



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET
PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held at THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

on Monday 29th February 2016

Commencing at 7.30pm

78/15 Present

Cllrs. N Snudden (Chairman), D Glanfield, D Hadingham , J.C.Armstrong, B Horwood. Ms P Block ,
J.A. Armstrong Clerk, Cllr M Ladd SCC 2 members of the public

79/15 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Ms A Belcher, Cllr M Parsons WDC PCSO Wallace

80/15 Declaration of interest

Cllr Snudden and Cllr Block declared a personal interest, as near neighbours, in planning application DC/16/3/FUL Construction of 1no detached house Land adjacent to Hall Cottage Henstead for Mr Carat Developments Ltd. It was agreed that Cllrs Block and Snudden should participate in the discussion and vote where necessary.

81/15 Minutes of the Meetings of 5th January 2016

It was proposed Cllr Armstrong seconded Cllr. Horwood that the minutes of 5th January 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

82/15 Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

83/15 Meeting Adjourned for questions from members of the public

A member of the public asked if it would be possible to put passing places along Wood Lane as the road is very narrow and there are no places for vehicles to pass without risk of getting stuck in the soft verge or ditch. The clerk will make a request to Highways.

It was reported that residents should be aware of a small silver coloured van with mesh covering the rear windows with two male occupants was observed acting suspiciously in Uggeshall. If observed it should be reported to the Police.

Cllr Ladd SCC joined the meeting at this point

84/15 Reports

84/15/1 Cllr Ladd reported that SCC had set their budget for next year. There will be a slight increase in the Council Tax SCC element to cover additional social services costs and the increase will be ring-fenced. The Parishes request to extend the 30MPH limit to the Hulver side of the Church will be considered by the committee in the near future. The move to devolution is still being discussed.

84/15/2 Cllr Ladd reported that Cllr Parsons is moving to the North of England and will be resigning from WDC. An election for a new district councillor is likely to take place in May when the elections are held for the PCC for Suffolk.

84/15/3 A written report from PCSO was received. There have been no recorded crimes in the Parish since January.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting**85/15 Correspondence**

The clerk reported that letters/emails had been received from:

Update on the proposals from Suffolk Constabulary about matched funding for PCSO.

Letter from SALC re activities for celebrations for the Queen's birthday

Letter from Suffolk Coastal re Women's cycling tour 2016 the start point will be Southwold

Letter from SALC about SCC Highways Survey

Letter from Harrod UK re Goal Post replacement

Letter re Community Payback work the service is seeking projects that could be undertaken as part of the coservice programme

BACT(local community transport) Newsletter

Letter re restoration of war memorial funding

Letter from SCC Suffolk Walking Festival

Letter from Clinks Care Farm offering services The clerk was asked to seek a quotation for cutting the grass at the Churchyard

Letter re Phone masts A company are seeking potential sites for new phone masts in the area particularly linked to clubs, societies and community sites

Letter from SALC re funding for green space projects.

Leaflet re Queen's birthday medal

86/15 Finance

86/15/1 On a proposition by Cllr Hadingham seconded by Cllr Glanfield the following payment was approved:

Remembrance Wreath Donation £30 payee Royal British Legion cheque number 100312

Clerk's pay for Jan/Mar 2016 £180.00 payee J Armstrong cheque number 100313

PAYE on clerk's pay £45 payee HMRC cheque number 100314

86/15/2 The bank statements for this month have not yet been received. The clerk will inform members of the balances as soon as possible

87/15 Planning

87/15/1 Planning Applications

DC/16/3/FUL Construction of 1no detached house Land adjacent to Hall Cottage Henstead for Mr Carat Developments Ltd

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the following reasons:

The Council does not agree with the applicant's supporting statement concerning the properties that constitute a built up and primarily residential frontage (usually a group of at least six properties). The Council is of the opinion that there are only 4 properties that currently directly front onto Church Road using the indicator that it should be the principal elevation of a property that determines frontage. The Council considers that 2 Church Road, 1 Church Road, Hall Cottage and Wensum Cottage fulfil this requirement but Elba, St Helena, By the Crossways and Henstead Hall do not. If the proposed dwelling were added it would only constitute 5 buildings and therefore does not meet the requirement of 6 for infill development.

