

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2018 SALVATION ARMY HALL, 7:30PM

Present: Mrs D Sumpter (Chairman) Messrs N. Friswell, J. Milne, G. Sitton, G Stanley, B. Travers

District Councillor: DC Dr. D. Skipp

County Councillors: CCs Mr. A. Baldwin, Mrs. M. Millson

Public: 0

Press: 0

Apologies: M. Hough, R. Worley, CC Dr. N. Dennis

01.06.18 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st May 2018

The Minutes were proposed by Mr. Travers, seconded by Mr. Friswell and signed by the Chairman, Mrs. Sumpter.

02.06.18 Matters Arising

09.12.17 Brighton Road repairs

The road repair has been carried out. It is noted that the pedestrian crossing is to be upgraded and the neighbourhood has been informed.

Refuse Collection

HDC has responded to FNC concerns about the manoeuvrability of the new refuse lorries and state that they are only one metre longer and all collection operatives have been trained as reversing assistants to ensure safe reversing.

It has advised that within the planning process there is already a consultation procedure. It was pointed out that there was disquiet about how refuse was initially collected at Manton Court which became a health and safety issue.

HDC will look at specific locations if there are problems with the position of wheeled bins. Mr. Sitton pointed out that it would perhaps be better if the wheeled bins were placed on one side of the road to ensure that pedestrians can use the pavements.

Noted

03.05.18 Public Forum

CC Mr. Baldwin has not yet been able to find a way to move forward the SID idea but is currently trying to see how 3 mobile signs (lighting up the speed and using solar panels) can be purchased. He is in talks with WSCC Bob Lanzer and Matt Davy and is exploring every avenue to find funding for this initiative. CC Mr. Baldwin has produced paperwork which outlines all the possibilities for road safety improvements in St. Leonard's Road and is both supportive and sympathetic to residents' concerns – although in his "summing up" of possibilities, has been realistic.

With regard to the resident group initiative, one local resident is concerned that she has not had any correspondence. However, CC Mr. Baldwin advised that this has now been resolved.

04.05.18 Ayshe Court Lakes

Mr. Sitton said the "top lake" has a covering of "green scum" and this should be highlighted as a health and safety issue and is caused because the lake continues to leak.

Resolved to contact Environmental Health and HDC Evan Giles

04.05.18 Elm Grove Bus Shelter

A resident has contacted FNC to thank Councillors for their involvement in the erection of this bus shelter.

Separately the resident referred to an overgrown hedge in Bethune Road.

CC Mrs. Millson will follow up this problem

The resident also highlighted difficulties when turning into Comptons Lane from St. Leonard's Road that is caused by cars that park too close to the junction.

CC Mr. Baldwin will follow up this problem with a view to looking at whether the yellow lines need to be extended

04.05.18 TOWN VISION

Reference was made to the editorial in WSCT about the state of Queen Street and this follows an article in Horsham Society's Newsletter. Whilst it is agreed that Queen Street is in the "Vision", changes will take many years to become reality. In the meantime the main problem is the run-down state of one shop in Queen Street.

Resolved to write to Planning Enforcement

05.05.18 New Street Questionnaire

Mrs. Sumpter said that there have been over 100 responses and she is currently collating all the comments, including those that were outside the questionnaire.

A pie chart has been prepared showing feedback to the 7 questions and in general terms, there was mixed reaction to all questions other than Question 1 – do you support a 20 mph zone for New Street and adjacent roads? This had majority support and it is agreed that a community support application will now be made.

Those residents, who asked to be kept in touch with what is happening through e mail correspondence, will be contacted and a copy of the pie chart will be attached.

06.05.18 Data Protection Act

The advice (at this stage) is that as FNC is not a statutory body, it does not need to appoint a Data Protection Officer but it is good practice to stick to data protection principles. The problem will come if FNC is reported for a breach of data protection or get a subject access request.

FNC John Milne has agreed to attend an HALC Meeting on Thursday 26th July at Coolham Village Hall at which there will be a guest speaker.

09.05.18 Greenways Nursing Home

It is still not fully understood why this Nursing Home was given permission to erect illuminated signs – taking into account that this is a residential area.

Resolved to write to HDC Emma Parkes, Head of Development Control to ascertain how this application was passed and the procedure that was adopted

03.06.18 County Councillor's Report

CC Mrs. M. Millson - WSCC is to discuss the application for an incinerator at Langhurst Wood on 19th June. She is personally very disappointed that local County Councillors are not allowed to speak and also the fact that a strict and restrictive protocol has been adopted which will not allow significant public input.

CC Mr. Baldwin – the case against the way in which the new Highways Contract was awarded, is due to commence on 12th July and in the meantime, WSCC Highways has made contingency plans for winter gritting etc.

GRASS CUTTING

FNC is very disappointed at the poor level of grass cutting throughout the district and is concerned that the level of "hay" now lying around the district is a fire hazard. It is disappointing to learn that, following historical cuts, WSCC does not appear to have an "inspection level" and it is unclear how this contract is awarded (perhaps through Highways Contract?). The Contractors do not seem to have any pride in their work and it is spoiling the appearance of the district.

One area was specifically highlighted – grass verge around Doomsday Lane where the grass has not been sufficiently cut back and therefore is affecting the sight line.

