and various models exist.

Various options were considered such as the ability to call extra-ordinary meetings for important certain applications, whether to include applications on the Governance Committee, whether to change the dates of Planning Committee meetings. It was also considered whether commenting on applications could be delegated to the Clerk.

These items are to be deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting when Cllr Jennison is also present.

Action – The Clerk to research whether comments have to be made in a public arena, or whether it is only decisions which must be made in a public arena.

PC2223/42 Highways

The Baildon Town Council Planning Committee could not welcome Simon D’vali as he had sent his apologies. Mr D’vali had advised he would send in a report based on the issues within this item but has not done so.

Cllr Hewitson has written an email to the Ward Councillors explaining her dismay regarding the lack of respect shown to Baildon Town Council.

- Highway measures in place around Jenny Lane, Moorland and Hallcliffe, as well as parking issues on Hallcliffe – Various issues with visibility and parking. There is a need for Highways to review these areas and see what can be done. The Planning Committee will await comments from Highways.
- Station Road junction and recent highway changes to Straights – The committee was very happy to see new signage has been painted on the road but a new ‘No Entry’ sign is still required.
- Speed indicator on Moorgate – Again this will need to be discussed with Highways as it is unknown whether it is working. It was noted that it was originally pointed in the wrong direction.

Hallcliffe also still has its priority traffic signage missing but new signage is now on its way.

PC2221/43 NDP

Cllr Dixon provided feedback documents and asked that these be reviewed prior to the next NDP meeting.

At the next meeting, it was agreed that Michael Wellock would be asked to detail what stage of the process we are at and what is needed next. It was noted that sufficient notice would be required for whatever is needed both in terms of process and content.

Questions and points to be asked / raised at the next NDP meeting include:

- How we can ensure that Otley Road businesses are included within our plan.
- Discussions regarding the village centre (stocks area) and pedestrianizing.
- How we can ensure that Otley Road and Station Road retail areas are included.

PC2221/44 Baildon Mills Development

No further updates at this stage. The land remains for sale.

Action – Cllr Hewitson to ask Cllr Pollard for an update.

Action – Cllr Hewitson to ring the agents who have land up for sale for an update.

PC2221/45 Baildon Action Plan

This item is to be removed from all further agendas.

PC2221/46 To consider current applications on CBMDC website

No comments made by the Planning Committee on any of these applications.

PC2221/47 To identify any applications to be tracked and to receive an update on past applications

Resolved (1 abstained) to make the following comment:

22/02573/ADV – ‘On behalf of the Planning Committee, we wish to support the appeal from Mrs Sophie Holmes in relation to signage for her business. We feel that the proposed signage has been tastefully completed as opposed to some of the more garish signage which exists on Westgate, Baildon. Yours, Cllr Hewitson, Planning Committee, Baildon Town Council’

PC2221/48 Promotional Opportunities

None

PC2221/49 Items for Future Agenda

- Baildon Plan be deferred until 2023.
- To discuss future planning meetings.
- Appointment of a Vice-Chair

PC2221/50 **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be 19th October 2022 at a venue TBD.

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