

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
OF HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2010 AT THE DAY CENTRE
LONDON ROAD, HALESWORTH, AT 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Leverett - Chairman
Councillors: Mrs J Wright Mr J Clayton Mr P Widdowson
Mr M Smith Mrs A Dunning Mrs J Wagner
Mr A Holzer Mr T Goldson; Mr E Leverett

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: Mr J Wagner; Cllrs M Ryland & P Flegg (WDC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sgt N Tompsett & PC S Green; R Woolnough, D Mizon, J Huckle other members of the public.

158. The Chairman: welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

159. Apologies: were received and accepted.

160. Declarations of Interest: were recorded

161. The Minutes: of the monthly meeting held on 7th December 2009 were amended at 148c[south-north of excelsior house] and accepted as a true record. Clarification was requested of the amended wording in 25th November 2009 minute 137.

162. Matters Arising: None

The meeting was suspended to allow agenda items 5 to 11

163. Police Report: noted – PC Green was thanked for his informative report. The next SNT meeting will be held at the Millennium Hall, Southwold on 12th January at 5.30pm. Sgt Tompsett assured Cllrs that Community Resolutions were for minor first time offences and would be constantly reviewed. There were issues with parking in Quay Street and it was agreed to liaise with Town Plan Group and County for consideration of possible options for the disused bus stop and lay-by to be utilised for parking and 2 x 30mins spaces designated for free customer parking in the Station Road Car Park.

164. Suffolk County Councillors report:

- A. Boundary Review – awaiting decision from Secretary of State
- B. Community Boards – no news
- C. Norwich Rd Bus Shelter – waiting for SCC safety report and proposal.

The meeting was reopened

- D. Middle School Site – *After much debate it was proposed and agreed to totally oppose any disposal of the Middle School Site and support use for Education as a priority or dual use for Community.*

The meeting was suspended

165. Waveney District Councillors Report: noted.

- A. Youth development project – no update
- B. Rifle Hall & Norwich Road Public Conveniences –Halesworth Working Group are to put recommendations relating to the Rifle Hall to the Charities Board meeting on 11th January for recommendation to the Charities Commission for approval.
- C. Disused Garage sites for Social Housing – WDC email read out – Currently they have no plans to develop garages at Lansbury Road and asked for identification of potential sites.
Several complaints were received about lack of gritting in the town, Dukes Drive as a main bus route was particularly hazardous; Cllrs asked if District and County could get together to discuss a solution.

166. Public Session: Police would like a presence at the Monthly Surgeries in the Library and were welcome to attend.

167. Halesworth Business Connections: Disappointment was expressed that not many councillors attended the ‘Questions session’ at the November Breakfast Meeting. All the Christmas events had been successful. A letter from the Halesworth Rainbow Savers thanking HTC for £250 donation and informing them of their launch at 11pm on 8th January at the Library was read out.

168. Town Plan: 3 reports were noted from Town Centre Working Group. Cllrs were asked to study the reports and return comments by Wednesday a.m. to feed into a meeting of the Local Development Framework Working Group.

169. Millennium Green: a report was circulated proposing taking over stewardship of the Folly by the Millennium Green Trust.

The meeting was reopened

It was proposed and agreed to approach WDC to facilitate entrustment of the Folly to the Millennium Green Trust and have further discussions regarding the New Reach to clarify legal issues and areas of responsibility.

170. Land Adjacent to Town Park: Hopkins Homes had declined to make a contribution and it was agreed to keep on the agenda while other options were considered.

171. Town Planning Applications:

An application from Anglia Co-operative was deferred for consideration at a Planning meeting on 18th January 2010.
DC/09/1142/FUL Mr G Todd, 12 Orchid Close, Halesworth
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Approval

WDC PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVALS

DC/09/0955/FUL – Mrs A Smith, 26 Durban Close, Halesworth

Conversion of garage to residential annexe.

SHA/15541 – Mr d Bhatt - Application for preliminary consent prior to inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List at Bungay Road, Halesworth. *Representations to be submitted by 15th January 2010.*

172. Reports on meetings attended by Council representatives on outside bodies:

- Transport: noted
- Festive Lights: no report
- Town Twinning: Festive greetings sent to Twin towns and received from Eitorf

173. Role of the Town Council: The Chair, and Vice-Chair if available, would attend the first councillor surgery on 9th January in Halesworth Library in conjunction with District and County councillors. It was agreed that councillors would attend to answer residents' questions on a rota basis. Sgt. Nigel Tompsett had expressed interest in the SNT having involvement at these surgeries.

A. To adopt Code of Practice for handling complaints – *NALC & SALC model adopted*, 1 abstention.

On a proposition Standing Order 1[c] was suspended and a 30 minutes extension to the meeting agreed.

B. It was agreed to contact Westhall PC regarding dates of meetings to accommodate County Councillor attendance.

C. Schedule 12 para 10[2][b] LGA 1972 *Clerks electronic signature on summons to attend meetings was approved.*

174. Financial Matters: Report of the Finance meeting on 16th December 2009 was approved. Cllr Wagner expressed concerns over transparency in the minutes breaching confidentiality.

175. Other Matters of report: Sport and leisure – nothing to report

Halesworth & Blyth Valley Partnership – no meetings due to involvement with Town Plan

176. Correspondence: noted. It was requested that London Road traffic issues be an agenda item for wider discussion and the Town Plan group be informed.

177. Accounts for Payment:

[1]	103028	HMRC PAYE	1328.17
[2]	103029	WDC Small Lottery License	20.00
[3]	103030	Resource Centre Photocopying	9.72
[4]	103031	Viking Direct Stationery	48.51
[5]	103032	SLCC Membership renewal	151.00
[6]	103033	Waveney Community Forum Rural Dev. Officer	2750.00
[7]	103034	Pearce & Kemp Arboretum Tree	<u>115.00</u>
			4422.40
[8]	online	Salaries <i>cleared</i>	1101.75

Account Balances at 4th January 2010

Current 728	3010.01
Comm A/c	3559.35
Bus Prem 964	735.45
Bus Res 017	<u>45298.25</u>
	<u>52603.06</u>

The accounts were approved and cheques duly signed

The meeting closed at 9.25pm