

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD at 7.30 pm ON 20th AUGUST 2018
In THE SALVATION ARMY HALL, HORSHAM

Present: Messrs N. Friswell, (Acting Chairman) M. Hough, J. Milne, G. Sitton,
G Stanley, B. Travers, R. Worley
District Councillor: DC Dr. D. Skipp, DC Mr. G. Newman
County Councillors: CC Mr. A. Baldwin, CC Mrs. M. Millson
Public: 1 (expressing an interest in becoming a Neighbourhood Councillor)
Press: 0
Apologies: Mrs. D. Sumpter, CC Dr. N. Dennis

01.08.18 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th July 2018

The Minutes were approved by the Neighbourhood Council. CC Dr. Dennis' report was amended to say "parking permits" rather than "parking tickets". With regard to planning application DC/18/1100, one Councillor made a personal comment that he did not object to the fence but did not like the gate size.

02.08.18 Matters Arising

09.12.17 Brighton Road repairs – general neighbourhood roadworks

In general terms, there is dissatisfaction at the way recent roadworks in Brighton Road have been managed, specifically the traffic lights that were not always in operation. This led to unnecessary traffic build-up. It was also felt that the work could have been completed in a quicker time scale.

04.05.17 Ayshe Court Lakes

The comment was made that under riparian law, HDC has responsibility to ensure that there are warning notices around the Lake. The comment was made that the management company of Lyons and Bourn Court has fulfilled its part of the obligation.

Resolved DC Dr. Skipp will again refer the matter to Evan Giles

04.05.18 Town Vision – Queen Street

Mr. Sitton attended a recent town walkabout but Queen Street was not included in the route. He did raise the issues that were discussed at the June Meeting, especially within The Forum area and the state of the toilets there. He believes action will be taken.

With regard to the derelict property in Queen Street, the owners have yet to comply with the planning enforcement notice.

Resolved to write to HDC Greg Charman to ask that in any future walkabout, Queen Street is on the agenda.

A further letter will be written to Planning Enforcement

09.05.18 Greenways Nursing Home

It is noted that the illuminated signs are now in place although not yet "turned on".

03.06.18 Grass Cutting

CC Mrs. Millson did discuss the grass cutting rota during the exceptionally warm period and this resulted in a 3 week pause. With regard to Doomsday Lane and the poor sight line, it is noted that local residents have now informally cut back the overgrown grass that was impeding the sight line.

03.07.18 St. Leonard's Road

CC Mr. Baldwin advised that there are now 30 mph signs attached to street lighting and progress is being made towards the community speedwatch system.

Reference was made to a WSCC “crowd funding” initiative and it is confirmed that if this has to be the way forward, Forest Neighbourhood Council will contribute towards a “SID” machine. CC Mr. Baldwin is currently in talks with WSCC representatives but if the outcome is negative, he may then opt to access funding through this new scheme.

03.07.18 Station Road

HDC Ben Golds has responded to FNC request regarding the monitoring of illegal parking in Station Road.

Separately a new HDC parking alert initiative was discussed; this will be a polite notice affixed to any car that is not conforming; details will be saved and after “three strikes” a £100 penalty notice will be issued.

07.07.18 Redundant BT boxes

This Council approached British Telecom to ask for the removal of redundant telephone boxes. British Telecom advised that it was the responsibility of the landowner to remove the boxes (in this neighbourhood this will be WSCC Highways Department). Subsequently WSCC Highways, Chris Stark was contacted and he will now take up the matter directly with British Telecom as he disputes this statement.

Resolved that CC Mrs. Millson will also contact Chris Stark and will add the boxes in Brighton Road and East Street to the list

03.08.18 Correspondence

Flagpoles – HDC has requested information regarding the position of flagpoles around the town; this is part of 2019 Year of Culture programme. Currently there are three known flagpoles in the vicinity of Horsham Station.

Garden of Remembrance – work has now been completed and well received. Mr. Friswell encouraged Councillors to visit the area to see the much improved landscaping. The next stage will be to set up a plan for ongoing maintenance and this may be in the form of a Friends Group. However, if the work is to be sub-contracted, Mr. Friswell emphasised the importance of monitoring the work

Friends of Horsham Park - looking to the future and the attempt to list Horsham Park as a community asset, this Council will respond to the questionnaire. The reference is Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 that introduced the concept of assets of community value.

