

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Directors and Members to this Zoom Meeting and hoped that they were looking forward to the next phase of the lockdown being lifted on 17th May and all restrictions being lifted on 21st June. Provided all goes to plan we should be able to get our project up and running again.

**Present:**

David Searle (DSe) - HTCP Chair and representing North Horsham Parish Council,

Diane Sumpter (DSu) - HTCP Treasurer and representing Horsham Forest NC

Martin Bruton (MBr) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham District Older People's Forum

Ian Botting (IB) - HTCP Director representing Horsham Denne NC

Ron Bates (RB) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham Society

Chris Glover (CG) - HTCP Director and Friends of Horsham Park representative

Roland Knight - HTCP Director

Sue Brundish - HTCP Director and representing Horsham in Bloom

John White (JW) - HTCP Member

**2. Apologies**

Morag Wallack - HTCP Member and representing Trafalgar NC

Sara Doy - Minutes Secretary

**3. Conflicts of Interest: None**

**4. Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd March 2021, approval and any issues arising**

The minutes were approved. There were no specific issues arising that will not be dealt with as an agenda item.

**5. Chairman's Report dated 2nd May 2021**

Report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Chairman gave a brief presentation of the report. Copy is attached to these minutes.

**6. Riverside Walk Improvements and Annual Walk**

**6.1 Riverside Walk Footpath Improvements**

No more progress on the funding for the board walks adjacent to Bens Acre.

4 years ago we looked at diverting the RSW from the Mott and Bailey in Holbrook running parallel to the A264 to the football club and nursery at the end of Bartholomew Road.

The diverted path would be in the tree sound barrier constructed at the time of the A264 to protect the houses in Winterbourne, Hatchlands, Avebury Close and Oldbury Close.

This will avoid walking the whole length of Lemmington Way. At the time HDC would not consider the proposal as the elections were coming up. Chairman proposed that the scheme should be reconsidered. All agreed we should put the proposal to HDC.

Chairman is waiting for a meeting with HDC to discuss future plans and will raise the issue at this meeting

## **6.2 2021 Annual RSW Event**

Events Team have met twice and all is progressing well. This year we will be starting at NHF in North Horsham and walking in a clockwise direction stopping at Chesworth Farm for lunch and Warnham for afternoon refreshments. HDC has agreed we can once again walk through the reserve.

FNC and DNC have agreed to sponsor the event. Applications made to NHPC, and TNC and awaiting their decision.

**Post Meeting Note** - As at the 12th May, 120 walkers have registered to take part in the walk and this excludes the scouts.

## **7. Updates from Other Organisation**

### **7.1 Neighbourhood Councils**

**Forest NC** - DSu advised that there was nothing to report

**Denne NC** - IB reported that the Grant for Annual RSW Walk agreed

**Trafalgar NC** - No report available

### **7.2 North Horsham Parish Council** - DS reported that the incinerator to be constructed in North Horsham is being delayed due to Covid restrictions on travel from Europe. The only manufacturer for the equipment is based in Europe.

Development at New House Farm for construction of 473 houses was refused planning permission and has now gone to appeal. Waiting for appeal date which will be via Zoom.

**Post Meeting Note** - Public Inquiry will be on Tuesday 25th May. Heather Playfoot KOGS has asked if HTCP will speak at the Inquiry as it affects the RSW. I will make an application to the Inspector to speak..

### **7.3 Horsham District Older Peoples Forum-** MBr advised that the public Zoom Meeting held on 8th April and arranged by HDOPF was a great success. Second meeting to be held on 8th June was cancelled due to Jonathan Chowen resigning as Councilor and HDC unable to find a replacement. First meeting was recorded and is now on Facebook.

MBr reported that HDC will only give £500 maintenance grant to HDOPF which is insufficient to cover the annual costs. This may affect the renewal of their Zoom License which they would like to enhance to cover Webinars.

MBr is currently updating the HDOPF Website which is very time consuming. JW volunteered to help set up the new website as he has experience with HTCP site.

### **7.4 Horsham in Bloom** - SB reported that Nick Brook is interested in taking over as Chairman of HiB and was invited to attend this meeting. SB is anxious to give up the chair and will step down as a Director of HTCP when a new HiB Chairman is appointed. New Chairman will become a Director of HTCP. SB advised that there will not be any floral displays in the town this year due to the difficulties of maintaining the displays during Covid restrictions.

