

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2009
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS LONDON ROAD
HALESWORTH AT 7PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Wright - Chairman
Councillors: Mrs S Leverett - Vice Chair
Mrs A Dunning
Mr H A Holzer

Mr E Leverett
Mr J Wagner
Mrs J Wagner
Mr J Clayton
Mr T Goldson
Mr D Thomas

APOLOGIES: Cllr's Mrs P Flegg, W Mawer SCC.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mr M Ryland WDC, PCSO J Adams, Mrs J Huckle, Mr & Mrs M Fleming, other members of the public.

153. The Chairman: Opened the meeting and accepted the apologies.

154. The Minutes of the Public meeting on 5th January 2009, having been circulated, were confirmed.

155. Matters Arising: Minute 148 Grit Bins - In light of SCC email stating if HTC were to provide and insure the bins, nominate person/s to spread the salt, they would provide the salt, it was deemed non viable due to Health and Safety regulations.

Minute 135 London Road with Roman Way parking issues were reported to SCC Lee Smith.

156. Police Report: Noted. PCSO J Adams had reported the Arboretum Shelter brackets having broken away from the wall and needing attention to the Clerk and WDC. The Clerk had made a site visit with Wavevey Norse who gave assurance that 'though the shelter was tilting due to subsidence at the front it was still sound.' It was agreed to contact Morton Partnership for a quote to carry out a survey, ask WDC for a second opinion and Cllr Ryland to take up the issue with WDC. Dog fouling to be taken up with WDC Cleansing to ask for officers to patrol.

Suffolk County Councillor Report & Other SCC Matters: Noted.

[A] EDGAR SEWTER LIGHTING - with County contractors.

[B] OAK GREEN DRAINAGE - Northern Highways are looking at re-surfacing.

[C] BOUNDARY REVIEW - recommendations should be announced on 13th February. 30th March is the deadline for direct responses to the Secretary of State.

[D] COMMUNITY BOARDS - It was felt they would be 'glorified quan'gos' with large budgets and HTC role could be seriously diminished. After much discussion it was agreed to ask Phillip Hayes [SALC] to explain the situation at the next HTC meeting and to write to SCC to clarify the position.

[E] MARKET PLACE CAR PARKING - Market place parking was discussed at length and it was resolved to ask SCC to monitor the situation and to reassess at the next HTC meeting.

Councillors expressed serious concern that although the results of the SOR consultation process were reported in the press, the outcome had not been included in Cllr Mawer's report. It was resolved to write to SCC for a detailed breakdown of all responses to the consultation and highlight inaccuracies and inadequacy in a SCC report to Bungay High School relating to Road Closure and transport arrangements. At a public meeting it was reported by County that asset disposal from Halesworth Middle School would be used to fund improvements at Edgar Sewter and Holton Primary Schools. HTC would like clarification that the playing fields would not be sold off for housing.

157. Waveney District Councillors' Report & Other WDC matters: report noted. Cllrs' would like clarification that Lowestoft will remain in Suffolk.

[A] CHILDRENS PLAY AREA, TOWN PARK - Cllr Flegg's report suggested Ridgeons 106 could pay for this but Cllrs established that Footway lighting is the agreed priority to ensure safe access to the Town from the proposed new houses.

[B] BASLEY PARK - Awaiting result of application for NHS Grant.

[C] RIFLE HALL - It was resolved to write to WDC regarding their mismanagement of the facility and HTC's strong objection to closure on 1st April 2009 and to outline the disquiet and anger that a TC representative would not be allowed to attend the Charity Commission meeting with WDC. Concerns were raised regarding insufficient reporting and representation from District Councillors. It was agreed to invoice WDC for their Rifle Hall questionnaire in the Community News. It was also agreed to write to the Charity Commission [after consultation with SALC] to outline concerns regarding WDC failure to respect the Charity Commissions rules and guidelines and request the WDC Portfolio Holder and Council Leader attend to ensure impartiality.

[D] NORWICH RD BUS SHELTER - Bus Stop sign now in place.

[E] NORWICH ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - next Scrutiny Committee meeting in March.

[F] CENTRE CAR PARK FLY TIPPING - Clerk to report to WDC Local Office.

8.10 pm Cllr Ryland left the meeting.

158. Business Connections: D Mizon reported great sadness at the death of Ian Kerrison who had been the HTC rep at committee meetings. The breakfast meeting had a good attendance with Inspector Stuart Grimsey speaking on Safer Neighbourhoods. Councillors were concerned over the closure of the Wine Bar but were informed that the

owners had not been members of the Business Group. It was agreed to write to establish the owner’s intentions for its future.

159. Town Planning Applications –

DC/09/0023/FUL Mr & Mrs Charles Ball, 42 London Road, Halesworth
Demolish existing summerhouse and shed and replace with summerhouse and garage.

APPROVED

PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVALS

DC/08/1289/FUL & 1292 LBC Foundation East, 154 Chediston Street, Refurbishment of shop and conversion of living accommodation to two self-contained flats, with internal and external alterations.

DC/08/1306/ROC Mr R Dijkhuizen, White House Farm, Walpole Rd, Removal of Agricultural Occupancy Restriction.
REFUSALS

DC/08/1290/LBC & 1226/FUL Mrs D Hurren, 1 Chediston Street, Demolition of existing storeroom. Construction of a two-storey side extension, alterations to first floor flat and provision of 3no. car parking spaces.

160. Town Twinning: Matters of Report: Bouchain & Eitorf: - There would be a strong delegation from Eitorf at Ian Kerrisons service on 11th February and a very active year anticipated.

161. Reports on meetings attended by council representatives on Outside Bodies: Festive Lights to be an autonomous body chaired by Dudley Clarke organising their own fundraising, planning and overseeing the whole event. It was proposed that Cllr Clayton adopt Ian Kerrison’s HTC representative roles until the May elections. Transport – B Roberts report to follow.

Tourism - T Heaps requested a Council representative attend their meetings, agenda for March meeting.

Unappropriated Estates – has requested their representative attends meetings.

162. Town Plan: Cllrs E & S Leverett attended The Sparc event at the Cut for the H&BVP and the Chairman and Cllr Goldson for HTC, they found it to be especially useful with regard to the Town Plan. Next meeting 9th February at the Day Centre.

163. Waste Core Strategy: Meeting at Bramfield Village Hall 5th February 2009 three HTC representatives to attend.

164. Standing Orders: Proposed and agreed to move to March meeting.

165. Financial Matters: Report on the Finance Committee meeting on 20th January 2009 was noted and agreed.

6]Festive Lights - Cllr S Leverett had spoken to P Reeve and would make every effort to attend future meetings.

7]SALC In house training was approved to be set up.

166. Other Matters of Report:

[A] Sport & Leisure, including the new sports project: a meeting is arranged on Wednesday with WDC.

[B] Halesworth & Blyth Valley Partnership: forthcoming meeting, minutes to be circulated. Site Specific Allocations response has been submitted.

167. Correspondence: noted –225 Cllr Goldson to assist with completion of questionnaire.

168. Accounts for Payment

[1]	online	Salaries	1072.52
[2]	102923	Lesley Pyke I Kerrison tankard	63.00
[3]	102924	Halesworth Resource Centre photocopying	11.61
[4]	102925	EDF Market Power Points	<u>52.88</u>
			<u>1200.01</u>

Balances as at 2nd February 2009

C/A	728	2447.27
BRA	017	36272.95
BPA	964	735.00
Comm a/c	372	<u>3557.66</u>
Bal		43012.88

[The accounts were approved.....]

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.