

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2015 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD AT 18.00

PRESENT: Cllr. Terry Brooker, Chairman of the Planning Committee
Cllr. Christine Halliday
Cllr. Phil Draper

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk,
The meeting convened at 18.00

1 APOLOGIES.

Were received and accepted from Cllr. Grosvenor who had a previous commitment and Cllr. Gardiner who was unwell. Members present signed the attendance register.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1

SE/15/02036/HOUSE
OAKSIDE, OTFORD LANE, HALSTEAD TN14 7EG
Erection of detached outbuilding (retrospective)
<u>Reasons for Objection</u> The Parish Council believes that when the original property was extended to its present size the full 50% was used, therefore the 50% rule cannot be used against this illegally erected outbuilding. The Parish Council believes that this application is not an exception and the reasons provided by the applicant to prove this fact are totally irrelevant. Council also believes that a temporary consent for three years should not be granted.

3.2

SE/15/00628/OUT
FORT HALSTEAD, CROW DRIVE HALSTEAD TN14 7BU
AMENDMENTS TO OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION

Reasons:

1. **Halstead Parish Council objects to the recommendation that a roundabout should be positioned at the top of Polhill.**

As mentioned in the Parish Council's response to the original outline planning application, Council stated that the decision concerning the introduction of either a roundabout or traffic lights should be left until a time when the overall effects of the proposed development and the crematorium traffic plus regular use can be assessed.

2. **Affordable Housing.**

The developer has introduced a document 'proving' that there is no need for affordable housing in the area which is their reason why only 20% are to be built rather than 40% as per national guidance. No consideration has been made for the fact that Halstead Parish will be carrying out a new needs survey in the near future as the current one is

out of date and one of the neighbouring Parishes has an active survey.

3. **Contamination.**

Halstead Parish Council is extremely concerned about this and believes that this is not being dealt with in an open and transparent manner. Requests for sight of the reports and findings have been refused and ignored. There have been many incidences over the years of an excess of people dying from cancer including at one time groups of young school children. Council would like to know how this substance will transported and who will oversee the extraction and disposal and also who will decide that it is safe to transport

4. **Traffic movements**

The applicant seems to have made a miscalculation on these. It is mentioned that 1800 people will be employed on the site, this will mean at least a minimum of 3,600 movement per day. This does not take into consideration the hotel with 80 bedrooms and staff. The impact on the roads in the vicinity will be chaotic and it appears that no real thought is being given to providing satisfactory infrastructure.

5. **No demolition** should be undertaken until such time as planning permission is given.

The meeting closed at 19.10