

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30pm  
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL, CRAWLEY ROAD, HORSHAM**

**Present:** Councillors N. Butler, Mrs R. Ginn\*, Mrs F. Haigh, R. Knight, M. Loates, R. Millington, Miss H. Ralston\*, T. Rickett, D. Searle, R Turner, I. Wassell, and Mrs S. Wilton\*

\* denotes absence

**In attendance:** Ross McCartney, Trainee Parish Clerk and Parish Clerk, Pauline Whitehead BA(Hons) FILCM

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**PET/225/17 Public Forum**

The meeting was attended by four members of the public, County Councillor Peter Catchpole and District Councillor P Burgess (who left after the public forum). Two members of the public spoke against planning application WSCC/062/16/NH for Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure at the former Wealdon Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road.

District Councillor P Burgess updated the Parish Council on the efforts of Horsham District Council (HDC) to engage with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Parish Councils to work in partnership to consider issues associated with planning application DC/16/2855 – Residential development of playing fields providing for 58 new dwellings including a new access from Jackdaw Lane at the Holbrook Club, North Heath Lane.

**PET/226/17 Apologies for absence**

The Committee received apologies and reasons for absence from Councillor H Ralston. Councillor R Ginn did not attend and did not give apologies.

**PET/227/17 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest given at this point in the meeting, but Cllr I Wassell and Cllr R Millington declared a personal interest in DC/16/2855 – Residential development of playing fields providing for 58 new dwellings including a new access from Jackdaw Lane at the Holbrook Club, North Heath Lane during the item. Whilst both could have cast their vote, both decided not to take part in this part of the decision making process.

*With the agreement of the Council, the Chairman brought forward new application WSCC/062/16/NH for Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure at the former Wealdon Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road*

**PET/228/17 New applications**

**WSCC/062/16/NH for Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure at the former Wealdon Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road**

The Committee considered a report circulated with the agenda originated by Cllr D Searle who was part of a delegated working party nominated to consider a response to this application. The Committee was grateful to residents for raising their comments to the application and received hard copies of their representations. There was concern raised regarding several issues including:-

- Lack of accurate information regarding the visual impact of the facility on the landscape. The proposed chimney was extremely tall and out of character with the surrounding countryside, as was the site building.
- The strong potential for the air quality around the site and over a wider area to be significantly reduced due to emissions from vehicles accessing and leaving the site. This would be exacerbated as more residential development takes place because more vehicles are likely to be travelling on Langhurstwood Road and pollutants would affect more people. Air turbulence from aircraft could drive emissions from the chimney back down to the ground increasing the overall level of chemical pollutants. The long term medical effect of this issue is unknown.
- The reasons why HDC had allocated land for residential development North of Horsham in the Local Plan in 2014, when this site had been allocated for waste in 2007 by WSCC.
- Lack of vision – could the design of the waste facility be more sympathetic to the surrounding countryside and could it be used to generate power for the development north of Horsham. The Parish Council would have liked to have seen the various stakeholders work together to try to resolve some of the significant issues especially around design.

**Following a vote the Committee unanimously RESOLVED to object to the application and agreed to submit the letter of objection incorporating the above comments. It was also RESOLVED to request from WSCC additional time in which to submit a response. When the letter had been drafted it would be circulated to members of the Planning Committee for consideration prior to submission, a copy appended to the minutes of the meeting and a copy published on the Parish Council website.**

**PET/229/17 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**PET/230/17 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed the Committee that HDC's Planning

Obligations Panel (POP) had 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.

#### **PET/231/17 Tree Warden Scheme**

The Committee were informed that HDC had provided a list of trees in North Horsham Parish which have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and had 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.

**The Committee RESOLVED to contact WSCC to ascertain if they had a list of trees in North Horsham Parish for which they are responsible. At this point the Committee supported the Tree Warden's role covering trees under the ownership of North Horsham Parish Council and those which came before the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee for comment through the planning process. If WSCC did not have a list of trees the role could encompass those trees too.**

**The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Mr L Whiting as a Tree Warden for North Horsham Parish Council. The role will be to report back to the Council on trees in the Parish as specified above within the time that Mr Whiting has available and to work with the other Tree Wardens and the Parish Council to better understand the trees within the Parish. It was understood that anything other than a visual inspection of the tree would need authorisation by the Council. The Parish Council's insurance company would be notified of the voluntary role for public liability insurance purposes.**

#### **PET/232/17 Planning appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

#### **PET/233/17 Planning applications**

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

The notes from a joint working party meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were available on the Parish Council website [www.northhorsham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northhorsham-pc.gov.uk). The meeting was attended by a representative from West Sussex County Council Highways. A further meeting had taken place on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 which included the Horsham District Council case officer. It was noted that an amended application was due by the end of the month.

An initial approach had been made to transport consultants. As agreed at the Planning Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 had 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 had 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 had been circulated to all Councillors. It had been suggested that there is scope for NHPC to start to lead on this issue.

**b) List of applications.**

*Two declarations of interest in application DC/16/2855*

Members noted receipt of the schedule of Planning Applications received under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from HDC since 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and considered each application in turn.