In considering whether the application meets the qualifying criteria of either; Access to local services and facilities, or the site is close to a regular public transport service to a town or larger village the Council is of the opinion that the application does not give accurate information to show that it meets the criteria.

The description of the facilities and services contain some incorrect statements. The 'ride and drive' no longer exists, the music and recording studio is also closed, the farmers market at Ellough is not weekly but twice a month, the commercial fishing lakes do not have planning permission for holiday lodges, and the Council does not agree that the current commercial units in the village and the school offer 'great' employment opportunities. The School has a staff of 19 not 53 with 2 teaching assistants and 3 admin staff. The statement also describes a public car park opposite the site associated with the Henstead Exotic Garden. The 'car park' is exclusively for visitors to the Exotic Garden and is subject to strict planning conditions expressly requested by neighbours during a recent planning application.

The second element of DM22 requires access to regular public transport, the support statement cites the BACT scheduled service 523 as evidence that the application meets that requirement. This service is once per week from Henstead to Beccles (as part of a longer journey) at 10.35am and starting the return journey at 13.50pm. The Council does not think that this constitutes access to a regular public transport service.

The Council considered the impact of a the proposed building on the setting of a listed building, whilst the Council agrees that the design has some similar features to the listed building and one of the mews cottages (former stables to the Hall) it will have detrimental impact. The site will become more open when the entrance is put in increasing the visual impact of the new build. The Council is further concerned that the entrance to the site is too narrow and should be widened to improve safety when egressing the property.

The Council is concerned that the supporting statement describes the proposed new build as 'A property of modest size' and providing on the ground floor a hall way, kitchen diner, guest room. The first floor shall provide two bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom. Whereas the architectural drawings show a WC on the ground floor and three bedroom and a dressing room (area) on the first floor. The Council feels that this contradicts the statement that this is a modest house suitable for 'a starting family' or 'an older couple downsizing' being a four bedroom detached property. The Council also feels that this application will not bring 'income and economy' into the

village since the level of amenities is so small. Based on the information and reasons stated above the Council recommends most strongly that this application is refused.

DC/16/0678/OUT Outline application (with all matters reserved) – construction of a dwelling The Rosary Hulver for Mr Lee Ebden. Following lengthy discussion the Council agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the following reasons:

The Council considers this development to be an overdevelopment of the collective sites in and surrounding the application site. There are three large detached houses very close to the site and one site which has planning permission for a large detached dwelling. These properties are to the North east of the proposed dwelling. There are further dwellings to the East, South and West of the site.

The proposed site is on an incline and the entrance to it is on a very narrow road close to the junction of Smith's Road and the B1127 and in the opinion of the Council constitutes a serious safety issue.

The Council strongly recommends refusal of this application.

The Clerk was asked to communicate the Council's decision to WDC.

87/15/2 The Council noted DC/16/0264/AGO General Permitted Development Application to construct a reservoir at Low Pastures Farm for Mr Pat Spillings.

87/15/3 Outcome of planning applications

There were no planning outcomes

87/15/4 The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Larkfleet Homes Ltd giving details of proposed planning applications to build 975 houses on land at Worlingham. This was noted by the Council.

88/15 Annual Parish Meeting Following discussion it was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at the Village Hall Hulver. The meeting would focus on the development of a neighbourhood plan.

89/15 Any other Business

89/15/1 Neighbourhood Plan. Council discussed the notes from the meeting held on 3rd February and accepted the recommendations from the meeting. The sub group will meet and discuss the strategy to publicise the APM. Cllr Ladd suggested that Jo McCallum would be a good speaker for the meeting. The recommendation was accepted and the clerk was asked to make contact with Ms McCallum to invite her to attend the APM. The clerk will organise a meeting of the sub-group to begin work.

89/15/2 VAS Signs The clerk updated the council concerning the apparent closing of the agent in the UK for the speed sign and reported that he had made contact with the headquarters of the manufacturers in Germany

89/15/3 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations This item was deferred to the next meeting

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to organise an event with the Parish Council considering a donation towards the cost in due course.

90/15 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at The Village Hall Hulver 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm