



DENNE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the DNC Meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at 7pm
in The Church Lounge, London Road Methodist Church
London Road, Horsham.**

MINUTES

1. 2014/173 Meeting Open and Welcome from the Chairman

TM opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Report from PCSO Hattie Evans

Free Runners/Jumpers:

Discussions took place regarding the recent Street/Freestyle Jumpers being seen on the roof of Park House in Horsham. DNC Members asked if there is a Byelaw that can be used to prevent this dangerous sport. It was noted those who participate in this sport are very nice and reasonable people.

Public Dispersal Order:

This order for ceasing alcohol under anti-social behaviour in public places is working very well. The Order covers a wide spread area of Horsham Town.

Speeding in Hills Farm Lane:

IB raised the issue regarding the speeding in Hills Farm Lane. Some young drivers who are entering Hills Farm Lane from Guildford Road in the early/mid-evening – between 6pm and 8pm; particularly at weekends - are travelling at great speed. Hattie informed Members that she would raise this matter with the Traffic Police and request they are present in the area to monitor the situation.

DNC Members thanked Hattie for attending this evening and her report.

2. 2014/174 Attendance and apologies

Present: DNC Chairman Trudie Mitchell (TM), Martin Bruton – Vice Chairman (MB), Jane Apostolou (JA), Ian Botting (IB) and Gianni Lozzi (GL).

Also Present: J. Hartley - Clerk (JH), Cllr David Sheldon (WSCC/HDC) - arrived at 19.27 and Cllr D Holmes (HDC) – arrived at 19.45.

Apologies for absence were received from: John Moon, Judy Pounds, HDC Cllr Frances Haigh, WSCC Cllr Nigel Dennis

Absent: Jo Bull and Cllr L Deakins

3. 2014/175 Declaration of Members' Interest

JA declared in interest in item 9 – HTCP as Chairman of HTCP.

TM declared an interest in item 10 - Horsham Blueprint/Neighbourhood Planning.

4. 2014/176 Approval of Minutes from last meeting (19.06.14)

Minutes approved. Proposed by JA seconded by IB.

5. 2014/177 Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding action points.

There were no further updates from the minutes.

UPDATES:

6. 2014/178 Chairman's Report

Meetings attended

22/06/2014 HDC Civic Service, St Mary's

15/07/2014 Quarterly NC Meeting with Natalie Brahma-Pearl and Helena Croft – TM gave Members the following 'headline news' from this meeting:

Plans for HDC Offices
Christmas Lights
Bishopric Enhancement
Horsham Park Signage
Town Walkabouts

Full report has been circulated to Members.

16/07/2014 Subway Meeting – Minutes taken by HDC to be circulated when available.

Future meetings

22/07/2014 – A24

22/07/2014 – Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre users with HDC (DNC involved because new running track will be in our area and centre is nearest available for DNC residents).

Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF)

Disappointed at lack of response from DNC Member, however a response was submitted based on our previous objections submitted in October 2013. Response has been circulated to members.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Response sent into consultation objecting to reduced rate for development North of Horsham (£50 per m² instead of £125 for all other developments).

Cllr Sheldon explained the rationale for this decision.

Subways

At TM's request JA gave an update to Members on the Subways and the current land ownership and funding issues.

LSTF: TM added that the North Street subway is not part of the LSTF cycle route, meaning the funding will not cover this area. With this in mind, it would be key to make sure the barriers are of the same style.

7. 2014/179 Clerk's Report

DNC Notice Boards

The Clerk informed Members that she has received a response from HDC and the notice boards should be done next week, however priority works will be done ahead.

I.D Cards

HDC Officer Andy Flack has sent the Clerk a draft version this afternoon.

ACTION: Clerk to review the draft card, and circulate to TM and MB for comments. Once completed, the Clerk will confirm the preferred version to HDC for production. This will include ID for the DNC Tree Warden.

8. Reports From Members:

8.1 2014/180 Finance

GL reported the balance of the accounts at 30.6.14 is: £7653.47 – payments still to clear the account: WSCC invoice (Salary for the Clerk) £280, Riverside Walk Bench £130.00 and £122 Hall Hire for the DNC meetings.

See item 4 for update regarding On-line banking.

8.1 – On line Banking – GL reported he has established we can do so on the condition we are registered with HMRC to show we do not pay tax – i.e.non-profit company.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain the WSCC HMRC Payroll Reference No and pass to GL for assistance with the setting up with the on line banking.

