

Minutes of the Planning meeting of Lower Halstow Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall, Lower Halstow.

Present: Cllr Steve Gates (Chair); Cllr Rob Smith (Vice-chair); Cllr Sue Hartfree; Cllr Keith Howard-Challis; Cllr Allyson Beerstecher; Parish Clerk Mrs A Smith and 5 members of the public were in attendance.

The Chair welcomed everyone to this special meeting for planning purposes only and that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the Minutes.

**Action**

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dewar-Whalley, Cllr Stokes and Cllr Parker.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

b) Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

**3. Public Session.**

A resident spoke in favour of the planning application for Westfield as it would be an improvement on the entrance to the village and didn't believe it would generate additional parking problems. However, Swale Borough Council had validated the application without reports for surface water management, ecology or transport assessment and therefore the Parish Council does not have adequate information to reach a decision.

**4. To discuss and agree response (if any) to the following Planning Applications:**

**i. 17/501505 Land to the South of School Lane. Outline application for 9 retirement bungalows. – Re-consultation subsequent to submission of amended plan.**

The Parish Council has already objected to this plan on flooding and parking concerns, but discussed a revised response.

It was agreed to write to Swale Borough Council to ask that the original objection be rescinded.

It was agreed to comment on the application on the following:

- i) Requesting a more detailed look at the parking provision;
- ii) To point out that the land is Grade 2 agricultural land;
- iii) Request a legal agreement that the first offer is made to local residents;
- iv) Request a legal agreement to protect the Community Orchard from further development;
- v) Request Highways to implement a 20 mph speed limit in School Lane.

**Clerk**

**ii. 17/502046 Land opposite Westfield Cottages. Outline application for 9 dwellings.**

The Parish Council have spent a lot of time and effort trying to make the car parking at Westfield cottages better for the residents and have no wish to make the situation worse.

It was agreed to comment on the application on the following:

- i) Ask if flood, ecological and transport reports have been provided;
- ii) Suggest an improvement on location of the access points as sight lines will be affected for emerging traffic;
- iii) Suggest that this is an opportunity to widen the road to alleviate parking problems and where serious accidents have occurred.

**iii. 17/502175 1 Four Winds, The Street. Extension.**

No comments.

**iv. Any other planning applications received.**

None received.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Date

Signed:

Cllr S Gates  
Chair