

*{Minute Book Ref: Page 17}* **MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  
OF HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE WAVENEY  
LOCAL OFFICE, LONDON ROAD, HALESWORTH, AT 6.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs S Leverett - Chairman  
Councillor Mr J Wagner - Vice Chair  
Councillors: Mr A Holzer Mrs J Wright Mr E Leverett Mr J Clayton  
Mr M Smith Mr T Goldson Mrs A Dunning

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs: Mr D Thomas; Mr P Widdowson, Mrs J Wagner

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Member of the public, Victoria Nichols (Press)

**127. The Chairman** - opened the meeting

**128. Apologies** – were received and accepted.

**129. Declarations of Interest** – were recorded

**130. The Minutes:** of the monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 were accepted as a true record.

**131. Matters Arising:** Minute 110 – It was agreed to contact Linda Owen to suggest a HTC representative be appointed from within the Transition Towns Group.

**132. Day Centre Lease:** It was agreed to arrange a meeting with WDC to discuss concerns regarding landlord/tenant responsibility for repairs and maintenance to fabric of the building. The Day Centre Rate Relief form was duly signed.

**133. Norwich Road Public Conveniences:** It was agreed to write to WDC for an itemised breakdown of the budget for upkeep, repairs and maintenance for all Halesworth facilities and cc. district councillors.

**134. Land adjacent to Town Park:** This land would enable the provision of a natural play area and addition to the Town Park, to agenda for January meeting after obtaining details of procedural requirements and change of use.

**135. Town Planning Applications** –

**DC/09/0455** Tesco Stores Ltd amended plans for information only

*Cllr Clayton was instructed to leave the room after declaration of a prejudicial interest relating to the following application*

**DC/09/1052/LBC&1058/FUL** Mr D Hurren, I Chediston Street, Halesworth - amended plans

**APPROVAL**

**DC/09/1028/FUL** Mr Jim McLoughlin 65-67 Bedingfield Cres. Halesworth – revised plans

**APPROVAL – indicating the narrow drive complies with regulations.**

**DC/09/1055/VOC** Mr B Burgess The Willows Wissett Rd, Halesworth – Variation of Condition – To allow caravan to remain on site until December 2010

**REFUSAL – need clarification of intention to build 2no. dwellings within time constraints and assurance that the site will be kept tidy.**

**136. Middle School and Edgar Sewter:** It has been indicated that the pupil role will reduce to 144 by 2014; this has serious implications for the town. Proposed housing provision for Halesworth within LDF needs to be considered in relation to pupil numbers as increased affordable housing would attract younger families to relocate within this area. Councillors were asked to consider disused garage sites as potential provision for social housing. Cc District/County councillors.

**137. Financial Matters:** A. Precept Budget – Cllr Clayton as Halesworth @ Christmas Treasurer stated that promised funds would render a positive balance therefore the increase to £2000 in the 2010 budget figure would not, in his opinion, be necessary. Cllr Dunning responded that the figures were provisional and dependant on the sale of all draw tickets. It was decided to support the £2000 budget figure and accept the Finance Committee Precept recommendations. Cllr Clayton requested his objections to the £6000 increase Precept request be noted.

Items B – F it was agreed to defer to the next Finance meeting

**138. Basley Park** – It was agreed for the clerk to obtain quotes for environment friendly/solar lighting with possible provision of sensor, restrictive lighting.

**139. Correspondence: noted.**

**140. Accounts for Payment :**

[1] online November Salaries £1400.65

[2] 103017 Halesworth Museum s137 donation £1500.00

[3] 103018 Halesworth @ Christmas s137 donation £1500.00

[4] 103019 Churches together in the Blyth Valley Credit Union s137 £250.00

[5] 103020 Petty cash £100.00

[6] 103021 WDC Hire Rifle Hall Cancer Research Chair allowance £54.76

[7] Ddr BT telephone and internet 2£20.38

[8] Ddr WDC Market rates £85.00

[9] 103022 Viking Direct Table badges £54.82

[10] 103023 Norton Peskett Market Rights final charges £270.30

5435.91

**The accounts were approved and cheques duly signed**

The meeting closed at 7.35pm