8.2 2014/181 Section 106 Agreements

TM reported that DNC are still awaiting a revised report showing total Community Facilities and Open Spaces S106 funds available in Denne.

8.3 2014/182 Planning

MB reported on the inaccurate weekly planning lists received from HDC. Manny Singh had responded by informing MB that they had staffing issues.

New application received for 115 houses on the West of Horsham Development (Phase 2b)
MB has circulated to DNC Planning Committee the current outstanding applications to comment on.

TM informed Members she would make contact with Dominic Smith WSCC Traffic Engineer to discuss DNC's concerns in relation the Linden House application.

ACTION: TM to contact Dominic Smith – WSCCC re: above point see item 8.3

ACTION: Clerk to chase Andrew Dickinson to contact IB re: Horse Chestnut Trees along Hills Farm Lane.

TM reported on the following:

Linden House

DNC remains concerned that the permitted new access will lead to additional congestion and a higher risk of accidents.

Action: TM to write to Dominic Smith, WSCC Traffic Engineer to request a meeting to discuss problems and solutions.

iWS Group submitted a revised Permitted Development Application for change of use from Office to Residential for Linden House, on Friday 20 June 2014 The application documents were as the previous application with the exception of non-service vehicles using the newly permitted Albion Way access.

Hurst Road Retirement Home DC/14/0359

This application was heard at Committee on 1st July, IB spoke on behalf of DNC to object. Pleased to report the application was refused.

8.4 2014/183 West of Horsham Development.

Dan Merriman who was our main contact left Berkeley's today, at the moment he has not been replaced and we have been advised to contact Andrew McPhillips if necessary.

NEAP: TM to check to see if this has opened recently.

Application DC/14/1457 for 115 houses in Phase 2b was received 14th July. This is the area north of the new A24 access road.

8.5 2014/184 Community Services – Youth

No report this evening

8.6 2014/185 Community Services - Older Persons

MB reported he is now the Chairman for this group and plans to ensure the views of the Group are heard by HDC. Cllr Sheldon suggested that the group should request for a HDC Cllr (Cllr Rep) to be appointed to the group so they can report back to HDC – this can be done via Sue Rogers (Cabinet Member) and copy Lesley Morgan (Member Services).

ACTION: MB to make contact with HDC (see above) to request a Cllr Representative attend the Older Persons Council meetings.

8.7 2014/186 Highways and Transport

Station Roundabout: Vegetation is obscuring visibility at the roundabout. A meeting is to be arranged with Highways to inspect.

8.8 2014/187 Communications

Newsletter: JB has started on the next DNC. TM will contact JB for an update and try to move this forward. MB offered to assist where needed.

Website: MB reported the DNC website is up to date. Please send any suitable information to MB for the website.

8.9 2014/188 Park and Countryside

A meeting was held recently with Evan Giles (HDC) and attended by Jo Bull and TM. JB to circulate the notes from this meeting to the Clerk.

NB: Further to the meeting TM confirmed the following points were discussed:

Update needed on W.o.H NEAP

Blackbridge Lane/Tanbridge Park culvert needs clearing

Park Rangers to tackle overgrowing brambles along subway route from Horsham Park to Winterton Court

Updated EG on discussion about Park signage with Natalie Brahma-Pearl & Helena Croft at NCS Quarterly meeting

EG asked for comments on draft survey regarding use of & opinions on Horsham Park.

ACTION: JB to email the notes of the Park meeting to the Clerk for circulation to DNC Members.

8.10 2014/189 Emergency Plan

There was no further update for this meeting.

8.11 2014/190 Police

See report at the start of the meeting from PCSO Hattie Evans

8.12 2014/191 Town Centre

No report this evening.

8.13 2014/192 HALC/CLC

HALC minutes have been circulated. JM was unable to attend the recent CLC meeting.

9. 2014/193 HTCP

JA's report had been circulated prior to the meeting, 'headline news' included

Horsham Riverside Walk Enhancement Project:

New information leaflet available in time for Celebration Walk on 26th July

Work has started for Phase 2 funding from WSCC Big Society Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund

Sparks in the Park:

HTCP held a stand at the event on Sunday, 13th July 2014 to showcase their progress. The HYPER group also had a stand with fun games to help with fund raising. The group also took part in helping with consultation for Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Forum at this event.

DNC Bench – Riverside Walk

Following discussions regarding previous vandalism to previous bench plaques, it was decided that the DNC bench would be placed along the footpath. Should it be vandalised, DNC will replace the plaque.

