

Present: Councillors;

Ann Baldwin, David Thomas, Jackie Wagner, Maureen Took, Peter Dutton, Paul Widdowson

In Attendance: N J Rees (Clerk)

Members of the Public: A register was kept on the door, manned by Cllr P Dutton, 65 members of the public and their addresses were recorded for the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, Anne Fleming, the Vice Chair, Cllr David Thomas chaired the meeting from the front of the Hall, accompanied by the Clerk.

Cllr Thomas explained that there were several meetings on the same evening and subsequently many of the Councillors had other engagements. Cllr Thomas explained that this was an Annual Parish Meeting and was for Halesworth Parishioners to have their say, there was no agenda other than the second half of the meeting would involve a presentation by Dr Kell on behalf of Halesworth Health and the Patrick Stead Hospital.

Cllr Thomas introduced the Councillors present at the meeting and then invited questions from the public

1. Mrs Linda Gray asked whether there was going to be a committee for managing the Park
2. Mrs Dorothy Frost asked whether something could be done about the weeds around the Rifle Hall
3. Mr Doug Gray asked what had happened to the Bus Stands (Shelters) at the Angel Link.
4. Mr Brian Holmes asked whether there was any further news about the Tesco site in the Town.

Cllr Thomas took question 4 first. There was no new information known by the Cllrs present at the meeting. Mr E Leverett offered some history on the site and explained that he had tried to contact Tesco to ask if the purchaser of the site could contact all the lease holders to discuss their future. It is not known who has bought the site as yet and so Leaseholders could not contact the owner. Referring to a question on Planning, Mr Leverett said that there was originally permission for a supermarket but that the 'reserve matters' hadn't been agreed meaning that this left the options open for other types of planning applications. Cllr Thomas confirmed that any change to the original planning consent would be brought before the Town Council and the public would be informed. At this stage it was not known who had bought the site and their intentions.

Question 3: Although the scheme had been subjected to a number of variations in the last 2+ years it had been approved by the Council. Mrs Smith wanted to know if there was another version being worked on. Cllr Thomas consulting with the other Councillors present and confirmed that it was not known if there was another plan, but if there was, it hadn't as yet been presented to the Council. Mr Gray expressed disappointment that the scheme had taken so long and explained that the main purpose was to increase tourism and ease the problem with buses stopping on Saxon Way.

Question 2: There were seeds growing through the bench seats and around the steps; it was noted that this area was not part of Waveney Norse's responsibility but Cllr Paul Widdowson agreed to ask the Rifle Hall Trustees to tidy this area up.

Question 1: Tamsyn Imison expressed concerns that the plans for the play equipment was taking over the park and that the older generation was not being catered for in the park. Cllr Thomas explained that although he was not on the GAPP group he understood that the plans for the play equipment were still in the early stages and had not been agreed. Mrs Jane Kircher, Chair of GAPP (Grand Parents and Parents Play Ass) group said that many Grand Parents would welcome the improvements and enjoy the younger children playing in the park. It was noted that everyone appreciated the work by Halesworth in Bloom but the park needed to cater for all ages. There were suggestions (such as the Library, the website etc) for keeping everyone informed about not only GAPP plans but other groups in the town in general. Teresa Talbot asked whether the Council could look at live streaming for their meetings. Cllr Thomas said that he would take the very useful feedback to the Council.

Mr Doug Gray asked whether there was only one meeting in this forum per year. Cllr Thomas said that as the format had been very successful it may be possible to have 3 or 4 meetings of this type per year in the future.

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7.50pm There was a break for refreshments provided by the Womens Institute

8pm: Dr Kell made a presentation using a Projector and screen on behalf of Halesworth Health and the Patrick Stead Hospital.

There followed a short period of questions.

Dr Kell informed everyone that the CCG (Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group) were holding a public meeting on the 7th July at The Cut in Halesworth from 7-9 pm.