Bus 65 – residents within the vicinity of St. Leonard’s Road/Comptons Lane were against extending double yellow lines as this would mean losing two parking spaces. Another suggestion is that a double yellow line is extended on the left hand side next to 83 Comptons Lane.

Resolved CC Mrs. Millson will now look at this bus service and will consider the next step – if any

HALC – Mr. Friswell has received a Data Protection PowerPoint Presentation. It is noted that Parish Councils (and, therefore, presumably, neighbourhood councils) do not need a dedicated Data Protection Officer. This Council is, however, mindful of its obligations.

04.08.18 District and County Councillors’ Reports

CC Mr. Baldwin referred to his dealings with WSCC to improve traffic safety at The Forest School. He explained that there were three initiatives that he thought had been agreed and all work had been scheduled:

- Widen the school gate
- Install a cycle rack
- Provide a parking place within the ground for school buses

Whilst the first two have been carried out, there now seems to be some doubt that the school bus parking provision will proceed. CC Mr. Baldwin is extremely disappointed about this latest development and is requesting urgent talks.

School Travel Plans were discussed and the suggestion made that the four schools in the area should liaise; this suggestion will be taken forward.

In answer to a question concerning the state of the pavement between Station Road and The Bedford Public House, CC Mrs. Millson believed this work had been carried out. As this is not the case, she will contact Highways.

CC Mrs. Millson explained that, in light of a recent poor central inspection, there has been a management re-shuffle at County Hall.

05.08.18 Planning

Mr. Travers advised that Mrs. Barbara Childs has been appointed Director of Place and it is hoped she will attend a future meeting to discuss this new role.

18/1099	6 Padwick Road	Amendments to previous plans	No Objection
18/1423	6 Coolhurst Lane	Demolish conservatory/replace with single storey extension	No Objection
18/1441	2 Bowes Close	Single storey rear extension	No Objection
18/1436	South Grove House	Retrospective – lower ground level and patio & erect retaining wall	No Objection
18/1505	29 Queensway	Two storey side extension/single storey rear/1 st floor extension over porch	No Objection
18/1511	219 St Leonards Road	Garage converted into habitable space	No Objection
18/1491	34 Highlands Road	Two storey rear extension	No Objection
18/1517	41 St Leonards Road	Single storey side/rear extension & demolish porch and install front bay window	No Objection
18/1475	94 Brighton Road	Reconstruction of part demolished store to form new dwelling	No Objection
18/1361	48 Forestfield	Single storey rear extension	No Objection
18/1556	9 Leonard Way	Replace conservatory with flat roof extension	No Objection
18/1595	110A Brighton Road	Single storey rear extension & pitched roof & rooflights	No Objection
18/1471	74 Highlands Road	Two storey side/rear extension	No Objection

06.08.18 Treasurer's Report

Current Account £7052.05, Reserve Account £1281.71. The Clerk's honorarium and expenses have been paid for August; the website fees have been paid for two further years.

07.08.18 Reports from Representatives on outside bodies

Cycle Forum and Two Way Cycling

Mr. Sitton attended a recent meeting and, at that time, the Cycle Forum re-visited the two way cycling programme. Mr. Sitton now feels more inclined to reject the proposal for West Parade due to issues with motor vehicles.

The Clerk attended a presentation by WSCC Engineer, Mr. Peter Bradley and distributed notes. This Council continues to be concerned about a number of issues with two way cycling. It is probable that the proposal will be implemented but not in the immediate future. Within Forest Neighbourhood, it will affect Barrington Road and Park Terrace East.

Big Health Care

Mr. Sitton advised that this area is £75 million in debt but it is likely that if one third is found, NHS will write off the remainder. He outlined possible changes that include a GP hub (i.e. if you cannot get an appointment with your own Surgery within a time period, you will be able to opt to visit another Practice), Patient/Doctor Video Conferencing and GP weekend appointments.

Neighbourhood Wardens

The initial indication is that the introduction of the two wardens is successful; currently they are carrying out work, through necessity, in the town centre but this will change as the project "beds itself down" and the wardens are allocated their bicycles.

Mr. Sitton would like to see some of the HDC current credit balance used to appoint a third warden, possibly in a supervisory role but who would be able to cover holiday periods.

08.08.18 Any Other Business

Horsham in Bloom – whilst it does not appear that there is to be a formal presentation ceremony; this Council will contact HDC with its choice for the FNC Horsham in Bloom Cup.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.