

## FOREST NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Salvation Army Hall, 7.30 p.m.

<b>Present:</b>	Messrs. N. Friswell, Acting Chairman, M. Hough, G. Sitton, Mrs. D. Sumpter (Chairman), Ms J. Dumbrell
<b>District Councillors</b>	1 Dr. D. Skipp
<b>County Councillors</b>	1 CC Dr. N. Dennis
Public	1
Press	0
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr. J. Batchelor, Mr. B. Travers, Mr. G. Stanley (representing FNC AT HALC Meeting, CC Mrs. M. Millson, CC Mr. A. Baldwin, DC Mr. G. Newman

Mr. Robert Worley was welcomed to this meeting with a view to becoming a Neighbourhood Councillor.

### **01.563.17 Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

The Minutes were proposed by Mr. Sitton and seconded by Mr. Hough, Mr. Friswell, in his role as Acting Chairman, signed the Minutes.

### **02.563.17 Matters Arising**

#### **03.533.16 Bus Shelter (Melksham Close)**

DC Dr. Skipp advised that HDC has confirmed that it will maintain future new bus shelters and HDC Nigel Weston is now moving this project forward and has identified Section 106 monies for the project.

This Council has identified a further requirement in Depot Road in the vicinity of Ayshe Court flats.

#### **06.533.17 Litter**

There continues to be no response from HDC Mr. John McArthur and this is disappointing.

**Resolved to continue to ask that this question is answered as this Neighbourhood Council is representing residents and therefore HDC should respond on every count**

#### **05.557.17 Pigeon Droppings under Iron Bridge**

HDC Evan Giles has not responded to this Council's request to act as an intermediary with Network Rail regarding the removal of the pigeon droppings.

Ms. Lisa Lannidinardo will also be contacted regarding the poster board removal, overgrown vegetation and poor drainage.

**Resolved to pursue this matter**

#### **07.563.17 Homes for Homeless**

Cllr. Kate Rowbottom, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Protection, has responded to our letter relating to affordable housing.

DC Dr. Skipp advised that a proposal to set up a fund specifically to build affordable housing, will go before Cabinet within the next two months.

**Resolved to respond to Cllr. Rowbottom reiterating the need for social housing and referring to Ms. N. Brahma Pearl's statement that a wholly owned company is to be set up for this purpose – using the £13 m commuted sums**

### **07.563.17 Correspondence – Car Parking**

This Council was disappointed with the response to the letter sent to Ben Golds and DC Gordon Lyndsay that was referred to and then written by HDC Mandy Cracknell. It was felt that this was a standardised response.

This Council is particularly disappointed with the response relating to the Hospital Car Park and how Enforcement Officers will react to non-payment (even when the machines are not correctly working).

**Resolved to refer the response to DC Gordon Lyndsay and reiterate this Council's concern about parking enforcement arrangements at Horsham Hospital – particularly when the machines are out of order**

### **Horsham Park – Ice Rink**

DC Dr. Skipp referred to the HDC Meeting regarding this proposal as “lively” and there were a considerable number of attendees who objected to using Horsham Park in this way. However, HDC has given permission but will monitor the reaction before making this an annual event.

### **06.562.17 Ayshe Court Lakes**

The history of Ayshe Court Lakes is well documented. At the September 2015 Meeting Mr. Sitton outlined his research into Land Registry documents that imply Davis Estates (Southern) Ltd. still have some form of ownership. Separately in correspondence dating back to 2007, Highways advised that it had been told that some land north side of Depot Road is unregistered apart from one small area Title No. WSX1799043.

DC Dr. Skipp said that he has recently spoken to HDC Legal Department who state that because the original companies are no longer registered, the land is now Central Government Crown property.

Mr. Worley explained his current concern that relates to the poor state of the wooden fencing which lines the footpath between Ayshe Court Drive and Stirling Way. He is anxious that if a young child wandered across the footpath, she/he would fall into the lake. Whilst it is not deep, it is full of silt and this is the hazard. The upper lake continues to be looked after by a group of residents. Danger signs have been erected by residents.

**Resolved DC Dr. Skipp will again speak to HDC on the grounds of health and safety. Separately this Council will try to write to Central Government so that the problem is recorded.**

### **07.562.17 Section 106 Monies**

Mrs. Sumpter and Mr. Friswell have now compiled a list and forwarded this to HDC.

### **07.562.17 North Street Subway**

There is considerable disappointment with the current situation in North Street Subway. Since the 2016 re-surfacing, drainage is even more of a problem, particularly under the railway bridge towards the North Street end. The hazard warning light relating to the height of the subway is also obscured.

**Resolved CC Dr. Dennis will follow up the problems, referring the matter again to CC Mrs. Millson**

### **03.563.17 Public Forum**

A member of the public continues to express concerns that the road systems at the top of Station Road into North Street are not being adhered to and he believes this is due to lack of signs. He suggests that there should be a sign on the road "Ahead Only" as well as a "No Entry" sign.

**Resolved CC Dr. Dennis will follow up this matter**

### **04.563.17 District Councillor's Report**

Dc Dr. Skipp advised that the Pavilions Car Park is having updates to allow number plate recognition.

