

# HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD AT 18.00

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Terry Brooker, Chairman of the Planning Committee  
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor  
Cllr. Christine Halliday

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, 1 parishioner for part of the meeting  
The meeting convened at 18.12

### 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Grosvenor proposed Cllr. Brooker, seconded by Cllr. Halliday and carried.

**RESOLVED: that Cllr. Brooker should be Chairman of the Planning Committee**

It was noted that another councillor/s will be selected for the Planning Committee at the June Parish Council Meeting.

### 2 APOLOGIES.

All members were present.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Halliday declared a Person Interest in item 4.1 planning application for Avebury, Church Road. The property is in close proximity to her home.

### 4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The responses were **Resolved** unanimously after considerable discussion.

#### 4.1 SE/15/01083/HOUSE AVEBURY, CHURCH ROAD, TN14 7HG

The erection of two ground floor single storey rear extensions, existing patio doors removed and replaced with sliding/folding doors and conversion of the existing garage into habitable accommodation.

The Committee discussed the planning application and noted that the property had been previously extended.

The erection of two ground floor single storey rear extensions existing patio doors removed and replaced with sliding/folding doors, and conversion of the existing garage into habitable accommodation.

**Reasons:**

**The Parish Council supports** this application and believes it will be in keeping with Village Conservation Area and will not be intrusive on the Green Belt

#### 4.2 SE/15/01244/LDCEX WATERCROFTS WOOD. OLD LONDON ROAD, HALSTEAD

To establish that planning permission SE/10/00079/FUL (erection of a chapel and maintenance shed, car park and ancillary facilities, amended plans received 11/03/2010 showing amended siting of proposed buildings to take account of protected trees) was implemented.



**Objection**

**Reasons:**

The Parish Council believes that the applicant has no intention to develop this land as each subsequent application is made immediately after the consent for the previous application has expired.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">✓</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>No Comment/ Comments Only</b></p>	<p>Consent was given for the 1995 planning application on Appeal; in 2000 the trench was dug and Council agrees with SDC that the trench was dug in the wrong place. It now appears to have been re-dug and is currently pegged out with metal markers. The Parish Council notes that in March 2000, Mr Downs of the Downs Planning Partnership was agitating as the permission for the cemetery would expire May 2000 and his client would need to start work on the land in April so that it could be proved that work had commenced on the site. Mr Downs' letter made mention of a formal complaint of mal-administration.</p> <p>Council is surprised that Mr Stanley Joseph Beanland who has made a signed declaration that he carried out work on the site, travelled from Suffolk, and Council is also surprised that an independent company MLM Building Control Ltd from Ashford was used to oversee the building work rather than the Sevenoaks District Council Building Control Officer.</p> <p>Bluebell Cemetery properties Ltd state that in 2013 the trench was dug but this was actually dug in 2000, as mentioned previously, and was obviously only included in the hope that this would classify as 'proof that work had been carried out' - thereby providing proof that work had started and validating the application. The only work carried out by Bluebell was to cut brambles and vegetation from around the kerb stones along the access road.</p> <p>There has been no attempt to build the Chapel and Woodman's shed, or to mark out or lay the car park.</p> <p>The applicant carries out the minimum work to possible to try and keep the development active.</p> <p>The statement made by Brian Ash QC regarding the TPO regulations in 14/15 of his observations are arrogant and inflammatory.</p>
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**4. SDC – CIL APPLICATION**

Members discussed Council's plan to relocate the children's play area. Reasons for this:

The play area is extremely small;

The rides are now over twenty years old and need updating and parts are not available for the main piece of equipment

The recommendation regarding health and safety is that a play area should be within close proximity to housing, rather in isolation.

Access is across the Cricket outfield and football pitch so there is no direct pathway.

The car park is too small and needs extending to accommodate for the users of the facilities.

This will be an agenda item at the June Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk will contact SDC and ask for an extension to the response date.

**5 INFORMATION**

Nil

The meeting closed at 20.15