

Hales & Heckingham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of 3rd October 29th 2018

Present:

HHPC Councillors Sheila Beckett (SB) (Chair), Alan Mason (AM), Phil Grimes (PG),
Andy Woodman (AW), Sam Matthews (SM), Georgina Buckle (GB)
Apologies John Herring (JH)
In Attendance 7 members of the public

1 Welcome

The chairman opened the meeting at 19.30.

This was an additional meeting that had been arranged to discuss 3 planning applications which required a response prior to the next planned HHPC meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from John Herring (JH), Margaret Stone (MS), NCC Councillor and Kay Belig (KB) SNC Councillor.

3 Declarations of Interest

PG declared a potential interest in the planning application on the agenda at 8.2 and will abstain from any vote on this application.

4 Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of 10th July 2018 were distributed at the meeting with any feedback to be provided after the meeting to AW prior to issuing the final version.

5 Matters Arising

The open actions from the last meeting were reviewed and closed or carried forward as per the updated Action Log at the bottom of this document.

6 Adjourn for Public Participation

The chair opened the floor for public participation.

Items raised/discussed were:

- The mound at the junction of Yarmouth Road and the A146 obstructing vision to traffic from the north. This has previously been raised with NCC Highways and will be reviewed again in 2019 once the planting has been established.
- Concerns over traffic exceeding the 50mph limit on the A146
- Parking at the far end of Green Lane (presumably by non-residents using the bus services to Norwich) & lack of turning space at the end of Green Lane. These will be raised with NCC in the new year review / feedback.
- Road signage and traffic speed concerns regarding the proposed development on Yarmouth Road (see 8.1) - whilst also acknowledging local resident support for the proposed development

7 Reconvene the Meeting

The chair closed the public participation and reconvened the meeting.

8 Planning

8.1 2018/1934 - Yarmouth Road, Heckingham (Sir Nicholas Bacon)

Although appropriate development of this site is supported by HHPC, councillors raised some concerns that were also reflected in their views expressed in the public participation at this meeting and planning responses from local residents:

- The primary concern was regarding road safety on the Yarmouth Road, especially with respect to traffic speed and junction visibility. Councillors noted with support the recent letter from NCC Highways to SNC Planning regarding this application and stating their minimum requirements from a highways perspective.

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HHPC will request that traffic calming measures be included in the planning conditions as part of it's response.

- The second key concern is regarding the extension to the existing building line. Whilst only a minor incursion from this application there are concerns that this may pave the way for further and greater incursions in the future.

A further 2 concerns were also raised:

- Potential environmental impact - noting that although the developers have already commissioned a survey which did not identify any key issues this would be the first development of a green-field site in the parish for some time.
- Impact on local services (schools, doctor, dentist, library, etc.) adding to the substantial pressures already being experienced following other recent and planned housing developments.

The wording for the council response was agreed and will be formally submitted by the clerk.

8.2 2018/1913 - Faber Roofing, Green Lane (Mr P Cullum)

No objections from HHPC, also noting 3 letters of support from members of the public for the application.

The council noted that existing jobs based in Hales will stop following the closure & redevelopment albeit with some jobs expected to be relocated.

8.3 2018/2060 - Former Fairhead Wones Site, Yarmouth Road (Badger Building)

No objections from HHPC.

9 Parish Clerk

The job description used most recently by the council was shared, discussed and agreed as broadly appropriate.

The general view of councillors was to appoint a part-time paid clerk in 2019.

Decision to be included in the next Contact Magazine article inviting applications.

10 AOB

10.1 "Let it Grow"

PG reported that conversations with NCC on this subject have begun.

10.2 Finances

AM provided an update to the council finances following receipts of:

- £155.00 in donations for soil improver deliveries
- £2,290.00 VAT recovery
- £3,921.50 as second half on the 2018/19 precept
- £6,000.00 from NC towards the cost of the new A146 bus shelters

As a result the HHPC bank accounts currently total £20,903.94.

10.3 Scam Mail Warning

Agreed that Scam mail warning poster is to be added to the HHPC online sites.

10.4 Speedwatch Scheme

GB reported on progress to date on the newly established Hales Speedwatch Scheme.

Four 1 hour sessions have been run and vehicles recorded as exceeding the speed limit, Owners of those will receive a warning letter from the police.

11 Date of Next Meetings

The next planned HHPC Meetings will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2018 and 28th November 29th 2018 at 19.30 in the Hales Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 20.45