

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th OCTOBER 2018 SALVATION ARMY HALL,
7:30PM**

Present: Mrs. D. Sumpter (Chairman), Messrs. P. Colombo, N. Friswell, M. Hough, J. Milne, G. Sitton, G. Stanley, B. Travers and R. Worley

District Councillors: DC Dr. D. Skipp,

County Councillors Dr. N. Dennis

Public: 0

Press: 0

Apologies: CC Mr. A. Baldwin

01.10.18 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th September 2018

These were approved by Mr. Friswell and seconded by Mr. Sitton. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

02.10.18 Matters Arising

09.05.18 Greenways Nursing Home – Aspen Place

The consensus of opinion is that the signs are not as prominent as was expected. Nevertheless it is right that this NC objected to the application as it has set a precedent. Is there a need for such a sign in a predominantly residential area?

04.05.18 Town Vision

Mr. Sitton attended the recent walkabout and this included Queen Street. Again the state of the shop referred to as “Antix” was discussed. Later in the meeting DC Dr. Skipp explained that Planning Enforcement was in the process of issuing a notice but was advised that the owner intends to pull down the building and it would seem (although not confirmed) that he has appointed builders and scaffolders. There was some discussion as to whether the owner can pull down a building without permission but the matter of the building being part of a terrace may have some relevance.

Notes relating to the walkabout will be circulated.

03.07.18 St. Leonard’s Road

The residents group is looking for premises to hold SID Training and ideas will be forwarded regarding venues.

07.07.18 Redundant Telephone Boxes

The perceived problem is that the redundant telephone boxes are low on Highway’s list of priorities. The boxes are unsightly and have been vandalised but are not considered a health and safety risk. One Councillor suggested that the outside could be boarded up and used for advertising purposes?

Resolved to continue to press for these boxes to be removed by BT

03.08.18 Horsham Park and Horsham in Bloom

The Friends of Horsham Park will have their AGM at Park Barn on 18th October at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that this Council will contribute a one quarter towards the cost of a tree commemorating the centenary of the ending of the First World War. There will be a tree planting ceremony on 11 November and Mrs Sumpter agreed to attend.

This Council is pleased to note that there will be a newly formed Horsham in Bloom Committee and will include new members.

03.09.18 Public Forum – dog bins

Dr. Skipp did follow up the problem and HDC said that it does have a weekly collection. It was pointed out that the dog bins in Bennetts Field are often overflowing but it does seem that that they are emptied twice weekly. DC Dr. Skipp will ask for a dog bin to be erected at the top of Depot Road, close to Millais School.

Arun Way

At this stage there was a discussion about an area of land behind a house in Weald Close abutting the public bridleway in Arun Way. This is because a resident is concerned about possible “land grabbing”

Resolved to investigate the extent of the bridleway and discuss with West Sussex County Council public rights of way team.

Separately Mr. Friswell will contact Jonathan Perks about right of way of a triangular piece of land that may be registered in the “Francis” name

03.10.18 Public Forum

There were no members of public present at this meeting.

04.10.18 District Councillor’s Report

DC Dr. Skipp said that it is a relatively quiet period at HDC but he will be attending a meeting where affordable housing and temporary accommodation is to be discussed. He believes that two areas have been identified for temporary accommodation neither of which are in this neighbourhood.

In answer to questions concerning the hotel development in Piries Place, it was agreed that the hotel building seems more prominent than expected although it was also agreed that it is no higher than nearby buildings. It is disappointing that the design is so stark and unattractive, both in design and brick colour.

05.10.18 Planning

NC Mr. Travers presented a long list of applications received during this month and highlighted two proposals

DC/18/1980 18 Weald Close – these extensions are being built further forward to the neighbouring properties and this might shade and reduce light. There is an ambiguity between the application description and drawing for the side extension and it would seem that this is a double rather than single storey extension. Further site visits will be made before a comment is forwarded

DC/18/2041 73 Eversfield Road – this is a further application to build within a large garden (selling off the relevant area). The first application for semi-detached houses was refused on the grounds that it was over development of the site. There is a concern that the application is being put forward in such a way as to imply that it is a single storey development whereas it is a single 3 bed two storey detached dwelling. However, after careful consideration it was felt that there were no planning reasons to object to this application.

