



DENNE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the DNC Meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7pm
in The Church Lounge, London Road Methodist Church
London Road, Horsham.**

MINUTES

1. 2014/222 Meeting Open and Welcome from the Chairman

TM opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Presentation from Dr Simon Dean re: CCG 5 Communities Proposal

Dr Dean was formerly a GP at Park Surgery and is now Clinical Director for the Clinical Commissioning Group.

CCG commissions local NHS services such as District Nursing and local hospitals and is involved in improving efficient use of finances. It does not commission General Practice (Primary Care), its finance is held centrally by NHS England, which is in complete disarray and are about to go through another management change.

Dr Dean attends many meetings to do with Health and Wellbeing and more recently has had more early involvement with HDC concerning the current housing developments and the impact on services.

It had been of great concern to the CCG when they were only informed of development, particularly such as the West of Horsham, too late to ensure sufficient facilities.

North Manchester and our local Mid Sussex CCG are the only two groups who are leading the way in reviewing their whole areas. The 5 Communities Plan is the first step for Mid Sussex.

There is a legal duty for early consultation with the public on the Community Plan, and certainly no decisions have been made. This is all at an 'ideas' stage. There are many issues to consider factoring in – such as population growth and the additional runway at Gatwick.

The press headlines including '3 Horsham Doctor Surgeries are to close' were not accurate. It is likely that Riverside and Courtyard may close as their facilities are outdated, but Park and Orchard will remain open even if there is a new surgery at Broadbridge Heath.

Riverside Surgery is not fit for purpose – access for disabled is not acceptable, the rooms are not sufficient and there is no lift installed. The GP's operating from this premises are aware they need to reconsider the situation.

Orchard Surgery is rented from WSCC Library but there are possibilities for expansion

Park Surgery is 10 years old and already oversubscribed. Eve Mauchel asked why they do not use the top floor. Dr Dean confirmed it is empty and has been for a couple of years. It should be kitted out as additional rooms, however the CCG does not hold the purse strings, NHS England controls this.

Surgeries need to improve their services such as offering scanning (Park Surgery currently offers this) and others.

Smaller surgeries are preferred by the public, however services need to be delivered at a greater scale.

Redevelopment of the current practices is down to the existing surgeries, which are private businesses. The CCG cannot dictate to them but can offer advice and use of consultants – helping with ideas and discussions.

The CCG would like to GP's to decide the future for their surgeries. Surgeries with active patient groups should use then to communicate and engage on these discussions. Surgeries still operate like small businesses and must ensure they stay afloat and offer the correct services to their patients.

Year on year, there is a shortfall of Doctors. The NHS needs 3500 Doctors per year. Practices also need Practice and Diabetic Nurses.

There will be a need for surgeries to be open 7 days per week from 8am to 8pm in the future.

The CCG are facilitating discussions with Broadbridge Heath. There is a need to plan ahead effectively. Joint working with Health and Wellbeing will help to ensure people live longer and stay healthy for longer. Working with Health and Wellbeing all under one roof could help Practitioners work better together. There is a need for better drug and addiction treatment facilities in Horsham.

IB raised the issue regarding Horsham Hospital being used to offer these services which keeps the location more central and access is easier and more convenient.

Dr Dean reported that Horsham Hospital has secured £400,000 to make internal improvements and continue to offer more improved services at that location – such as Physiotherapy and Muscular Skeletal related issues. This will include services that can be pulled out of East Surrey Hospital and placed within Horsham Hospital. Possible services from East Surrey to Horsham Hospital could be an expansion to the Eye Clinic – a main hub for all Eye conditions

NHS is still reasonably funded, with approx. 2% increase each year. Medicine research/improvements demands a 7% increase each year, so there is a 5% shortfall, however the NHS has not experienced cuts.

Members were encouraged to read the summary from the following report: (available by using Google search):

Kings Fund – Nuffield Trust ‘A call to action – Phase 1 report’ General Practice of the Future

If Denne wish to respond to the CCG are various options:

Online Survey can be completed by 31st October 2014 – however this is not a strict cut off date.

