

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30pm
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

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

3. Public Forum

The Public Forum will last for a period of up to 15 minutes during which members of the public may put questions to the Council or draw attention to relevant matters relating to the business on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. Business of the meeting will start immediately following the public forum or at 7.45pm whichever is the earlier

5. Declaration of Interests

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.

7. Chairman's Announcements

The business community have made representation to the local press as they are concerned that their businesses are suffering due to car park charges being introduced to the Godwin Way car park.

10. Tree Warden update and Tree Charter status

Notes from a meeting between the tree wardens, Parish Council and West Sussex County Council held on 15th March 2017 are attached.

NALC has partnered with more than 60 organisations, including the Woodland Trust to help launch a new Charter for Trees, Woods and People on November 8th 2017. The new Tree Charter will set out how local communities and trees can best benefit one another and it will serve as a resource which local councils can use in support of efforts to look after trees in their area.

To get involved with the Tree Charter, the council could become a Charter Branch which is free of charge, Level of involvement is down to the Council and it may range from signing up to receive copies of the Charter's newspaper 'Leaf!', helping gather signatures of support, to more imaginative projects and activities around trees for

which there is funding of up to £1,500 available.

Being involved with the Tree Charter enables the Council to seek advice regarding trees and to help develop the Tree Charter into the future.

A copy of Tree Charter Frequently Asked Questions and an article that appeared in Local Council Review are attached.

The Tree Wardens have not expressed a view. WSCC recognise that this is an opportunity for funding and for gaining additional support especially with funding cuts for local authorities.

11. Consultations

SHELAA: Employment Report 2017 attached. Horsham District Council has invited the Parish Council to comment on any factual points or to give any further information relating to the Employment sites in North Horsham. Sites are 0.25 hectares (or capable of providing 500 square metres of employment floor space) and above.

12. Planning Appeals

There are no planning appeals