Resolved CC Mrs. Millson will follow up this specific concern

FNC will write directly to WSCC Bob Lanzer

04.06.18 Planning

There are currently 15 applications and FNC agreed with Planning Committee comments and is objecting to a further application at 55 Smithbarn. It was noted that the first application was dismissed at appeal and there is little change to the current proposal.

LIDL application – it is accepted that there is overall public approval for LIDL to have a store in Foundry Lane. There is concern that there will be insufficient car parking and the way in which HGV lorries access and exit the site will be a hazard but this Council will not object to this application.

18/1003	69 St Leonards Road	Installation of front dormer window	N/O
18/1013	54 Kings Road	Demolish extg bldg. & erect single storey side & rear extn	N/O
17/2873	52 Comptons Lane	Amendment to approved plan	This was agreed earlier this month
18/1080	The Hollies, Manor Lane, Coolhurst	Erect 1 st floor over extg garage & front dormer & roof lights	HFNC would insist that the garage is not used as separate accommodation
18/1056	79 Heron Way	Erect single storey front extn & front porch & convert garage to habitable space	N/O
18/1058	216 St Leonards Road	Proposed garage conversion into habitable space including the erection of a single storey side/rear extension.	HFNC is concerned that by converting the garage to living space the cars will be parked on the grass verges.
18/0975	57 Eversfield Road	Single storey extn to rear	N/O
18/1109	36 Heron Way	Demolition of existing house and erection of a replacement dwelling.	N/O
18/1106	Highridge, Kerves Lane	Erection of a detached car port	N/O
18/1143	14 Devonshire Road	Erection of single storey side/rear extn and installation of dormer style roof	N/O
18/1181	4 Owers Close, Depot Road	single storey rear extension.	N/O
18/1099	6 Padwick Road	Single storey front & rear extns & infill existing alleyway	N/O
18/1199	25 Burford Road	Single storey rear extn	N/O

DC/18/1154 - 55 Smithbarn – 2 storey side/ rear extension – HFNC OBJECTS in regard to the size of this extension and its effect on No. 57. This was set out in the Inspectors dismissal of an appeal to an earlier application DC/17/0940. We do not see any major changes in this current application.

05.06.18 Treasurer's Report

Current Account £7,664.94, Deposit Account £1,281.60. This year's HDC grant has now been received. The Clerk's honorarium and expenses have been paid for June. The bill for Horsham Walk signage has been paid.

06.06.18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Town Wardens – Mr. Sitton, who is FNC representative for this new initiative, advised that two wardens have now been appointed on a two year contract and their shift patterns have been prepared. There should be a monthly report to the Neighbourhood Clerks and it should be possible to ask for specific areas to be monitored throughout the month. There is some concern that the town wardens will replace or carry out the role of PCSO's in Horsham Town. Mr. Sitton commented that the town wardens will actually have more power than PCSO's. The balance of this year's funding (unspent due to the late appointment) is to be spent on resources.

Friends of Chesworth Farm - Mrs. Sumpter explained that this group is concerned that parking restrictions at the Denne Road entrance are not being monitored.

As a side note, the fact that developers are again able to put forward their site allocations is very disappointing inasmuch as it does not appear that neighbourhood plans are having any impact – this has been highlighted by Nuthurst Neighbourhood Plan

Year of Culture – Mr. Friswell was disappointed at the way in which the recent event at Leonardslee Gardens was conducted and he felt that it was more of a networking meeting than an outline of what is happening. He did say that the re-opening of Leonardslee Gardens has had to be postponed due to unforeseen issues but this should now take place in time for 2019 season.

DC Dr. Skipp advised that there is a Year of Culture Newsletter that can be accessed – www.hdculture2019.co.uk.

Parish Training – Mr. Travers was also disappointed with the depth of the parish training session; the powerpoint presentation is to be circulated.

07.06.18 Any Other Business

Horsham Park Ice Rink – whilst not in this neighbourhood, this Council is concerned at the length of time this area needs to re-establish itself following the Christmas ice rink installation. **Resolved to ask HDC Evan Giles about the cost of repair and also future ice rink plans.**

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

PAPERWORK RECEIVED DURING MAY/JUNE 2018

WSCC County News – no item is particularly relevant

Cycle Forum Meeting (there is a consultation meeting on 26th June to discuss the two way cycle routes, organised by Peter Bradley WSCC)

Verge Parking

TNC Minutes

DNC Minutes

Big Health and Care Conversation

WSCC Choices for the Future – in house social care

School Consultations (there are no changes to how secondary schools are allocated this year) this is a school effectiveness consultation
New Friends of Horsham Park (there is a section about the Ice Rink – its success and whether it will continue in 2018)
Kingslea Primary School Installation of a MUGA (multi use games area) on existing car park
Town Warden Budget
Greenways Illuminated signs
Refuse Collection
Data Protection

TPO land west of Harwood Court, Kings Road
Lidl application
Horsham Society Newsletter (reprinted in County Times) relating to Queen Street “it’s time to stop the rot of our town”
Millais School Traffic Controls
National Planning Policy Framework
Youth Report
HDC Consultation Response
Horsham District Joint Action Group (crime and disorder)
West Street Briefing