

# DENNE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL



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***Minutes of the DNC Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7pm  
in The Church Lounge, London Road Methodist Church  
London Road, Horsham.***

## MINUTES

### **1. Meeting open and welcome from the Chairman**

TM opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
Police report – see item 8.11

### **2. Attendance and apologies for absence**

Present T. Mitchell (TM) Chairman, M. Bruton (MB) Vice Chairman, J. Apostolou (JA), I. Botting (IA,)

G. Lozzi (GL) and J. Moon (JM)

**Also in attendance** Cllr D. Sheldon (HDC and WSCC) (left 8.00)

**Apologies for absence were received from** Cllr D Holmes, Cllr F. Haigh, Cllr Dennis, J.Pounds and J.Hartley (Clerk)

### **3 Declaration of Members Interests**

MB declared an interest in agenda item 8.6

JA declared an interest in agenda item 9

TM declared an interest in agenda item 10

### **4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting 19.02.15**

Amendments to the Minutes

Item 4 and 9.6 heading should read Horsham District Older People's Forum

Item 9.6 insert meeting date: 9th March.

Minutes were approved by MB seconded by IB

### **5. Matters arising from the last meeting and action**

**ACTON: Item 8 TM to ascertain progress from JH on setting up a planning spreadsheet.**

### **6. Chairman's Report**

#### Meetings attended

None

02/03/2015 - HDC - Our Future Together Conference - MB attended - see 8.8

#### Future Meetings

30/03/2015 Un-Parished Group Meeting

01/04/2015 Subway Group

#### Recycling

WSSC will now accept additional types of plastic in recycling bins including pots, tubs & trays.

**ACTION: MB to add the WSCC Recycling information to the DNC website**

### **7. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had sent apologies for this meeting.

## **8. Reports from Members**

### **8.1 Finance**

GL reported that he had received from HDC the necessary paper work to enable DNC to open an On-line bank account.

**ACTION: GL to submit the above paperwork to the bank**

He also reported that the Bank Balance was £4176.23

### **8.2 Section 106**

JA reported that HTCP had a meeting with HDC to ascertain how much Section 106 monies had been allocated for the Riverside Walk in all the Neighbourhood Council areas and in North Horsham Parish.

### **8.3 Planning**

Prewett's Mill. - MB informed the meeting that an objection had been made to the Planning Applications.

Ashtonleigh - extension is still to be discussed. JA declared an interest as Chair of the Wimbleshurst Road Residents' Association (WRRRA) and reported the group had submitted an objection.

Outstanding Planning Applications:

MB noted that planning applications had been made to change numbers 16 and 35 West Street from Commercial to residential. There is also an application to set up a dental surgery in Sainsbury's store.

Westrock Compliance:

TM reported that Mike Powell's concern in respect of the new John Lewis complex being too close to the river bank had been checked by the Planning Officer and found to be in accordance with the plans. Mr Powell has been informed.

Linden Homes Compliance:

JA as Chair of WRRRA reported she had contacted HDC Planning Compliance regarding construction traffic from the Linden Homes site using Wimbleshurst Road.

### **8.4 West of Horsham Development**

NEAP: The fence is not in the correct position and will need to be moved. It is still hoped that the play area will be open in time for the Easter holidays.

MB noted a planning application has just been received for part of the Southern Site.

### **8.5 Community Services Youth**

No further report at this meeting.

### **8.6 Horsham District Older People's Forum**

See separate report

### **8.7 Highways and Transport**

**Station Forecourt:** The Taxi Shelter has been installed.

The crossing point over North Street has been completed however the widened pavement has been left as half gravel and half tarmac surface. An email has been sent to WSCC to query whether the pavement will be resurfaced.

**Subways:** All the new lamp posts are now working but there is still a problem with insufficient lighting on the New Street side of the railway line. The old lamp posts have not yet been removed. We are waiting a survey on light levels from WSCC.

**Restructuring:** Maureen Vaughey has resigned from WSCC Highways as her job was relocated from Horsham to Bognor. This means we will lose contact with anyone who has local knowledge. A message of thanks has been sent to Maureen for the help she has given to DNC in expediting problems.

#### **8.8. Communications**

MB reported he was keeping the Council's Website up to date.

#### **8.9. Park/Countryside & Leisure**

An application form had been received from The Horsham in Bloom Committee relating to the floral display planters sponsored by the Council. It was agreed to sponsor a planter to be hung on the railings outside the Railway Station, at a cost of £175.00.

**ACTION JH to respond to HDC**

#### **8.10 Emergency Planning**

No further report at this meeting

#### **8.11 Police**

Police representative unable to attend. PCSO report circulated ahead of the meeting.

MB drew the attention of the meeting to an increase in telephone calls purporting to be from the victim's bank.

**ACTION: Contact the police re the new format of the report, which uses too many acronyms and is not printer friendly.**

**ACTION: Contact Police and establish how telephone scams are reported in crime figures.**

#### **8.12 Town Centre**

Bishopric - A massive clearance, tidy up & replanting has taken place & this has opened up the area, especially on the north side. The open space also creates opportunities for events to take place. An email has been sent to Tom Crowley & Helena Croft commending the work of Evan Giles & his team.

#### **8.13 HALC and CLC Meetings**

Reports of the last HALC and CLC meetings were circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **9. HTCP**

A report from HTCP was circulated prior to the meeting.

Request for Sponsorship:

A request had been received from HTCP to sponsor the 2015 Riverside Walk. Members agreed to donate £180.

Sponsors will receive publicity & there is an opportunity to distribute leaflets to participants.

**ACTION: JH to contact David Searle to find out when payment is required & to request an invoice.**

#### **10. Blueprint Neighbourhood Forum**

The Steering Group Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February agreed to chase a response from Francis Maude and Brandon Lewis but still no answers have been received.

The group also asked HDC for a written response to the Blueprint submission, which should include the reasons for their decision to demand a Business Forum.

The next Steering Group meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Frances Haigh is recommending that we should agree to the Business Forum option.

## **11. Members Questions and Comments**

There were no Questions or Comments made at the meeting.

## **12 Report from District Councillor.**

### **Cllr D Sheldon (taken earlier as he had to leave meeting early)**

Cycle Racks - work would shortly be commencing on the provision of two-tier bicycle racks adjacent to Boots Store in Medwin Walk, adjacent to Esquires café in The Forum and in Piries Place.

Speeding - Tanbridge School had lodged a complaint relating to the speed of traffic in Hills Farm Lane.

### **Action DS will try to arrange police speed checks**

Needles Estate clean-up - this will take place over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March – volunteers welcome.

Bishopric- the flats to be built in the Bishopric as part of the John Lewis/Waitrose complex have been acquired by Horsham District Council to use instead of Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for short-term priority homeless people.

General Election - Horsham Churches Together have arranged a “Meet the Candidates” event in the Kingdom Faith Church in Foundry Lane on Wednesday 22nd April 2015, 7.00-9.00pm.

### **Cllr David Holmes (report circulated to Members ahead of the meeting)**

#### HDPF

The proposed changes, in the main to provide an additional 2000 houses, were approved for consultation on Wednesday. Many Councilor's wanted a decision deferred for 2 or 3 weeks because we had not been provided with important information:

- the results of a review of housing need. The inspector wanted us to use the latest figures in estimating need. We were told it looked like the 750 was appropriate.
- the results of a review in to the number of new jobs we should be aiming to provide. We were told 500 per annum giving 10,000 over the period.
- information on how the proposed housing numbers related to planned employment growth
- there new employment would be provided. We were told that this would be in the employment report.
- the implications on infrastructure of building an additional 2,000 houses during the 20 year period.

The motion to defer was defeated.

#### Proposed location of additional 2000 houses:

200 related to University on Novartis site (8 students per "house")

150 South of Billingshurst

100 more west of Southwater

Through allowing for an increase that we now have in the number completed, approved and agreed.

If required increases in the numbers of houses on the strategic sites, North of Horsham, Southwater and Billingshurst by up to 10%.

When pressed HDC said at present the figures were:

Completed 1600

Permitted or agreed 7300

North of Horsham 2500

West of Southwater 600

South of Billingshurst 150  
Novartis 200  
From neighbourhood plans 1500  
Windfalls 750  
I believe this adds up to 14,700

Linden House:

I do not know what is happening re the revised application for Linden House. Have not had a briefing. Will try and find out.

Norfolk House:

The earlier "owners" application re Norfolk House for Dormers and I believe some flats on ground floor will go to committee on 14th April. Still not clear whether for approval or refusal. It may depend upon over looking. Case officer briefing local members next Thursday.

**Cllr Frances Haigh (Submitted report prior to meeting)**

Barttelot Road – Cllr Haigh informed Members about the problems with parking and Pets at Home deliveries in Barttelot Road in the evenings.

This matter is going round in circles between the police, the HDC parking compliance team and WSCC regarding monitoring the situation and possible additional controls.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm