

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2019 SALVATION ARMY HALL, 7:30PM

Present: Mrs. D. Sumpter (Chairman)
Messrs. P. Colombo, N. Friswell J. Milne, G. Sitton and G. Stanley

District Councillors: DC's Mr. C. Minto, Mr. G. Newman, Mrs. F. Haigh and Mrs. B. Waters

County Councillors 0 (County Councillors attended CLC Meeting)

Public: 1

Press: 0

Apologies Mr. B. Travers, DC's Mrs. R. Fletcher and Dr. D. Skipp
CC's Mr. A. Baldwin, Dr. N. Dennis and Mrs. M. Millson

Councillors were pleased to note that Mrs. Sumpter, following her sickness absence, has returned to chair this meeting. It is noted that CC Mr. Baldwin is currently undergoing hospital surgery and it is hoped that he will have a speedy recovery.

01.06.19 Minutes of Meeting held on 20th May 2019

The Public House close to Hernbrook Close is named "Hornbrook". The Minutes were proposed by Mr. Milne and seconded by Mr. Sitton. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

02.06.19 Matters Arising

01.03.19 SID/Speed gun

Mrs. Sumpter opened the discussion by stating that this topic will now be discussed under two clear headings – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (referred to as SID) and SPEED GUN (sometimes referred to as a radar gun).

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

For clarification purposes, the device was purchased through a WSCC Community Support grant and FNC became the facilitator for the grant and bought the device.

Currently "Slow Down for St. Leonards" is the only group that is officially recognised. The initial plan is for the SID to be used in St. Leonard's Road. The machine will be erected by a WSCC Highways Engineer and if and when other sites are identified, WSCC Highways will have to be involved with any change of place. If SID is kept in a location for too long it loses its effectiveness.

Resolved

- **CC Mr. Baldwin is formally appointed as SID Coordinator on behalf of FNC. He will store the SID and seek WSCC Highways permission before SID is moved to any new location.**
- **CC Mr. Baldwin will keep the appropriate records for SID's use and give regular reports to FNC.**
- **Whilst "Slow Down for St. Leonard's" resident group are using the device, that group will arrange for the batteries to be recharged. Any other resident group will have to make its own arrangements for battery recharging.**
- **FNC will prepare a neighbourhood list where SID might be effective. It is acknowledged that not all sites will be approved e.g. road dimensions.**

SPEED GUN

Mrs. Sumpter reminded the Council that FNC and TNC had obtained a grant of £250 each from HDC Community Safety Partnership which was used to buy the speed gun. At the time of the grant application, DNC had opted out of the initiative. As soon as it is available, the latest model of the tablet to use with the speed gun will be brought. The tablet will reduce the number of people having to use the gun to 2 and would enable the information to be sent direct to the Police.

Mrs. Sumpter has had discussion with TNC and an approach would be made to DNC to see whether they would like to share the cost of the tablet which is approx. £550-600.

Mr. Sitton explained that the speed gun has already been used in St. Leonard's Road. Every location and timing has to be confirmed as suitable by the Police and formalities can take months to complete. The equipment cannot be used in the rain. Mr. Sitton will let Councillors have a list of the other sites awaiting police approval in the HFNC area.

Every volunteer must wear a high visibility jacket. Before teams are out recording speeding vehicles, sites need to be identified, risk assessed and approved, operators trained, equipment booked, collected and checked. Operators need reminding, schedules re-checking and often changed.

Please see below the response regarding training and liability insurance from the Police:

"The training is carried out by myself, however the insurance is provided as part of the digital Community Speedwatch Package under the Force Liability Insurance so I can't give out an individual copy. If you would like to contact me during office hours I am happy to give you guidance on this, but in essence once a group is trained both online initially and then followed up with my stage 2 training package they can operate at the roadside provided I am happy that the system is understood and the audit trail is in place, they are then supported also by local PCSO's and myself."

Steve.



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Currently "Slow Down for St. Leonards" is the only group that is officially recognised. Other groups are expressing interest and this includes Wimblehurst Road Residents Group. Mr. Sitton pointed out that there is a tuning fork that needs to be calibrated with the speed gun and if this is dysfunctional in any way, each repair will be within the region of £60.

After discussion, and provided the other 2 NC's agree, FNC would have no objection to both the speed gun and tablet being used by the whole of the unparished area of Horsham.

It was RESOLVED that;

- **Mr. Sitton be the FNC Coordinator and will give monthly reports.**
- **FNC will share the cost of the tablet.**
- **The Chairs or a representative from each NC meet to draft a protocol for groups who use the speedgun; this could include the cost of hiring to cover any repairs, e.g. calibrating the tuning fork with the speed gun.**

01.03.19 Phase 1 Forest Boys School – bus improvements

The member of public introduced himself to the Neighbourhood Council and he explained that he was attending this meeting specifically to listen to this discussion. He commented that many people had found it difficult to find out who to speak to and where to submit alternative ideas relating to this proposal.

DC Mr. Newman explained that Phase 1 is a County Council submission and not a School Governors' submission.

Mrs. Sumpter opened the discussion by stating that the most important factor in any discussion by FNC is the safety of the boys which is paramount. "Phase 1 bus improvements" was initially put forward as the first of three phases. As soon as the consultation was received, FNC expressed its strong concern about the removal of an Oak Tree but was advised there was no other viable option and it was not a light decision taken by WSCC. Phase 2 and Phase 3 would be addressing pedestrian and cyclist issues.

The background as to why FNC originally supported Phase 1 was explained in its Spring 2019 newsletter; the article had prompted strong local reaction. It would now appear that there is a question mark about the funding channels for Phases 2 and 3 and so pedestrian and cyclist improvements are unlikely to go ahead.

The introduction of a bus lane removing three buses from the main road will improve the safety for approximately 600 boys but it will not slow down car driving speeds as the road will be clearer.

After long discussion, reflection and careful consideration, FNC has now decided to withdraw its support for Phase 1 on the grounds that this is not going to solve the general safety issues at school drop off and pick up times.

FNC is not convinced that all options have been explored including traffic calming measures, speed limit, and one way system and using a strip of school land to enable the buses to park completely off road.

Resolved to write to WSCC Highways and to ask that FNC is now invited to take part in further discussions.

02.01.19 Website and E Mail addresses

Resolved the question of purchasing a security certificate will be discussed at the unparished meeting with CEO Glenn Chip.

07.04.19 Town Walkabouts

There has been no response to FNC request to reinstate the town walkabouts. DC Mrs. Haigh will raise this with HDC Clare Mangle as she feels that these walkabouts are important.

Resolved DC Mrs. Haigh will ensure that FNC request is brought to HDC attention

07.04.19 Newsletter

Forest Neighbourhood Council is delighted with the high response to its newsletter and will arrange for a further issue to be distributed hopefully in the Autumn. It is noted that Denne NC was disappointed with the response to its Horsham Pages Editorial.

04.06.19 Public Forum

The member of public left the meeting after Item 01.03.19.

05.06.19 Planning

The Planning Committee has submitted comments to planning applications (*shown on the last page of these minutes*)

06.06.19 Treasurer's Report

This was not available.

07.06.19 District Councillors' Reports

DC Mrs. Waters explained that this is a period when she is learning about issues in her new ward and she invited Councillors to bring any matters to her attention.

DC Mrs. Haigh has been involved with a dispute about dropped pavement kerb work in Brighton Road. WSCC Highways has been contacted.

DC Mrs. Haigh explained "LEAP FUNDING" and is encouraging any local businesses that would like to expand, to apply for up to £2000 grant.

DC Mr. Minto introduced himself to Neighbourhood Councillors and said that he is also on a "learning curve". He has, however, been delighted with the response to overflowing waste bin concerns and praised HDC Mr. John McArthur for his quick action. He is happy to pass on any other areas with similar problems.

08.06.19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Parish Council Training – Mr. Friswell has circulated his report. He recommends this training, especially as there are so many planning regulation changes. He was particularly pleased to understand the difference between CIL and Section 106 monies!

Mrs. Sumpter was interested in the discussion about acceptable planning comments and in future the following wording will be used to highlight an issue that is not considered an acceptable planning objection but is a concern:

"If the LPA is mindful of approving the application....."

09.06.19 Correspondence

Barbecues – HDC correspondence suggested that barbecues were allowed on all open spaces. HDC acknowledged that the information could have been misread but did not respond to the suggestion that if barbecues are to be encouraged, there should be designated areas within open spaces.

Resolved to ask for HDC leaflets to be amended

Iron Bridge and land at Clarence Road exit – a resident wrote to FNC complaining about the state of the Iron Bridge and also overgrown shrubbery at the Clarence Road exit (around a seated area). Highways responded very quickly and cut down the shrubbery. However,

whilst British Rail has acknowledged FNC e mail, it has not responded in any way to the concerns.

4The Youth – this Group is now formally managing the Youth Contract and it is confirmed that the balance of monies from 2018/2019 is to be carried forward.

HDC Community Lottery – there is to be an information event on 17th July at 6.00 p.m.

Horsham District Cycle Forum

Denne and Trafalgar NC Minutes

Police Weekly Bulletin

Friends of Horsham Park – monthly update includes the fact that this Group is preparing a submission for Horsham Park to be listed as an Asset of Community Value

WSCC Town and Parish News

North Horsham CLC

CCG Amalgamation June Patient Roundup

Southwater Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Warden Report

WSCC On Street Parking Review

The Future of Neighbourhood Planning – Blueprint is asked to respond

10.06.19 Any Other Business

New Street Green – Mr. Sitton has ascertained that New Street Green grounds are maintained by HDC and there appears to be no objection to FNC installing a noticeboard.

Resolved Mrs. Sumpter will investigate applying for a Section 106 grant.

Bennetts Field Open Day – Mr. Sitton advised that the Neighbourhood Wardens had a stand at this event and many residents spoke to them.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

19/0360	2 Amiesmill Cottages Kerves Lane	Amended plans - Construction of stables, a menage and storage building	No Objection
19/1017	55 Bethune Road	Erection of a two storey side extension	N/O
18/2687	Novartis site, Parsonage Road.	Amended plans - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 300 dwellings, etc.	Please see HFNC objections/comments previously submitted
19/1080	19 Millais	Erection of single storey side extension, a new roof and alterations to existing garage.	N/O
19/1089	10 Woodgates Close	Erection of a single storey side extension and extended front driveway	Whilst HFNC do not object to the application, it suggests that the roof line on the side extension is altered so that it complements the original building
19/0153	Land at Bennetts Road	Demolition of existing 6.no dwellings and erection of 18.no flats and 3.no houses	Please see HFNC original objections/comments
19/0672	37 Depot Road	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey flat roofed rear extension.	N/O
19/1128	9 The Hornets	Conversion of garage, erection of first floor extension & two storey rear/side extension, to incorporate the addition of a single storey front extension.	N/O
19/1087	8 Burford Road	Conversion of loft into habitable living space with installation of rear dormer	N/O
19/1144	Oakleigh, Kentwyns Drive	Fell 1 x Oak	Although the photos show fungus, HFNC objects to the felling of the oak unless HDC's arboriculturist confirms that the tree needs felling. If the LPA are mindful of approving the application, HFNC would like a condition that a replacement oak tree is planted.