

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 7.30pm  
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

**CLERK'S REPORT TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGENDA  
Numbers relate to those on the agenda.**

**1. 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.

**3. 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.

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

- At the last Planning, Environment and Transport Committee Meeting, there was comment about incidents of anti-social behaviour and begging on trains. Southern Railway has a page on their website about reporting vandalism, fare evasion and anti-social behaviour. <https://www.southernrailway.com/help-and-support/journey-problems/eyewitness>  
Govia Thameslink has a similar page on their website. <https://www.thameslinkrailway.com/help-and-support/journey-problems/eyewitness>

Both trains have a regular service announcement explaining how to report incidents and posters displaying the telephone numbers to contact. The guidance given by British Transport Police is to report any issues or incidents on the train or at a railway station as soon as possible on 0800 405040 or text 61016. If someone is in danger then call 999 immediately. Those numbers can also be used to seek crime prevention advice or to make the Police aware of issues affecting your local station or your journey on the rail network.

The train companies and British Transport Police rely on people reporting incidents in order to tackle issues and enable officers to target the areas where there is the most

need. The most effective action is to report any incident as soon as possible so that whoever witnesses it can give as much information to the train company or Police as possible. The more people report incidents and give descriptions, times, trains etc., the more likely the Police are to catch the perpetrators.

A post has been made on the Parish Council website in support of reporting anti-social behaviour and begging so that it supports the work already being done by the train companies and British Transport Police.

- Information has been put into the June edition of Horsham Pages North, onto the Parish Council website and on all Parish Council notice boards regarding the possibility of forming a Community Land Trust in North Horsham. The information has also been sent to local newspapers the District Post and West Sussex County Times. Residents are asked to contact the Parish Council if they are supportive of the idea and it has been clearly indicated that without community support, the project will not progress.
- A resident has made a complaint about the Champions Diner food wagon that trades from a layby on the road to Rusper leading from the Rusper Road/ A264 roundabout. The food wagon is parked in the right hand layby (travelling to Rusper) and customers are parking in the left hand layby. There are reports that additional scalplings have been dumped in the left hand layby to increase the useable parking surface. An Environmental Health Officer has confirmed that Champion's Diner is registered as a food business with Environmental Health and is regularly inspected for food hygiene. The area from which Champion's Diner is trading is not Prohibited or Consent street under licencing law and therefore Horsham District Council's has no control over who trades there, including the activities of the business or its customers, beyond food safety matters. Whilst WSCC has the power to initiate the process for the location to be put forward as a Prohibited or Consent Street, it is worth noting that WSCC may be reticent to review consent status at this time as there will be significant changes in the road when work starts on the roundabout at Rusper Road, as part of the infrastructure works for the development North of Horsham.  
If vehicles are blocking the carriageway, it becomes a Police matter.  
The diner uses signage to advertise their business and the Environmental Health Officer has passed information on to them to investigate if permission is required for the signage that they are using.

## **8. Consultations**

**Southwater Neighbourhood Plan** -See Southwater Parish Councils notification letter attached. Documents for the consultation can be found here:

[https://strategicplanning.horsham.gov.uk/consult.ti/SouthwateNP\\_Reg16/consultationHome](https://strategicplanning.horsham.gov.uk/consult.ti/SouthwateNP_Reg16/consultationHome)

## **9. Planning Appeals**

There are no planning appeals to date.



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Comments for Public Speaking on Planning Application DC/18/2687 – development on the former Novartis site on Parsonage Road.

North Horsham Parish Council has no objection, in principle, to the mixed use for housing and business on the former Novartis site off Parsonage Road, however, there remain grave concerns about several issues.

1. The impact on highways and traffic in the vicinity of the site and to the wider area of Horsham has not been adequately assessed;
2. Whilst it is appreciated that every planning application must be looked at on its own merits, there is no denying that that the cumulative impact of 2,750 new homes and a business park north of the A264, the wider growth in traffic consequent upon developments at Wickhurst Green, Kilnwood Vale and Highwood, together with the conversion of a significant number of former office premises in the town to dwellings has already impacted on the road network and the volume of development needs to be included in the assessment.
3. The Wimblehurst Road/ Parsonage Road/ North Heath Road junction remains a problem, despite the proposal to install traffic lights due to the proximity of the Blenheim Road bus stop on North Heath Lane to the junction;
4. There is insufficient provision of on street parking on the site;
5. West Sussex County Council Highways perceives shortcomings relating to pedestrian crossings and other safety audit issues;
6. The half barrier level crossing on Parsonage Road which, in the opinion of the Parish Council should be replaced with a full barrier, this in turn would delay traffic as the gates would be closed substantially longer.

The Parish Council considers that an opportunity to improve the connectivity from the site to Horsham Railway station has not been sufficiently investigated as the long term benefits of reducing traffic and encouraging more people to walk far outweigh the original capital outlay.