**It was RESOLVED that the committee’s comments on each planning application be forwarded to HDC (appended as part of the minutes).**

**PET/234/17 Planning decisions**

An ongoing schedule of planning decisions made by HDC had been circulated to members of the Committee.

**It was RESOLVED to note the schedule of planning decisions.**

**PET/235/17 Date of next Meeting**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm – scheduled.**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

.....Chairman

.....Dated

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION  
12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Final list.

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| <b>DC/16/2578</b>   | <b>HOLBROOK WEST</b> |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> 28 Park Farm Close<br/> <b>Proposal:</b> Changes to an existing conservatory replacing glass roof with conventional tiled sloped roof and replacement of some window sections with bricking<br/> <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Don Moyse</p> |                      |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b><br/> No objection.</p>   |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>   |                      |

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| <b>DC/16/2775</b>  | <b>HOLBROOK EAST</b> |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> 9 Lanyon Close<br/> <b>Proposal:</b> Loft conversion with dormer<br/> <b>Applicant:</b> Miss P Pappini</p> |                      |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b><br/> No objection.</p>  |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>  |                      |

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| <b>DC/16/2780</b>  | <b>ROFFEY SOUTH</b>   |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> 158 Comptons Lane<br/> <b>Proposal:</b> Amendment to previously approved planning application DC/15/2508 (for erection of single storey rear extension and enlargement of existing garage to facilitate erection of part single storey and part two storey side extension)<br/> <b>Applicant:</b> Mr and Mrs A Moore</p> | <p><b>Previous comment on application DC/15/2508:</b><br/> No Objection</p> |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b><br/> No objection.</p>  |   |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>  |   |

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| <b>DC/16/2819</b>   | <b>HOLBROOK EAST</b> |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> 6 Petworth Drive<br/> <b>Proposal:</b> First floor side extension over existing garage, and single storey rear extension.<br/> <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Joshua Ansell</p> |                      |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b><br/> No objection.</p>   |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>   |                      |

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| <b>DC/16/2855</b>   | <b>HOLBROOK EAST</b> |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> The Holbrook Club North Heath Lane</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Residential development of playing fields providing for 58 new dwellings including a new access from Jackdaw Lane.</p>   |                      |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b></p> <p>Objection- The Committee objected for the following reasons:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overdevelopment of the site;</li> <li>• Loss of a sports facility in North Horsham, it was disappointing that there is no comment from Sport England;</li> <li>• Traffic – the traffic survey undertaken on Jackdaw Lane did not appear to be representative of real issues that are faced on that stretch of road. Jackdaw Lane through to Rusper Road is a bus route and there are already significant issues with traffic being restricted from travelling along the relatively narrow Jackdaw Lane due to parked cars which overspill from Littlehaven Railway Station. Parking opportunities on the proposed development appear to be minimal and there is concern that cars from the development will add to the cars that already park along Jackdaw Lane and the other roads that lead out onto Rusper Road.</li> <li>• Pedestrian safety – there appears to be no footpaths on the development forcing pedestrians to have to walk along the roads;</li> <li>• The cumulative effect of development in and around Horsham raises concern regarding the capacity for services such as Health and Education.</li> </ul> |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>   |                      |

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| <b>DC/16/2879</b>  | <b>HOLBROOK WEST</b> |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> Langhurst Cottage Langhurst Wood Road</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed replacement garage with storage above</p> <p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Arron Ratcliffe</p> |                      |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>  |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>  |                      |

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| <b>DC/16/2921</b>  | <b>HOLBROOK WEST</b>  |
| <p><b>Site Address:</b> Littlehaven Cottage, Rusper Road</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> First floor extension together with internal and external elevation alterations and retrospective application for gate post associated with DC/15/1594.</p> <p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs Barry</p> | <p><b>Previous Comment on application DC/15/1594:</b></p> <p>No objection</p> |
| <p><b>Parish Council Comment</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>  |   |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>  |   |

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| <b>DC/17/0031</b>  | <b>HOLBROOK EAST</b> |
| <b>Site Address:</b> 21 Byron Close<br><b>Proposal:</b> Fell x 1 Oak and Surgery x 7 Trees of Several Species<br><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Peter Matterface |                      |
| <b>Parish Council Comment</b><br>No objection subject to comments from the HDC tree officer.   |                      |
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| <b>DC/17/0057</b>   | <b>ROFFEY NORTH</b> |
| <b>Site Address:</b> 27 Earles Meadow<br><b>Proposal:</b> Surgery to 1 x Oak<br><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Terence Robson |                     |
| <b>Parish Council Comment</b><br>No objection subject to comments from the HDC tree officer.                        |                     |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>   |                     |

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| <b>WSCC/062/16/NH</b>  | <b>HOLBROOK WEST</b> |
| <b>Site Address:</b> Former Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road<br><b>Proposal:</b> Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure<br><b>Applicant:</b> Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd |                      |
| <b>Parish Council Comment</b><br>Objection – A letter of objection is appended to the minutes.   |                      |
| <b>HDC Decision</b>  |                      |