

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday 30th January, 2023 at 10am held in the Council Chambers, London Rd, Halesworth

Present: Councillors: P Dutton (Chair), A Fleming, M Took.

In Attendance: P Welby (Assistant Town Clerk)

Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Lewis
2. **Declarations of Interests** - None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes of the 16th January 2023 were agreed.
4. **Matters arising:** The grit bin in Oak Way has been approved.
5. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:

[DC/22/3156/ARM](#) - Approval of Reserved Matters of [DC/18/4947/OUT](#) - Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Town Farm Loam Pit Lane.

It appears that no notice has been taken of the previous comments submitted by the Town Council, some of which were based on the need for the developer to follow the Local Plan policies and others on the negative impact the development will have on site neighbours and the adjoining road. Therefore, a comprehensive response reiterating the Committees previous concerns has been submitted. *This was recommended for rejection by the Committee.*

[DC/22/5014/FUL](#) – plus [DC/22/4496/LBC](#) Change two timber windows with similar, DDA handrail to existing ramp, change sanitary ware to male and female toilets and Construct internal small room to provide disabled toilet - Rifle Hall London Road. *This was recommended for approval by the Committee.*

[DC/23/0237/TCA](#) - 1 x Maple - Crown reduce & shape by approx. 10% 2 x Cypress Oaks - Crown reduce & shape by approx. 10% 1 x Pear - Crown reduce & shape by approx. 10% Reason: general maintenance pruning - 1 Wellington Court Chediston Street. *This was recommended for approval by the Committee.*

6. **Thoroughfare Working Group** – The working group are still waiting for the sign at the Bridge Street end of the Thoroughfare to be amended to read ‘no parking at any time’.
Cllr Dutton will ask Cllr Dunning to chase Highways.

When the sign has been altered the group will produce a leaflet to explain traffic regulations in the Thoroughfare. Cllr Dutton to clarify the one-way section of the leaflet with the Working Group.

The next task of the Working Group is to have all the signs that direct traffic to the 'town centre' via the Thoroughfare removed and to change the parking signs to 'Town Centre Parking'. Cllr Took raised the possibility of having 'Shopping' parking signs. The group also want to remove all the 'Hospital' signs.

7. **Chediston Street Planning Application Review** - a site visit of the Planning Committee from ESC took place.
8. **Correspondence** - A email had been received regarding a Police car using the Thoroughfare as a route in an emergency. The Committee agreed that unless the emergency is in the Thoroughfare it would not be appropriate for emergency vehicles to use it as a cut through. The route is a pedestrian zone and also can be blocked by delivery vehicles. Clerk to email Inspector King in support.
Cllr Dunning in her SCC capacity has emailed her plans for a work group to clean the town's road signs. It is unclear as to how this project will be conducted and so Cllr Dutton will seek clarification.
9. **News Items:** None.