

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014  
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

**Present:** Councillors M. Brakes, Mrs R. Ginn, Mr N. Grant\*, Mr R. Knight, Mr M. Loates, Mr T. Rickett, Mr D. Searle, Mr M. Senior\*, Mr R. Turner (Chairman), Mrs B. Walters\*, Mr I. Wassell\*, Mrs S. Wilton (Vice Chairwoman)

**In attendance:** Stephen Rennie – Committee Clerk  
Councillors P. Burgess and K. Burgess  
Joshua Powling – West Sussex County Times  
22 members of the public

\* denotes absence

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**PART 1 – OPEN SESSION**

**PET033/14 PUBLIC FORUM**

A number of members of the public commented on the Gatwick Airport Airspace consultation, in particular that residents were regularly getting woken up from 6am by aircraft noise; planes are passing over effected areas at less than 2 minute intervals at certain times; and all urged the Parish Council to reject all three options on the consultation.

**John Byng of Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC)** commented on the current trials taking place and that they are having a detrimental impact on places such as Slinfold, Rusper, Warnham as well as areas of North Horsham, many of which have not previously experienced any aircraft noise. The consultation documentation is also not fit for purpose and is very poor quality with meaningless statistics. Mr Byng concluded by saying that the existing Noise Preferential Route (NPR) is well established and adequate for Gatwick, and despite claims to the contrary, these proposed changes won't be of benefit to the UK economy.

**Councillor P. Burgess** commented that whilst NATS were behind any previous consultations, this particular one was down to Gatwick Airport as it concerned aircraft up to 4,000 feet which was solely their responsibility. Councillor Burgess also made the point that the improvements in navigation accuracy will inevitably cause a more intense disturbance in a localised area, and that during some noise trials carried out in North Horsham the levels were around 54dB's. Councillor Burgess also commented that he had raised this issue with HDC who will also be responding to the consultation.

**Sally Pavey of Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE), GACC and a Warnham Resident** commented that the proposed new routes, signified by lines on a map, do not represent the surrounding noise disturbance to communities previously

unaffected, and that the sudden concentration due to the improved PR-NAV navigation systems has been noticeable. Mrs Pavey further commented on the poor quality of the documentation and the lack of publicity it has received, and that Warnham, Rusper and Slinfold Parish Council's have joined forces to make their feelings known over the poor consultation.

**PET034/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Wassell.

**PET035/14 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**PET036/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements

**PET037/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PET038/14 TO DISCUSS GATWICK AIRPORT AIRSPACE CONSULTATION**

Councillor Rickett commented that residents had suffered enough disturbance and discomfort during the flight path trials, and that he was of the opinion that the Parish Council should reject all three options offered in the consultation, and the flight paths should revert back to the original routes. Councillor Searle agreed with Councillor Rickett and all three options should be rejected. Councillor Knight commented that he lives on Pondtail Road and he wouldn't have even noticed any increase in aircraft noise if it hadn't been in the local press, and reminded everyone that Gatwick Airport brings prosperity to the area.

Councillor Turner agreed with the comments over the quality of the consultation, and after further discussion, Members agreed that the Parish Council would reject all three new flight path options offered in the consultation.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the Parish Council would respond to the consultation online in order to reject all three options of new flight paths offered, and recommend that the original flight paths are reverted to. The Parish Council will also make comment on the poor quality of the consultation that is almost incomprehensible for the average person with limited technical knowledge, and that the majority of residents are unaware that it is even taking place.**

**PET039/14 TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT LAMBS FARM ROAD JUNCTION WITH GREENFIELDS ROAD**

Members noted that there was no progress to report.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note this section of the report.**

**PET040/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members noted receipt of the Planning Applications, as set out in the accompanying schedule, received under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, from Horsham District Council since 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the Committee's comments on each application be forwarded on to Horsham District Council**

**PET041/14 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted receipt of the schedule of planning decisions made by the Planning Authority

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note the schedule of planning decisions**

**PET042/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

.....Chairman

..... Date

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DC/14/1382**

23, Byron Close  
Fell 5 Ash trees (G1)  
Applicant: Mr Coomber

**HOLBROOK EAST**

**COMMENT**

**The Parish Council object to this application as the Ash trees appear to be healthy, and considering the large number of Ash trees that have fallen to disease in recent times, see no good reason to remove these.**

**OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1380**

62, Pondtail Road  
2 Storey side and front extension and first floor rear extension to an existing semi-detached house and associated internal works  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Mark Nash

**HOLBROOK WEST**

**COMMENT**

**NO OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1386**

16, Pondtail Close  
Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed erection of rear single storey extension  
Applicant: Mr M Mann

**HOLBROOK WEST**

**COMMENT**

**NO OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1451**

113, Farhalls Crescent  
Single storey side extension  
Applicant: Mrs E Matthews

**ROFFEY NORTH**

**COMMENT**

**The Parish Council has no objection to this application, but would prefer a pitched rather than flat roof.**

**NO OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1465**

**HOLBROOK WEST**

Fisher Clinical Services Uk Ltd, Langhurst Wood Road  
Retention of a single-storey tea room portacabin (Reference DC/09/0407)  
Applicant: Fisher Clinical Services Ltd

**COMMENT**

**The Parish Council continues to have no objection to this application, but remain concerned that the temporary nature should be resolved and a permanent solution found.**

**NO OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1469**

**HOLBROOK WEST**

Fisher Clinical Services Uk Ltd, Langhurst Wood Road  
Variation of condition 1 of DC/10/1890 to allow continued use (two years) of a temporary portacabin  
Applicant: Fisher Clinical Services Uk Ltd

**COMMENT**

**The Parish Council continues to have no objection to this application, but are concerned that the temporary nature should be resolved and a permanent solution found.**

**NO OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1516**

**ROFFEY NORTH**

2, Shepherds Way  
Proposed single storey extension together with erection of new fencing  
Applicant: Mr Tom Wells

**COMMENT**

**The Parish Council object to this application as it considers that it will damage the open plan nature of the area, and also raised concerns that the line of sight for vehicles at this junction will be affected.**

**OBJECTION**

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**DC/14/1523**

**ROFFEY SOUTH**

8 Millais Court, Manor Fields  
Surgery to 1 x Oak Tree (Land West of 8 Millais Court) Tree Preservation Order  
Applicant: Mr Mark Pullen

**COMMENT**

**NO OBJECTION**

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