

HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
Monday 12th January, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.
HELD IN THE DAY CENTRE
LONDON ROAD, HALESWORTH

Present: Cllrs; Mrs A Dunning, Mrs Maureen Took, Mrs Jackie Wagner, Mrs Jen Berry, Mrs Letitia Smith, Mr Nat Bocking

In Attendance: N. Rees – Acting clerk, Cllr Tony Goldson – SCC and Waveney District Councillor. 8 members of the public

MINUTES

- 1) **Apologies:** Cllrs; Mr J Wagner - working away, Mr P Widdowson – work commitments, Mrs Lorraine Cooke – ill. All apologies accepted.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Took and Cllr A Dunning for 3b (Customers of Barclays), Cllr N Bocking for 3h (Transport).
- 3) **To consider the following planning applications:** -
 - a. DC/14/3934 6 Thoroughfare – Alterations to the old Bistro. The Council hoped that these alterations signified that the premises will be operating as a commercial concern shortly – recommends - APPROVAL
 - b. DC/14/3900 36 Thoroughfare – New Barclays ATM, recommends - APPROVAL
 - c. DC/14/3878 59 Thoroughfare – Remove Conifers, recommends - APPROVAL
 - d. DC/14/3889 77 Bedingfield Crescent – Extensions, recommends - APPROVAL
 - e. DC/3933/TCA. 41, London Road – Tree reshaping works, recommends - APPROVAL
 - f. DC/14/3605/FUL 16b Bridge Street, Replacement windows, recommends – APPROVAL
 - g. **Draft open spaces and draft green infrastructure strategy consultation.** The meeting was adjourned at 6.15pm to receive a report from Richard Woolnough. Mr Woolnough highlighted some inaccuracies with many of the documents and assessments of Halesworth’s facilities. RESOLVED that the acting clerk would liaise with Mr Woolnough and volunteers from the Millennium Green Trust to coordinate a response to the consultation and to request an extension to allow sufficient time to respond.
 - h. **Revised Bus Hub plans.** It was confirmed that the original scheme had been approved and that this revised drawing was a deviation to the original scheme intended for comments. In consultation with Anglian Buses it had been suggested that there could be a revision to the plans to allow the buses to collect and drop off without the need to negotiate the car park. This would facilitate a speedier turn around which would assist the bus company to maintain the very tight timescales that the buses operate within. It was confirmed that this revision had not further impact on car parking spaces or disabled spaces. Although the revision crossed the pavement south of the car park it was acknowledged that this pavement was very lightly used. The meeting was adjourned to receive comments from members of the public. Mr E Leverett expressed concerns over the number of parking spaces lost and whether the scheme took in to account the possibility of further housing on the former Tesco land. Mr M Smith expressed concerns that the scheme was taking too long and should have been built by now. The Chair confirmed that no additional parking spaces had been

lost and that Suffolk County Council would be aware of any future housing developments when they considered this revision.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.50pm

The Council agreed the revised drawing had merits, improved safety within the car park and allowed a more efficient turn around for the buses but that it would like to see these drawings worked up with more details. It was not clear where the coach bay (s) were now located, the bus shelter needed to be positioned accurately and the position of the disabled parking spaces confirmed as there had been some discussion that they were going to be moved.

Meeting was closed at 6.53pm