

HORSHAM FOREST NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th JULY 2019 SALVATION ARMY HALL, 7:30PM

Present: Mrs. D. Sumpter (Chairman) J. Milne, G. Sitton, G. Stanley and B. Travers
District Councillors: DC's Mrs. R. Fletcher, Mrs. F. Haigh and Dr. D. Skipp
County Councillors 1 (CC Dr. N. Dennis arrived at 8.30 p.m.)
Public: 0
Press: 0
Apologies Nigel Friswell and CC Mr. A. Baldwin

Councillors were saddened to note that CC Mr. Baldwin has had to return to hospital. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery following this latest setback.

01.07.19 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th June 2019

The Minutes were proposed by Mr. Sitton and seconded by Mr. Milne. It is noted that up to 600 boys could travel by school bus to Forest Boys School. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

02.07.19 Matters Arising

01.03.19 Speed Gun

Mr. Sitton, Mr. Davis (Trafalgar NC) and Mrs. Sumpter had had a meeting to discuss the implications if Denne decides to take part. Denne has yet to confirm its involvement. Once Denne have made a decision then the chairs/ reps from the participating NC's could finalise the protocol for loaning the speed gun out. In the meantime Mr. Sitton confirmed that three more sites have been put forward for police approval and these are Brighton Road, Harwood Road and another area in St. Leonard's Road. Mr. Sitton explained that when choosing sites, there are precise points to follow.

Resolved

01.03.19 Phase 1 Forest Boys School – bus improvements

After carefully considering additional information, FNC retracted its support for Phase 1. It is agreed that a further letter will be sent to WSCC Ian Patrick explaining there were a number of factors (not just the Oak Tree) and that this Council believes there are ways in which safety improvements can be made within the budget that would benefit all the pupils.

During a recent Cycling Steering Group Meeting DC Mrs. Fletcher had commented that reference was made to the number of tree objections and that Phase 1 may now progress in a different form although costs are likely to double as a result. The LTIP team is also looking at whether the cycling improvements (phases 2 and 3) might be progressed separately.

Resolved a further letter will be sent to WSCC Ian Patrick explaining the reasons for the retraction was not solely about the Oak Tree. FNC is requesting a site meeting.

07.04.19 Town Walkabouts

Due to an oversight, FNC was not invited to a walkabout that was subsequently cancelled. However, this has now been rectified and Mr. Sitton will attend the walkabout on 23rd July, 10.00 a.m. Carfax Bandstand.

Resolved Mr. Sitton will refer to:

- **Health and safety issue at Iron Bridge**
- **Poor standard of pavement repair at top of Queensway**
- **Pizza vans that park at top of Queensway and restricts motorists' sight line. (Neighbourhood Wardens have already visited the site and monitored the situation).**

09.06.19 Barbecues

It is noted that Chesworth Farm and Bennetts Field have not adopted the bye laws and so are at liberty to stop anyone starting a barbecue. The concern is that the parks have no local fire hazard equipment. FNC continues to be concerned about the wording on the HDC website. HDC has been asked to consider providing dedicated areas for barbecues in its parks.

HDC website says the following:

Barbecues are permitted in Horsham Park, but please ensure your barbecue is not placed directly on the grass, to avoid scorching, and that all food and other rubbish is cleared away afterwards.

Please also ensure that the barbecue has cooled before placing it in the bins or removing from site.

10.06.19 New Street Green

DC Dr. Skipp has no objection to a noticeboard being erected in New Street Green.

Resolved to ascertain whether Section 106 monies are available.

03.07.19 District Councillors' Reports

DC Mrs. Fletcher referred to the Passenger Benefit Fund. FNC was disappointed that it only heard about this fund through a third party. Mrs. Fletcher explained that the Cycling Group is asking for more cycle racks at the front of Horsham Station. HDC has submitted its own proposals and FNC will now submit the following:

Additional platform seating

Wider access at the entrance/exit into Station Road (to enable travellers with buggies etc. to use this route)

Onward journey information including buses, taxis, walking routes

Water refill points

DC Mrs. Fletcher also referred to money available from a European Fund which is intended to promote tourism in villages. Exceptionally this includes funding for The Forum car park and a high quality welcome display is to be erected.

DC Mrs. Haigh said that a significant amount of Councillor time has been spent attending building development presentations. These presentations are for developments where more than 1000 homes can be accommodated. It is doubtful there are any areas that fit this criterion in the Forest neighbourhood.

DC Mrs. Haigh is also in discussions to consider following up 2019 Year of Culture with 2020 Year of Green Action.

DC Dr. Skipp referred to PDAG – an Action Group for Horsham Town – and this now has increased political party representation. “Horsham Vision” will continue to be the catch words. The Constitution does not allow for Neighbourhood Council representation. Mrs. Sumpter will discuss this with HDC Adam Chalmers at the next unparished meeting on 20th August.

Twitten Vincent Close and Orchard Road – DC Dr. Skipp advised that residents are now concerned about fly tipping. HDC is happy to initiate a blocking up order but needs FNC agreement. Neighbourhood Councillors were asked to visit the area to see at first hand the particular issues at this Twitten.

Resolved Mrs. Sumpter will arrange a date with DC Dr. Skipp

04.07.09 Planning

Mr. Travers advised that DC/19/0945 Heron Way loft conversion was refused on the grounds that the back dormers were out of character in the area. This reason is noted for future reference.