10. 2014/194 Horsham Blueprint (HB) Neighbourhood Forum

The applications for designation of the Forum and the Neighbourhood area have been submitted to HDC and it was agreed that the format meets requirements; however HDC will not accept the Constitution without some amendments requested by their legal department.

Frances Haigh will be meeting Tom Crowley and Paul Cummins, the new head of legal and democratic services - HDC, on Tuesday 22nd July to discuss lack of progress.

Thanks to an offer from HTCP, HB took part in Sparks in the Park, sharing the Hyper stand which enabled contact with young people to get their views on what is needed in Horsham.

11. 2014/195 Members Questions and Comments

There were no questions from DNC Members.

JA commented that she felt the West Street planting is not particularly inspiring. Members discussed the possibility of inviting Helena Croft to a future DNC meeting

Cllr David Sheldon (HDC/WSCC)

LSTF Cycle Route – Subways will not be used to cycle through. Discussions are ongoing regarding the cycle route through the Carfax. No firm route going south. Ongoing.

As part of the cycling route plans, discussions are taking place regarding the disabled parking places in the Carfax. Consideration is being given to using the loading bay area in the Carfax.

Car Club Cars – These are now in use. One is positioned at the Station and one along Brighton Road.

Dedicated parking bays are to be considered for these vehicles.

The club would like to provide a third car in the Denne area. The Club would like to use the bay at the Unitarian Church, Worthing Road, however this is thought to be inappropriate.

Cllr Sheldon will encourage the location to be Bishopric area.

Needles – the Family Neighbourhood area works are progressing. There is a meeting scheduled for August. Cllr Sheldon will ask the lead from Think Family Group to make contact with DNC with further information.

West Street Enhancement – Discussions still taking place regarding wi-fi/3G or 4G coverage.

Cllr David Holmes (HDC) – Report sent to Members in advance of the meeting.

92 Hurst Road. Usually planning officers will not cite insufficient parking as a reason for refusal if WSCC have said parking is ok. However committee have got this referred to in reasons for refusal. This is a break through although this time not just a case of having a differing view to WSCC, this time there are substantive reasons. - Applicant is offering 0.312 spaces per flat. Although WSCC said ok WSCC model would want 0.5. (McCarthy and Stone in Brighton Road originally proposed 0.417 but after discussions that queried their justification they removed 3 flats and added 8 spaces making 0.622 spaces per flat.)

I am trying to ensure HDC robustly defend decision to refuse.

Other reasons for refusal were bulk, massing and appearance; and effect upon protected trees and loss of sight of the large tree from road.

Norfolk House. Planning dept have admitted that matters relating to this site have not been handled properly in past. Current situation is that current application by building owner is considered to be invalid. Application will either be withdrawn, which now seems unlikely, or it seems it will be refused without need to go to committee although local members are seeking to be briefed on reasons for refusal. However there now is also an application for the same site by McCarthy and Stone. Local members are seeking any early meeting with case officer. Key issues with both applications are problems with access from Norfolk Road and the amount of parking as per 92 Hurst Road.

Way finding. Despite consultation on preferences for colour of signs which seemed to have indicated a preference for the reddish brown of "Time well Spent" literature. The Cabinet officer seems keen to have black signs with white writing. This is said to be based upon disability advice.

DNC Members informed Cllr Holmes their preference was for blue and white.

Two good reports related to provision of affordable housing are going to Cabinet on 24th July. One summarises things done and the other proposes future policy. It looks as if there is a real determination to meet the need across all types of housing, market, rented and shared ownership and to both meet annual demand and to clear the backlog of around 500 households. This may require 170 social rented homes per annum rather than 120 previously discussed. Some use of the New Homes Bonus might be required. This

seems ok providing that it is part of a properly considered financial plan for the use of all of the New Homes Bonus.

Sports and Leisure Advisory Group – DH informed Members he had attended a presentation by the consultant responsible for managing the development of the BBH Quadrant and was optimistic for the plans.

Bath Store – Cllr Holmes asked if Cllr Sheldon will request the deliveries to the Bath Store be made to the rear of the building now that access arrangements are in place.

Thanks extended to Cllr Holmes and Cllr Sheldon for their reports and attending

13. 2014/197 Date of Next Meeting

Members discussed attendance and business for the August meeting, bearing in mind it is peak holiday season. It was decided that the Clerk would email Members for their availability for 21st August to decide if the meeting will go ahead or be cancelled.

NB: Further to the meeting it was agreed there would be no DNC meeting in August. The next DNC meeting will be on Thursday 18 September at 7pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.44pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____