



Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 25th May 2017

at 7.00 p.m.

**The Church Lounge, London Road Methodist Church,
London Road, Horsham.**

Item	Detail	Lead
1	Meeting opened and welcome from the Clerk	SD
2	<p>Attendance and apologies for absence:</p> <p>Present - HDNC: Trudie Mitchell – Chair, Martin Bruton – Vice-Chair, Ian Botting, Nigel Hillpaul; Sara Doy - Clerk</p> <p>Apologies - HDNC: Jane Apostolou, Judy Pounds, Gianni Lozzi</p>	SD
3	<p>Election of Chairman of HDNC for the Council Year 2017/18</p> <p>Trudie Mitchell: proposed by MB, seconded by NH and approved.</p>	SD
4	<p>Election of Vice - Chairman of HDNC for the Council Year 2017/18</p> <p>Martin Bruton: proposed by NH, seconded by IB and approved.</p>	TM
5	<p>Appointment of HDNC Financial Officer/Treasurer for the Council Year 2017/18</p> <p>Gianni Lozzi: proposed by NH, seconded by IB and approved.</p>	TM
6	<p>Appointment of Members to Fulfil HDNC Roles and Responsibilities</p> <p>The members present agreed to continue with their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>GL, JA and JP had already confirmed their agreement by e-mail.</p>	TM
7	<p>Annual Chairman's Report – 2016/17</p> <p>My thanks go to all members for their contributions throughout the year and to our Clerk Sara Doy who is extremely efficient and a pleasure to work with. Our numbers are still well below our full complement and somehow we need to attract new members. It was unfortunate that Eric Blackburn, who joined last May, resigned after only a few weeks because of unexpected commitments. Meanwhile it is important that members attend as many monthly meetings as possible, so we can maintain a quorum of 4 members</p> <p>It is still very disappointing that we have had little contact with our local HDC Councillors but thanks go to Cllr. Nigel Dennis, WSCC for his constant support and we look forward to</p>	TM

working with Cllr. Morwen Millsom who has been elected for the new Riverside Division. Thanks also to David Sheldon who stood down at the WSCC election after many years supporting Denne in various capacities.

During the year we have had presentations from Horsham District Dementia Action Alliance and Horsham District Cycle Forum

We submitted responses to many consultations and proposals including: HDC Electoral Boundaries, HDC Statement of Community Involvement (Planning procedures), SHELAA update, CIL proposals Payphone removal and the Crown Post Office relocation.

We eventually gained access to the Parish On-Line mapping system by sub-contracting to the WSCC licence.

Main matters 2016-7:

Finance

The Neighbourhood Council grant was increased in the HDC budget in line with the increase in Council Tax.

S106

Progress is being made on a project to upgrade the Remembrance Gardens, including resurfacing the path and renewing the bridges.

Planning

The Planning Committee has been very busy again with numerous applications regarding residential properties and has also responded to several major applications, some of which we have been able to influence. These include the old HDC Council Offices, Swan Walk, Pirie's Place, Prewett's Mill, Pelham and Waverley Court, Freshwater Parade and the Hurst Road Car Park in our area; and additionally in North Horsham, the Liberty application for housing and mixed use and the application to WSCC for a Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility.

Many thanks are due to Martin Bruton for chairing the Planning Committee and submitting comprehensive and professional responses.

Thanks also go to our Tree Warden, Andrew Dickinson who has provided excellent reports for us throughout the year.

West of Horsham

Site visits, together with the Hills Farm Conservation Group, have taken place throughout the year to monitor progress and discuss any problems

Discussions have now reached a satisfactory conclusion regarding the line of the Southern Access route from Hills Farm Lane to the Arun East Bridge; the need for additional traffic calming in Hills Farm Lane and the need to provide suitable access for people and maintenance to the recreation area and Riverside Walk, while preventing unauthorised

access.

Planning applications have been approved for building to begin on the Southern site.

Highways and Transport

Several reports of minor maintenance issues have been dealt with using the Love West Sussex website but it has proved impossible to achieve any more important changes. Both applications for Community Highways Schemes in Granary Road and Richmond Road were declined as was the request for a TRO to prevent lane blocking at the East Street traffic lights.

HDNC also supported the Wimblehurst Road Residents Association in their efforts to get WSCC to instigate traffic calming measures using available S106 funds, but this matter is still unresolved.

There are still problems with the traffic calming scheme installed in Hills Farm Lane as several bollards have been knocked over and not repaired.

After investing much time and effort the North Street and Railway Subway improvements project has ground to a halt because of lack of response from Network Rail.

HDNC is currently pursuing a proposal to improve the situation at the Hospital Car Park as there is frequently grid lock in Hurst Road. This is now a priority project with HDC to reverse the entrance and exit direction.

Town Centre

The Market Working Group has been reinstated and the markets are now being run by Food Rocks.

TM continues to represent the NCs at Horsham Unlimited meetings.

The Christmas Lights scheme and contract was agreed for 2017-2019

The Town Vision consultation for the town centre and Hurst Road Public Services area was initiated in June. So far it has only produced proposals for the Bishopric area which have gone out to public consultation in May.

Park and Urban Green Spaces

Only two meetings regarding the Park took place during the year which is disappointing. The main improvements have been to the North Parade Car Park boundary with the park and the Tennis Courts. Some hedge cutting and clearance has taken place on the Hurst Road side to improve visibility and create a perceptively secure environment.

HDNC is still pursuing the installation of a gym trail and information boards.

Communications

Thanks also to Martin Bruton who continues to maintain our website.

	<p><u>Police</u></p> <p>MB and IB attended Counter Terrorism Training sessions</p> <p><u>Youth Provision</u></p> <p>Judy Pounds has ensured that Denne interests are represented at the meetings with Horsham Matters who provide the youth service in Horsham. The three year contract is in its last year and HDNC want funding to continue from the Special Charge.</p> <p><u>Older People</u></p> <p>TM, MB and JA attended the Dementia Action Alliance Forum in November</p> <p><u>HALC and CLC</u></p> <p>Thanks Ian Botting who has represented Denne at these meetings and kept us informed of matters of interest in other parts of Horsham District.</p> <p>HDNC has now become a member of SALC. TM attended the annual SALC Conference which was very useful for the presentations and networking.</p> <p><u>Horsham Town Community Partnership and Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Forum</u></p> <p>HDNC continues to support the impressive work done by these organisations</p> <p>Thanks again to all members of HDNC for their contributions during the year. Finally I hope that 2017-8 will prove successful for Denne and that our Council continues to challenge and support activities and projects in our Neighbourhood.</p> <p>MB thanked TM, on behalf of the members, for all her hard work.</p>	
8	<p>Approval of the AGM Minutes from the meeting held on 19/5/2016</p> <p>Proposed by MB, seconded by TM.</p>	TM
9	<p>Annual Financial Report – 2016/17</p> <p>A report was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It was decided that, as GL was not present, the audit had not yet been carried out, and there was a query regarding some dates and the format of the report, that approval of the Financial Report would be postponed until prior to the next monthly HDNC meeting.</p>	TM

Meeting closed 7.30 pm

Signed: