

Minutes of the meeting of Lower Halstow Parish Council held on Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Lower Halstow.

Present: Cllr Nigel Randell (Chair); Cllr Steve Gates (Vice Chair); Cllr Sue Hartfree; Cllr Keith Howard-Challis; Cllr Rob Smith; Cllr Steve Parker and Parish Clerk Mrs C Fordham. 4 members of the public

*Action*

1. **Apologies** Cllr Chris Mayes; Cllr Steve Parker

2. **Declaration of Interest** – None

3. **Planning Application SW/15/508116**

On discussion, it was proposed by the Chair seconded by Cllr Howard Challis that the Council object to planning permission for 3 mobile homes at Ridgedale Riding school to be made permanent; all Councillors were in favour. The Council objected on the following grounds:

*Clerk*

- a) Line of sight on exit does not meet minimum Highway standards
- b) The application states that this was a former industrial site – this was not true
- c) There were no details given of the ASB issues mentioned on the site and the Council did not have any records of this.
- d) The stated “local support” for the application was not evidenced and the Council were not aware of any local support for the application
- e) Previous owners of the site were denied permanent planning permission for the site.
- f) Planting on the site was making use of the footpath difficult.
- g) Additional caravans had been sited at the back of the land.
- h) The issues mentioned by the Inspector concerning the flood risk and visual impact had not changed since the 2012 appeal.

**4. Use of the Brickfields as a short term film set – update**

The Chair and Clerk had had two meetings with the location managers. A letter would be sent to all affected residents and the draft sent to the Council for consideration.

The Clerk had received a phone call from the Sittingbourne Kent Messenger asking for a comment and information of the proposed use of the Brickfields as a film location.

On discussion, it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Howard Challis that any enquiries from the press should be directed to Warner Brothers; all Councillors were in favour.

*Clerk*

**5. Any Other Business**

The old trees had been removed from the Burial Ground hedge and the Chair and Cllr Hartfree had met with the contractors to look at the site. Cllr Hartfree would investigate the cost of plants to support the earth bank and the contractor would supply a quote for increasing the number of hedging plants. A complaint had been received that the site was now too open and the proposal was to increase the density of the planting.

*Chair*

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Date:

Signed:

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Chair