

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

CLERK'S REPORT TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGENDA

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are advised to consider the agenda for the meeting and determine in advance if they may have a Personal, Prejudicial or a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any of the agenda items. If a Member decides they do have a declarable interest, they are reminded that the interest and the nature of the interest must be declared at the commencement of the consideration of the agenda item; or when the interest becomes apparent to them. Details of the interest will be included in the Minutes.

Where a Member has a Prejudicial Interest (which is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest), Members are reminded that they must now withdraw from the meeting chamber after making representations or asking questions.

If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Members are reminded that they must take no part in the discussions of the item at all; or participate in any voting; and must withdraw from the meeting chamber; unless they have received a dispensation.

5. Chairman's Announcements

Horsham District Council's (HDC) Planning Obligations Panel (POP) agreed £30,000 from Section 106 monies associated with Planning application DC/14/1624 (in North Horsham Parish) to install floodlighting at the tennis courts on Horsham Park. The improved courts in Horsham Park were to replace the facilities lost by the development on the Novartis Sports Club site in Parsonage Road. The Parish Council was informed that comments submitted by the Clerk on behalf of Councillor were taken into consideration during the decision making process.

6. Tree Warden Scheme

Horsham District Council (HDC) has provided a list of trees in North Horsham Parish which have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and has offered support to Tree Wardens appointed by the parish as appropriate within their resources. The vast majority of HDC trees are mapped and receive regular programmed inspections. The remaining trees are owned either by NHPC, WSCC or privately. It would be prudent to try to establish with WSCC if they have a list of their trees, if so, the Tree Warden should concentrate on trees on Parish Council land and those raised through the planning application process.

Mr L Whiting has volunteered to be a Tree Warden. His role will be to report back to the Council on trees in the Parish as required within the time that he has available. His responsibility will be to work with the Parish Council and other Tree Wardens to better understand the trees within the Parish. He may be called upon to look at trees for specific planning applications.

Anything other than a visual inspection of a tree will need authorisation by the Council. The Parish Council's insurance company will be notified of the voluntary role

for public liability insurance purposes.

7. **Planning Appeals**

There are no planning appeals.

8. **Planning Applications**

(a) DC/16/1677 Land north of Horsham.

The notes from a joint working party meeting held on 14th December 2016 are available on the Parish Council website www.northhorsham-pc.gov.uk. The meeting was attended by a representative from West Sussex County Council Highways. A further meeting takes place on 11th January 2017 and will include the Horsham District Council case officer.

Transport consultants have been approached and as agreed at the Planning Meeting on 29th September 2016 *“the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the PET Committee, the Council Chairman and the Chairman of Finance will agree specific questions and concise areas of investigation that will assist the Parish Council with their response to the planning application. Their role extends to engaging a consultant to conduct a critique of traffic proposals and alternative solutions when it is considered appropriate.”*

Initial contact has been made with the officer at HDC whose role is to seek to secure appropriate leisure and community infrastructure through the planning process to serve the new development. It has been suggested that the Parish Council takes a lead on this and seeks to meet with HDC.

A letter received December 2016 clarifying the work that the Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group is undertaking with the GP practices in Horsham to plan and secure additional capacity in primary care for the residents of Horsham has been circulated to all Councillors. It has been suggested that there is scope for NHPC to start to lead on this issue.

(b) List of applications

The list of applications attached includes WSCC/062/16/NH – Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure at the former Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, West Sussex. Cllr D Searle, who was part of a delegated working party nominated to review the application, has submitted a report for consideration.

An approach has been made by Warnham Parish Council to work collaboratively on gathering information on the application with Ruser Parish Council by sharing information. Attempts to secure an initial date for a joint meeting have been made.

9. **Planning Decisions**

List attached.