06.10.18 Treasurer’s Report

Current Account £6,492.05, Reserve Account £1,281.81. The Clerk’s honorarium for September and October has been paid and it is agreed that a sum will be forwarded to HDC for a Horsham Park Memorial Tree.

07.10.18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Youth Project – Mr. Hough said the project is continuing although in the light of the poor response to the August Camp, there is a need to re-look and possibly rejuvenate the original aims. He said that liaison with secondary schools continues to be very successful.

HALC – Mr. Stanley represented this Council at the meeting and will attend the AGM. He said that the last meeting (minutes to follow) was interesting and highlighted possible changes at Gatwick Airport and changes to air space routes – at this time this does not appear to affect Horsham Town.

Cycling – Mr. Sitton attended the Cycling Forum but explained that the items discussed were not relevant to this neighbourhood.

Quarterly Meeting – Mrs Sumpter attended this meeting and has circulated the initial notes.

HTCP – Mrs. Sumpter attended the AGM and it is confirmed that David Searle will continue as Chairman for one further year. She explained that HTCP will be asking for Section 106 monies to continue the board walk in Bens Acre vicinity (part of Riverside Walk). She understood that HTCP will be meeting with representatives from HFNC and Friends of Chesworth Farm. Owing to Mrs. Sumpter's conflict of interest, Mr. Friswell agreed to represent HFNC.

NOVARTIS – Mr. Milne attended the first Open Event where there was staff on hand together with information boards to explain the proposal. He believes that the tree lined entrance will be retained but there will be two distinct areas and the office area will have its own entrance. This area will be after the original Novartis building and up to railway line and the idea is to encourage start-up and entrepreneurial businesses.

He is disappointed that, architecturally, the plan does not enhance or take into account the art nouveau design of the original Novartis building and this is a "missed chance" for the area. The Novartis building is to be converted into apartments.

Resolved to respond to this first consultation

08.10.18 County Councillor's Report

CC Dr. Dennis was disappointed that none of the Community Highways Application schemes in his area have been accepted – and this includes 20 mph speed limit in New Street. More information on the Community Highways scheme is to be printed in the upcoming CLC Agenda and Report.

Later, Dr. Dennis e mailed to say that the New Street proposal is slightly less negative than he initially thought as it is shown as waiting speed data in the TRO list – meaning it has not actually been rejected but will not be in 2019 list.

Resolved when firm information is known, residents who have asked for updates, will be informed

CYCLE CONTRA FLOW – WSCC has deferred this initiative due to unforeseen problems and will be re-assessed in 2019/2020.

ZONE A PARKING – there is confusion as to whether the new parking restrictions up to 9.00 p.m. are currently in place. CC Dr. Dennis confirmed that there is a restriction until 9.00 p.m. but this is probably not being enforced due to Parking Warden staff shortages.

09.10.18 Correspondence

The Bridge Opening 19th October at 6.00 p.m. Mrs Sumpter will be attend on behalf of HFNC.

Friends of Horsham Park – John Marder, HDC Landscape and Horticultural Officer is the contact.

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HEART TO ART – This is St. Catherine's Hospice initiative regarding the way art helps patients and the idea is to find suitable outside venues around the neighbourhood for these to be displayed.

Blueprint – Glenn Chip has advised that there is definitely no extra funding from HDC.

JAG Crime issues – the contact is Sharon Cadman, Community Safety Officer. It is noted that local drug issues have been raised

HDC New Permit – refuse scheme – from 1st October vans, pick ups or single axle trailers will need a permit to use site.

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10.10.18 Any Other Business

Mr. Worley advised that Johnson Press who own the newspaper, County Times, is closing down some newspapers and he hopes this will not include our regional press.

There are trees falling over outside 40/42 Pollards Drive and Highways will be approached to ask for these trees to be made more stable.

In the light of the success of Horsham Town “Americarna” and the way in which it attracted visitors to our town, a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. G. Mortimer-Cooke.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.