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Minutes of HTCP Directors Virtual Zoom Meeting held on 21st September 2021

following the AGM

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Directors and Members to the Zoom Meeting.

2. Attendance:

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
Ron Bates (RB) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham Society
Roland Knight (RK) - HTCP Director and Volunteer
Sue Brundish (SB) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham in Bloom
Ian Botting (IB) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council
John White (JW) - HTCP Member and Volunteer
Sara Doy - Minutes Secretary

Apologies

Morag Wallack (MW) - HTCP Member and representing Trafalgar NC

3. Conflicts of Interest: None

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th July 2021, approval and any issues arising Approval of the minutes was proposed by IB, seconded by SBr and agreed by all.

5. Updates from Other Organisation

5.1 Neighbourhood Councils

i) DSu said that there was nothing specific to HFNC, but that the three Neighbourhood Councils are still waiting for a date for the Blueprint Referendum.

ii) RB advised that a report put together by Horsham Society on the implications of Horsham having a Town Council had been sent to the three Neighbourhood Councils.

5.2 North Horsham PC

Incinerator: Construction is still being delayed due to Covid and Brexit, and the need for the Environmental Agency to consult with the public on the Environmental Permit.

5.3 Horsham District Older Peoples Forum

Pondtail Road Community Highway Scheme: MBr is awaiting confirmation that the Scheme, which is on the RSW route, has been approved and can go ahead.



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5.4 Horsham in Bloom

i) **Rewilding Horsham Town:** SBr asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the plants. DSe confirmed it would be HDC for those beds that they currently maintain. Some flower beds are looked after by special groups. Only certain types of plants meet the criteria for rewilding e.g. not bulbs.

5.5 Horsham Society

i) **Verges:** RB is concerned about the poor state of some verges. He believes that WSCC could save money if the grass cutting was carried out more effectively i.e. the cuttings should be removed.

ii) **Guided Walks:** These will end this month. They have sometimes had 15 people take part in the walks.

5.6 HTCP Website - JW said that the new website host Guru is a big improvement as it is cheaper and loads faster.

6. Heritage Trails

RB reported that there was supposed to be a 'close up' meeting in August, but it did not go ahead due to Covid concerns. The 20 Trails around the Horsham District can be found on the HDC and Horsham Museum websites.

7. A.O.B

Verges: RB suggested that volunteers from local organisations or the Neighbourhood Councils could 'take up the cudgel' of trying to get something done about the poor state of the verges e.g. Warnham Road. DSe commented that in North Horsham the cemetery is very overgrown.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th January 2022 7.30pm via Zoom

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.