### **7.5 Horsham Society** - RB advised that the society held its AGM recently and there was a good attendance. A member proposed at the meeting that the 3 NHC should be formed into a Town Council and this is currently being explored.

**7.6 Friends of Horsham Park - CG** reported that members of Horsham Park have attended tree identification training.

### **7.7 HTCP Website**

JW reported that HTCP Website is working well. Since the first lockdown there has been a 400% increase in the number of hits with increased views of the RSW and Integrated Bus Map.

### **8. Horsham Town Integrated Bus Map**

There is still a lot of interest in the Integrated Bus Map. JW reported that he has been given a contacts name at WSCC who may hold the key to the Railway Station bus map display case and he is trying to make contact. Still no lead to who holds the key to the display case in the Carfax next to the bus stops. Suggest JW contacts Trudie Mitchell Chair of Denne NC. Denne NC has a display case in a similar location and she may know who holds the key.

### **9. HDC Local Plan Briefing**

It was thought that HDC meeting to approve the local plan will be held on 17th May. We wait anxiously to find out if Rookwood will be included in the plan. There are many controversial sites throughout the District which are being considered and Councilors are receiving 1000's of emails from local residents objecting to their local site being included. It is going to be a difficult decision and hope that Rookwood is not included.

### **10.. Horsham District Community Partnership Forum:**

Next meeting of the HDCPF will be held on Monday 10th May 2021. RB will represent HTCP and report at next meeting.

### **11. Public Seating**

IB advised that no further action is being taken to provide additional public seating and suggested this item be removed from future agenda.

### **12. Heritage Trail**

RB stated that the 20 heritage trails have started to become popular and well used since the Covid lockdowns. Maps are available on line and at Horsham Museum and Library when both venues reopen after Covid restrictions are lifted

### **13. Finance**

DSu confirmed that as at the end of year HTCP bank account was:

£2539.36 Current Account

£3134.26 Reserve Account

All the above monies are either for the ongoing maintenance of the Partnership or for current projects.

### **14. A.O.B:**

No AOB was raised by those attending.

### **15. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th July at 7.30pm, via Zoom. This may change to a face-to-face meeting if the restrictions are lifted.

# **Horsham Town Community Partnership**

## **Chairman's Report to Board meeting to be Convened on 4th May 2021**

### **Introduction**

As the Government Covid Restriction are gradually being lifted and life begins to return to normal, it is now possible for HTCP projects that were suspended in 2020 to be restarted but with caution and some restrictions as identified in the risk assessment.

### **Riverside Walk Improvements**

HDC is in the process of consulting on the use of S106 monies for the construction of board walks opposite Bens Acre. I am in communication with the Parks and Open Spaces Manager and hope the money will become available soon to enable the works to be carried out during the dry season.

### **2021 Annual Riverside Walk**

The Events Team has met twice and arrangements are progressing well. All agreed at the first meeting to accept the risk that if Covid restrictions continue or are reintroduced that the event may be cancelled at the last minute. The event will take place this year on Saturday 11th September and start from New House Farm in North Horsham.

Rugby Club was not available this year as the rugby season will have started in September. Max Walton who owns New House Farm has kindly agreed we can use a field opposite the Cafe for parking and starting and finishing the walk which will set off in a clockwise direction. Lunch stop will be at Chesworth Farm and afternoon break at Warnham. HDC have agreed both locations and has also agreed the walk can pass through the Nature Reserve.

I have made grant applications to the 3 Neighbourhood Councils and NHPC for £180 each. Forest have agreed and an invoice has been submitted. Denne will be considering the application at their next meeting. No response has been received from Trafalgar. NHPC will consider the grant at their next Finance Meeting. This year the walk will support the Parkinson Society.

### **Mobility Scooter Skills and Safety Sessions**

All 5 Tutors have agreed to continue with the project. HDC has agreed that we can have Horsham Park Barn subject to appropriate Covid Risk Assessments being approved and in place. Risk Assessments will be submitted this week with a view to sessions being started again shortly after. To date we have had 5 people contacted us and are anxious to attend. Training material is currently being reviewed.

### **HDC Maintenance Grant**

Our application to HDC for this year maintenance grant has been approved and the £563 has been transferred to our account.

**David Searle**  
**Chairman HTCP**

**2nd May 2021**