DNC can write in by letter to Jane Williamson at the CCG. This is not a formal consultation as there are no formal plans in place for this scheme.

2. 2014/223 Attendance and apologies

Present: DNC Chairman Trudie Mitchell (TM), (MB), Gianni Lozzi (GL) Jane Apostolou (JA), Ian Botting (IB) and John Moon (JM).

Also Present: J. Hartley - Clerk (JH), WSCC Cllr Nigel Dennis, Cllr David Holmes (HDC) and Eve Mauchel (Forest NC)

Apologies for absence were received from: Martin Bruton – Vice Chairman (MB), Jo Bull (JB), Judy Pounds (JP) and Cllr David Sheldon (WSCC/HDC)

Absent: Cllr L Deakins and Cllr F Haigh

3. 2014/224 Declaration of Members' Interest

JA declared in interest in item 9 – HTCP as Chairman of HTCP and S106/Wimblehurst Road Residents Association.

TM declared an interest in Item 10 – Horsham Blueprint.

4. 2014/225 Approval of Minutes from last meeting (17.7.14)

Minutes approved. Proposed JM seconded by JA.

5. 2014/226 Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding action points.

Please enter the relevant item numbers

8.3 (July Minutes) IB informed Members that the Horse Chestnut trees are confirmed as diseased via the DNC Tree Warden

ACTION: Clerk to inform the HDC Tree Officer of this issue for further help to be sought.

ACTION: Clerk to talk to HDC re: Constitution to show we are a non-profit organisation

6. 2014/227 Chairman's Report

Meetings attended

23/09/2014 – Internal Audit, HDC re S106 – see section 8.2

23/09/2014 – Park House viewing to assess potential for community use – see HTCP report circulated.

23/09/2014 – Quarterly Meeting with Natalie Brahma-Pearl and Helena Croft – see report circulated

14/10/2014 – Prewett's Mill Stakeholder preview - see report circulated

16/10/2014 – Railway Scrutiny Group

Future Meetings

16-18/10/2014 – Bishopric Exhibition

23/10/2014 – Town Centre Walkabout

30/10/2014 – Chris Lyons, Director of Planning, Economic Development and Property with MB to discuss permitted development and his vision for Horsham.

11/11/2014 – HALC AGM. JM will attend

26/11/2014 – Special Charge Budget proposals 2015-6. Suggestions requested

ACTION: TM to send report showing what the Special Charge was spent on

Bishopric Redevelopment

There have been no official notes from the Stakeholder Meeting on 18th September but TM's notes have been circulated.

The Public Exhibition dates have been announced – would all members please attend and comment.

The designs will be on display between 10am to 4pm from 16 to 18 October at No 8, north side of Bishopric. There will also be a display in the Swan Walk Shopping Centre (outside Wilkinsons) from 19 to 28 October. West Sussex County Council will also be displaying a package of sustainable transport improvements, which include proposals for: new cycle routes and cycle parking; enhanced bus and taxi interchange; improvements to the flow of traffic; a car club, an online journey planning tool and youth train travel

See <http://www.horsham.gov.uk/latest-news/news/october-2014/enhancing-the-bishopric-have-your-say#sthash.403KVKRw.dpuf> or view online from 16 October at www.horsham.gov.uk

Christmas Lights

Confirmed same display as last year plus:

1. Two additional cross street motifs to East Street at its eastern end (subjective to way leave permissions) for the remaining two years of the contract with Festive.
2. Adding a 7M LED Christmas Tree (green) in Carfax, being purchased over two years (The tree has a 5-8 year life projected) with agreement from Horsham Matters to cover storage.
Sponsorship is being sort from local businesses to support the annual costs of its installation as had been discussed and planned for last year. HDC have two sponsors on board for 2014 and are seeking two more.

Market meeting

Still no minutes from the meeting on 22nd July but we were informed that the Thursday market will move from the Bishopric to Pirie's Place in November. This transfer should increase business and also removes any restrictions on imaginative development of the Bishopric area.

People

George Chisenga has left WSCC

Dan Cornelius has left Saxon Weald

Clare Ebelwicz has decided not to return to HDC after her sabbatical year.

Resignation

TM informed Members that JB had sent her letter of resignation to DNC today. TM read the letter to Members and it was agreed that TM will write to JB thanking her for her contribution to DNC.

ACTION: TM to write to JB re: resignation

7. 2014/228 Clerk's Report

ID Cards:

These are being chased relentlessly (and carefully) with via Andy Flack at HDC.

New DNC Members:

We desperately need to recruit new Members to DNC. Members are asked to make suggestions at the meeting of finding new ways to promote DNC and try to drum up interest from potential new Members. I have contacted Member services at HDC for advice/suggestions, however they have been very slow at responding - despite being chased.

DNC Newsletter

So far, the features for the winter 2014 DNC Newsletter are:

DNC Meeting dates and place - 2014/15

Horsham Past and Present

Winter Maintenance

DNC Recruitment - who are we/what do we do/join us

HTCP

Horsham Blueprint

Older Persons Council

Youth - an update

Police update:

Horsham in Bloom

8. Reports From Members:

8.1 2014/229 Finance

GL informed Members the balance of the accounts is £6674.40

To pay: DNC Insurance, Clerk's Salary for Aug and Sept, expenses to TM and the Clerk.

8.2 2014/230 Section 106 Agreements

TM had a meeting with Jessica Grange, Senior Internal Auditor 17th September at JG's request. Apparently she can only report and advise on improvements, she has no authority to implement change.

8.3 2014/231 Planning

Linden House: Denne NC objected to the application based mainly on the height, the style of the proposed additional storeys and the window louvres. The applicant has submitted some changes to the plans following discussions with TM and MB. They are an improvement, but the planning committee will need to decide if the changes are sufficient to withdraw our objection.

53, Guildford Road: Unfortunately the applicants won their appeal on 18th September and were granted planning permission for infill development in their garden with access onto the Hills Cemetery Road.

Bishop's Weald: Following some slight amendments HDC has now approved this application.

Waitrose Development: JM advised there is a newsletter from Simmons who are the contractors building of the John Lewis store. Regular newsletters are delivered to residents in the local vicinity by the Scouts.

ACTION: JM to request copies of the newsletter to be emailed to the Clerk

Collingwood Bachelor: It is understood that Collingwood Bachelor are to put forward a planning application to extend to the front of their building on stilts. Although this is not in the Denne area, Members were asked to look out for this proposal.

8.4 2014/232 West of Horsham Development.

Berkeleys are preparing an application to allow for access off the A24 into the site south of the River Arun, they sent TM preliminary plans which seem satisfactory.

8.5 2014/233 Community Services – Youth

Judy Pounds reported that Youth Provider Horsham Matters continues to grow in strength and has had a good quarter, within budget and winning funds for further projects. Awareness of this provision is gaining momentum and local schools have all been invited to engage with the providers to support various activities and raise profile of what is available for Youth in the area. Horsham Matters employ both paid and volunteer staff, who all receive initial and ongoing training, often specialised.

At present Youth are able to gather at various venues including Costa Cafe, Trafalgar Road Youth Cafe, The Park and in the local schools where specific programmes are run by the Youth Support Team.

These workers can provide mentoring; one- to-one sessions as well as group work in both a social environment and personal if requested or signposted. They run a Romance Academy, Alcohol awareness programme "Mocktail Apprentice Project" - (they have won funding for this) Eliv8, which is rolled out in schools for individuals and 'Think Family' to gain further knowledge of the local areas and their Youth needs.

In the summer a Sports Camp was run from Broadbridge Heath, there are plans to renovate the Skate Park and they presently offer mobile skate ramps. There is a planned residential for youngsters on 30th October and on 28th October a 'Free Your Mind' convention to raise awareness to mental health issues.

Horsham Matters also works closely with other Youth Providers in the area including local churches and HYPER, with projects often run together.

All in all a very positive meeting.

Sadly Clare Ebelewicz has formally resigned from HDC and her Youth involvement, but will be replaced imminently.

8.6 2014/234 Community Services - Older Persons

MB had sent apologies for this meeting.

8.7 2014/235 Highways and Transport

Street Lights

Hills Farm Lane –

1) The new lamp posts are causing light intrusion problems for several residents and also excessive glare along the road and green corridor disturbing bat movements. Hills Farm Conservation Group have contacted SSE and been told that they may have to fit shields to all the lights. When TM complained last month about one particular light a shield was fitted promptly.

2) The lamp post to the south of the large bend was knocked down again on 10th October. Previous recorded dates were 7th February 2005 and 20th August 2013. There may have been one other date unrecorded as the original concrete post may have been replaced earlier than 2013 by a metal post.

Talbot Lane – The lights, which had been out of order since January, were fixed within two weeks of our contacting HDC.

Roads

Talbot Lane – following our request, WSCC agreed to bring forward the re-surfacing to coincide with work being done on Denne Road.

Albion Way – following our meeting on 11th September WSCC have confirmed they are doing a feasibility study regarding improving the traffic flow at the junction with Park Street.

Subways – A site meeting was held with Network Rail and Southern - see circulated draft notes

East Street TRO

9th October, having seen 2 large vehicles in East Street after 11.00, TM asked Councillor David Sheldon to investigate if there are any time limits for traffic to leave the street after the 10.30 a.m. closure.

8.8 2014/236 Communications

No update this meeting.

8.9 2014/237 Park and Countryside

There was no report this evening. Members were reminded that with the resignation of JB, this item would need to be allocated to another Member.

8.10 2014/238 Emergency Plan

TM informed Members of the Community Resilience Presentation at County Hall North - November 6th, 09:30am-1:30pm

ACTION: Clerk to attend the above meeting if possible.

8.11 2014/239 Police

PCSO Laura Anderson had sent a report in advance of the meeting.

Operation Crackdown -

The following update was received via email from Jim Stobard (Road Safety/ASD Co-ordinator):
Since the beginning of the year Crackdown has been working with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership

looking at how we can store the data that is generated by the reports crackdown receives. With over 157000 reports now on crackdown, this data can be used to provide an accurate picture of where anti social driving takes place.

The link below is the new "dashboard" for interrogating the data that crackdown receives. It also shows what crackdown did with the information. This is now public information that you can use - there is no password to enter, so please have a look and see what you think.

<http://dashboard.sussexsrp.org.uk/>

At this time crackdown is up to date with reports and currently processing speed watch reports within 24hrs.

8.12 2014/240 Town Centre

Next Town Centre Walkabout is planned for 23rd October 2014.

8.13 2014/241 HALC/CLC

No further update for this meeting. JM will attend the HALC AGM on 11th November 2014.

9. 2014/242 HTCP

JA reported on the following headline news. A copy of the full report is available from the Clerk.

Horsham Riverside Walk Enhancement Project: - Phase 1

Arrangements are being made for a formal handover of the assets installed on the Riverside Walk to HDC now that Phase 1 is complete.

A repeat order has been placed for 1000 copies of the new Riverside Walk leaflet

Feedback has come from HDC that the improvements made so far to the Riverside Walk could enable it to become part of the 3,2,1 Run England set up together with Horsham Park and Southwater Country Park as a recreational rural running circuit.

Phase 2 - Footpath surface improvements and re-routing of Walk to avoid long stretches of pavements

An initial fund application for £25k to the WSCC Big Society Fund for footpath improvements near the Warnham Road location was due for consideration in September;

Discussions have taken place with the Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve (WLNR) and HDC WLNR Wardens on the idea of re-routing the Walk around the top of WLNR and alongside Rookwood Golf Course to avoid long stretches of walking on the pavements in Pondtail Road.

Park House:

Following the visits to Park House on 22nd and 23rd September by representatives of HTCP, HB, the NCs, HIB and Horsham Society, a follow up meeting has taken place with the representatives who took part in the visits. This meeting was used to discuss various ideas on the future use of Park House.