88 Clarence Road – no objection as whilst the extension runs alongside the boundary, it mirrors another extension

The Coach House, Hernbrook Drive – FNC will object to this proposal

69 Kings Road – there are no planning reasons to object to this application

65 Comptons Lane – an objection will be submitted

20 Comptons Lane – there is no planning reason to object to this application. This Council will share the neighbour's concern about shading to his property and the effect on the solar panels

19/1179	88 Clarence Road	First floor side & Ground floor rear extns	No Objection
19/1201	The Coach House, Hernbrook Drive	Two storey extension with dormer and velux windows	HFNC object on the grounds of overlooking properties in Sandeman Way, & that the large modern window is out of character with the rest of the building.
19/1196	15 Highlands Road	Part two storey rear extn	N/O
19/1251	55 Gorings Mead	Single storey side/front extn	N/O
19/1259	69 Kings Road	Two storey side extn	N/O
19/1262	65 Comptons Lane	Erect semi detached two storey dwelling	HFNC object to this proposal as it is out of character with surrounding properties, is an over intensification of the site & is detrimental to the original amenities of the host property.
19/0973 Amdmt	20 Gorings Mead	Single storey rear & side extn	N/O
19/0977 Amdmt	142 Brighton Road	Single storey side extn	N/O
19/1306	20 Comptons Lane	Part second storey extn	HFNC shares the neighbours concern about shading from the proposed extension especially with regard to their solar panels.
19/1302	53 Highlands Road	Part two storey extn	N/O
19/1327	Unit 3, Foundry Lane	Removal of condition re hours of use	N/O
19/1135	Unit 2, 55A Park Terrace East	Fascia sign above doors & windows, hanging sign over garage	N/O
19/1208	150 New Street	Proposed Loft conversion	N/O

Tesco ATM Machine

This is the second application for an ATM machine. The first application was refused on the grounds that 24 hour traffic would have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential properties and a police objection on safety grounds. This application is for an ATM machine to be in operation during store opening times only but after discussion it was agreed that this Council will again object.

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It is understood that this will be discussed at the August committee meeting. Mrs. Sumpter is hoping to attend using the 2 minute slot allocated to FNC.

05.07.19 County Councillor's Report

CC Dr. Dennis referred to the request for a pedestrian refuge in vicinity of Padwick Road/Pollards Drive. For the request to move forward, it will have to be submitted as a Community Highways Scheme. Mr. Sitton agreed to initially observe the area and this may be followed up with a local resident survey.

Finally it is confirmed that WSCC is responsible for the drainage in North Street Subway (Network Rail is responsible for the structure). Jetting is to be carried and in response to a request, CC Dr. Dennis will ask WSCC to install a sign giving a contact number if flooding occurs in the future.

Contra cycling in Park Terrace East is to be implemented.

County Highways is to re-surface Kings Road. The current cycling signage indication is very confusing and needs to be addressed. DC Mrs. Fletcher explained its history.

Mr. Sitton asked about rubber strips for New Street, Depot Road and Hammerpond Road and CC Dr. Dennis will follow up this request.

06.07.19 Treasurer's Report

Current Account £7,325.54, Reserve Account £1,283.73. The Clerk's honorarium and expenses have been paid for July. The SID Invoice has been settled.

07.07.19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mr. Sitton advised that the Neighbourhood Wardens recently attended the Cycle Forum.

Mr. Stanley attended the HALC AGM. The guest speaker from Hampshire CC spoke about GDPR and Mr. Stanley commented that FNC operates broadly in line with what is suggested.

Mrs. Sumpter commented that Blueprint has received approval for the first tranche of the grant and a Consultant has been appointed. The consultant is in the process of looking at the data and producing a first draft. It is hoped that the second funding tranche will be applied for shortly.

08.07.19 Correspondence

Planning Enforcement Complaints – there were 32 complaints in Forest neighbourhood and this number is one of the highest in the district – Southwater and North Horsham are higher. **Noted**

Neighbourhood Planning – FNC regularly receives e mails about this from HDC Neighbourhood Planning team who assume this is the contact. These e mails are forwarded to Blueprint. Norman Kwan is the HDC contact and for information has sent the following point:

“For absolute clarification the expectation is that Horsham Blueprint will continue their NP without sites with the aim of having the plan adopted by next year. Parallel to that the local plan review will continue in earnest with the expectation of having the Inspector’s Report with HDC in 2021. The Inspector’s Report is expected to provide the certainty for many of the parishes to start their review of their neighbourhood plans.”

Payphone Adoption Notice – Horsham Festival has applied to take over the public telephone box that runs alongside New Street Butchers. **Resolved FNC has no objection to this proposal.**

Millais - Graham Sitton’s e mail about poor parking at Millais School exit

Asset Protection British Rail – correspondence relating to cleaning the Iron Bridge continues. Asset Protection is assuming FNC will carry out the work at its expense. The further explanatory e mail from FNC continues to be unanswered.

Plaque for Armistice Tree

Addition of footpath at Dickens Way – the paperwork is now complete

Weeds in gutters – refer any issue directly to CC Morwen Millson

A Garden of Botanical Delights – Horsham Museum

Horsham District Community Lottery that is to be introduced in September – details on the voluntary support newsletter

Neighbourhood Warden Report – June

Trafalgar NC Minutes Denne NC Minutes

35 Oakhill Road – appeal dismissed – this is an application for permission to keep an additional extension. FNC has written to HDC asking what happens next.

WSCC Town and Parish News

North Horsham Local Committee Meeting (CLC) please note there was discussion about the bus improvement scheme and CLC asked for further consideration to be given before removal of oak tree.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.