The HDC Governance Committee Meeting was held and the outcome was that the Constitution will not change relating to TPO's but non-material amendments will be allowed. FNC did write to HDC with its objections.

### **05.563.17 County Councillor's Report**

CC Dr. Dennis did circulate his report following his walkabout with WSCC Chris Stark on 15<sup>th</sup> August – New Street, Oakhill Road, Station Road. The following proposals were discussed:

- 20 mph zone – *this Council will support this proposal to be included in the 2018/2019 round for consideration*
- Loading Bay in vicinity of One Stop store in Station Road – *this Council will support the creation of a loading bay and making better use of the redundant loading bay*
- Improved signage showing the correct HGV route – *this Council will support this proposal*
- Changes to New Street parking arrangements – *this Council could see no advantage in removing parking on the north side (alongside houses 155-161). The comment about poor sight lines was again raised.*
- Safer Routes to Schools – *it is proposed to seek advice from The Headteacher at Kingslea School relating to signage in Oakhill Road and a traffic island near Gorings Mead*
- Sight Lines in Brighton Road – *this is a problem and any improvements will be endorsed by this Council.*
- Parking on frontage outside Corks and Screws obstructing footway – *this Council can see no obvious solution or endorse the proposals*
- Pedestrian refuge between The Bedford and Barrington Road/New Street junctions – *this Council does not support this proposal*

CC Dr. Dennis was thanked for his very comprehensive first report and CC Dr. Dennis said that further paperwork will follow.

**06.563.17 Planning**

17/1726	55 Smithbarn	First floor side & rear extns – amends 17/0940	Application withdrawn
17/1776	20 Bens Acre	Replacement 2 storey rear extn	No Objection
17/1766	Old Park, Kerves Lane	Replacement timber garage	N/O
17/1749	30 Comptons Lane	Amendments to car port	N/O
17/1752	15 Bowes Close	Replace wooden windows with upvc	N/O
17/1745	South Grove House, Kennedy Road	Various improvements and repair under listed building consent	N/O
17/1780	33 Bedford Road	Replace garage and conservatory with single storey extn inc garage	N/O
17/1799	35 Clarence Road	Replace rear extn with pitched roof extn	N/O
17/1845	5 St Leonards Park House	Internal wall removal – listed bldg. consent	N/O
17/1846	30 Comptons Lane	Variation of condition 1 to previously approved application DC/17/0262 (Construction of a pair of 3 bed semi-detached dwellings, with associated carport and access roadway. Also includes the erection of a timber fence to the school entrance) to add a garden room to the rear of the approved Plot 2	HFNC still objects, as we did to the original. This is further over-development of a small back garden plot.
17/1922	Horsham Rugby Club, Hammerpond Road	Proposed creation of new fenced workout area and installation of storage container	N/O
17/1959	22 Orchard Road	Removal of existing rear store and erection of replacement single storey pitched roof rear extension featuring 2x skylights	N/O
17/1950	200 St Leonards Road	Two storey side extension with single storey rear extension and single storey porch at front.	N/O
17/1932	34 Highlands Avenue	Single storey rear extension	N/O
17/1911	48 Forestfield	Proposed part single storey part two storey front extension	N/O

DC/17/1325 25 St. Leonard's Road – FNC objected to both applications to erect a structure in the back garden. The second application that on the plans seems to be larger and more intrusive has been approved. This Council will write to HDC Dr. Lyons to ask for the reasoning behind this decision.

### **07.563.1 Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Travers was not in attendance. It is confirmed that Zurich Insurance cover has been increased in line with previous discussions.

### **08.563.17 Correspondence**

**Heritage Open Days** – Mr. Friswell referred to correspondence that he has received bemoaning the fact that there was no official internet information regarding Horsham District involvement in the Heritage Open Weekend. Separately Mr. Worley referred to a little known Royal Observer Corps shelter in the vicinity of Brighton Road and this could be of 20<sup>th</sup> century historical importance and worthy of upkeep.

**Resolved that Mr. Hough will raise this matter at the next workshop of the Horsham Visitor Economy Workshop.**

**HTCP** – the AGM takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> October - FNC will be represented by Mrs. Sumpter.

### **09.563.17 Any Other Business**

Pirie's Place Car Park is referred to as the worst local car park for access. It is now 30 year's old and plans are ahead to upgrade the site. There are rumours that a considerably taller car park is envisaged but Dr. Skipp said that it is unlikely that any replacement will dominate the street scene.

Boxall Walk – Ms. Dumbrell is still concerned about the state of this pathway and the matter will again be referred to CC Mrs. Millson.

Cycle Forum – Mr. Sitton commented that The Cycle Forum was very disappointed that having been asked to submit a plan to HDC, it discovered that the HDC report had been circulated prior to its receipt.

Burtens Court, Horsham Town - Mr Hough raised with Cllr Skip the state of Burtens Court with anti social behaviour, broken windows and old and brown and tatty curtains etc

Cllr Skip confirmed that he was seeing Tom Crowley the following day, Tuesday, and would raise it with him.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.