The organisations that were represented in the visits are being asked to forward ideas on future use as well and to also let the core group know if they would support taking forward the idea of Park House being used for other purposes, whether that is community or commercial use. If support is given, a meeting will be arranged with Natalie Brahma Pearl, HDC Community Services, Helena Croft, Cabinet Member for the Town and members of the core group to discuss possible options for future use. If we go forward, the core group are keen to involve the local community in coming forward with ideas for future use of the building. Although several businesses have expressed an interest in the building through the marketing of the building with Crickmays Estate Agents, HDC is giving time for community groups to come forward with expressions of interest.

Memorandum of Understanding with HDC, WSCC and the CPs in the Horsham District

HDC have been informed that HTCP are willing to sign the final version of this M of U (version 5).

HYPER:

The group membership is well established and the group has been very busy. An up to date report on their activities will follow.

10. 2014/243 Horsham Blueprint (HB) Neighbourhood Forum

The Public Consultation ends today and then has to be agreed by HDC - it is looking positive.

Frances Haigh has received an e-mail from Cllr. Claire Vickers, congratulating Horsham Blueprint on what it has achieved in getting this far. It is likely that Cllr. Vickers has delegated authority to sign off the Forum and its Area, although she may choose to bring it to a full Council Meeting. FH has also met with Helena Croft who confirmed her support for the Forum.

11. 2014/244 Members Questions and Comments

There were no Members questions this evening.

12. 2014/245 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr David Holmes (HDC)

Norfolk House Update – may go to committee on 4th November and is likely to be refused on grounds of overdevelopment and access.

Linden House Update – There appears to be no basis for refusal. Although of odd design, it is not excessively high.

New rules on permitted development allowing offices to be turned into residential development are causing difficulties regarding loss of affordable housing opportunities. HDC is getting a Barrister in to provide training and advice to Officers and Councillors on permitted development regulations.

Linden House decision will not be made until that training and advice has been given. This application may go to Committee in December.

Prewetts Mill – Although this proposal is not in Cllr Holmes ward, he is taking an interest in this application.

ACTION: TM to send Prewetts Mill notes to DH

Planning Personnel - Hilary Copplesstone's replacement is Howard Cheadle (same contact number). Enquiry Officer appointed – Liz Dalrymple-White to help with any enquires when the Case Officer is not available.

HDC Offices - A decision has been made to move out of the current building into County Hall North.

Cllr Nigel Dennis (WSCC)

Trundle Mead/Pondtail Road – Side Road Ahead Signage request. WSCC responded that there is no casualty data in the last 3 years and low speed limit of 30mph. The signage in place showing a speed camera warning indicates that Sussex Police are aware of the area. Therefore any action is low priority and unlikely.

Overgrowth Old Mill Meads – WSCC were instructed to cut back the overgrowth in September.

JA reminded Cllr Dennis that the overgrowth in Ashleigh Road has still not been dealt with.

ACTION: JA to send a photo to TM to report to WSCC

Horsham Station – Improvements to the Forecourt

Road Closure has been processed for this to take place from 17th November. This may cause interruptions along the North Street area.

ACTION: TM to look into the detail of these works - Nigel Bird is the Programme Manager.

Network Rail -

Autumn 14 – Spring 16. Sidings on the North Side round the Gladstone/Nightingale Road area will be brought back into place. Network Rail are planning to carry out as much of this work during the daytime as possible and those involved in this work have been informed of the need for considerate working/noise levels.

ACTION: TM to contact Network Rail with request to for DNC to be included in communications

ND gave contact details Queries regarding the above: 08457 114 141

Contact & Communities

Network Rail

Kings Place,

90 York Way

N1 9AG

www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus Twitter: @tlprogramme

Norfolk Road Residents – discussed traffic issues that may arise with the McCarthy and Stone development. ND wrote to WSCC with the concerns of the residents.

Collyers Meeting – ND is meeting with WSCC to review the issues relating to the Highways when the students leave the college.

13. 2014/246 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____