



Halesworth Town Council
Waveney Local Office
London Road, Halesworth

Wednesday 16th March, 2022 at 5.30pm

Held in the Day Centre
Minute Book ref No 72

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE DAY CENTRE, HALESWORTH

Present: Councillors; Annette Dunning, Peter Dutton, Anne Fleming, Rachel Kellett, Rosemary Lewis (Chair), Joyce Moseley, Jill Reece, Maureen Took, David Wollweber (Vice-Chair).

In Attendance: Phillipa Welby (Assistant Town Clerk), 1 member of the public.

Minutes

1. **Apologies:** None received.
2. **Declarations of interest:** None.
3. **Approval of Neighbourhood Plan documents relating to Regulation 15**

Cllr Moseley stated that this meeting was a major milestone for the Neighbourhood Plan. If approved and adopted by the Town Council the documents would then be submitted to East Suffolk District Council for their consultation to begin. Cllr Moseley took the Cllrs through the documents circulated before the meeting and the changes in the plan that have made since Regulation 14 and the public consultation on the draft plan.

The main changes generated from the consultation besides typos were the addition of two more Non-Designated Heritage Assets – The New Reach and the Halesworth to Southwold Railway. The only possible disappointment is that the Library building is not old enough to be considered as a NDHA but the group have strengthened the evidence to support the inclusion of the building despite this.

There have also been changes to the trees section as ESC had expressed concern over the term ‘Heritage Trees’ and the lack of clear criteria to support the designation.

The Play Spaces section has substituted the potential new Chediston Street development play area for the originally proposed Swan Lane one as there were concerns from residents over parking issues at Swan Lane. The three NEAPs (Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play) now recommended by the Plan will be the Town Park, (an upgraded) Old Station Road and the new Chediston Street development one. A meeting has been held with the developer at Chediston Street to look at ways of improving accessibility to this site for residents of Dukes Drive and a submission with the support of the Town Council has been made to ESC.

Another change to the Environmental section of the plan is the inclusion of a response to climate change. This was something raised by several of the residents that responded to the draft plan.

There was also an amendment to the education section of the plan. Both SCC and ESC have stated that there is not the population to warrant a secondary school at Halesworth. However EAST (East Anglian Schools Trust) who run Bungay High School have agreed to look at the cost of transport for post 16 education students in Halesworth.

Appendix S contains the feedback received from residents and the responses from the Neighbourhood Plan Group. All comments concerning the Plan were responded to despite many of them not directly relating to the policies in the Plan.

Appendix T contains the responses received from local organisations and will take the same form as those responses received from residents.

It was resolved that the Council approved the following documents: The map of the area as set out in Figure 1.1 of the revised Neighbourhood Plan, the Consultation Statement including the appendices A to T, the Basic Conditions Statement and the Regulation 16 version of the Neighbourhood Plan and that as the Qualifying Body, the Council agrees to submit the Neighbourhood Plan proposal to the local planning authority (East Suffolk Council) with all the documents needed to comply with Regulation 15 submissions.

All in favour.

Cllr Lewis thanked those Cllrs involved with the Neighbourhood Plan group for their hard work and input over the last four years.

Cllr Moseley also thanked the Assistant Town Clerk for her secretarial role in the group.

4. **Items for the Website/Noticeboard/Newsletters/Library:** The documents being submitted to ESC will be available on the Council website when permitted by ESC as part of the Regulation 16 consultation.