

DRAFT**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting of Halling Parish Council held on 23rd May 2017 at the Community Centre.**

Present: Chairman: Chris Herbert CH (Lower Ward) Vice-Chairman: Cllr Matt Fearn MF (Upper Ward); George Wenham (Upper Ward) GW; Richard Thorne (Lower Ward) RT; Les Hitchcock (Lower Ward) LH; Trevor Reynolds (Upper Ward) TR; Kelly Talbot (Lower Ward)

Trudi Smith – Assistant Clerk (TS) and 35 Members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence :** - Cllr Simpson / Cllr Crispe

2. **Declaration of any Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial interests** None

3. **To discuss Halling Parish Council's response to the Planning Application No MC/17/1270 submitted by Redrow Homes for 36 flats and 57 parking spaces on the land adjoining Formby Terrace (the old Cemex offices)**

As planning portfolio holder, Cllr RT opened discussion by asking members for the public present to support Halling Parish Council's objection to the above planning application on grounds of

A228 traffic flow and congestion and problems caused by those turning north onto the A228 and Redrow being in breach of their original planning development.

Cllr CH also expressed concerns that a 4-story building (which includes parking beneath) is not in keeping in the village nor is a development of 36 flats.

57 parking spaces are not sufficient even though the developer only needs to provide 1.6 parking spaces per flat.

Formby Terrace was the boundary of a previous noise assessment. A new development which includes the rail and traffic noise would be noise blighted.

Members of the public also raised concerns over the planning application which included:

- The effect on St Andrews such as being overlooked
- Traffic flow on the A228
- Parking problems the flats would generate to an all ready overcrowded St Andrew's estate
- Potential effect on loss of privacy and loss of light to nearby houses
- Where commercial vehicles would park.

The public asked where they should send their personal objections and the following details were given:

**Ms Karen Cronin, Case Officer, Planning Department
Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME2 4TR**

Planning.representations@medwaycouncil.gov.uk

Letters of objection to be received by Medway Council no later than **5th June 2017**
Reference MC/17/1270 should be labelled clearly on each letter.

Cllr MF informed those present that the matter has been sent to Committee at MC already and should be heard within 8 weeks.

Cllr KT suggested the parish council send out a flyer containing details of where people should send their planning objections.

Cllr RT proposed a Council objection to the development of 36 flats and 57 parking spaces on the former site of Cemex offices. The motion was seconded by Cllr TR and was voted unanimously by all present.

4. **Report by the Events Committee on the Funday to be held on 2nd September 2017**

This item was deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting (RT)

5. **Update on Fire Station Section 106**

Cllr CH has been advised that the Change of Use has been approved by Medway Council and the Section 106 is very close to being agreed and signed.

6. To **discuss the Parish Council's response to Kent Legal Services demand for payment**

This item was also carried over to the next parish council meeting. (RT)

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next HPC meeting is on Monday 5th June - 7.30pm - Jubilee Hall