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Minutes of HTCP Directors' Virtual Zoom Meeting held on 26th October 2022

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 (MB) – 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
Ian Botting (IB) – HTCP Director and representing Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council
Sara Doy – Minutes Secretary

Apologies

Morag Warrack (MW) – HTCP Member and representing Horsham Trafalgar Council
Sue Brundish (SB) - HTCP Director and representing Horsham in Bloom
Chris Glover (CG) – HTCP Director and representing Friends of Horsham Park
John White (JW) - HTCP Member and Volunteer

3. Conflicts of Interest: None

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 27th July 2022.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by IB, seconded by RB and agreed by all.

5. Chairman's Report (David Searle)

The Chair's report was circulated prior to the meeting

5.1 Riverside Walk Improvements : DSe is still waiting for Pete Crawford, HDC Parks and Countryside Manager to advise regarding progress to install the boardwalk on the RSW opposite Ben's Acres, and replacing a pedestrian bridge over a stream adjacent to Hammerpond Road.

There is no update on the Friends of Chesworth Farm on the construction of an observation platform which will require the RSW to be diverted over a short distance.

5.2 Mobility Scooters: The number of people signing up for the Mobility Scooter Skills and Safety Sessions has declined and HTCP is currently promoting the training at various Care Homes and Sheltered Housing.

5.3 Integrated Bus Map, Website and RSW Signage: John White sent the following report as he was unable to attend the meeting:

There is not much to report. The Bus Map is at last up at the Bus Station and is also up at Horsham Railway Station, in the Carfax and in the main reception area at the Hospital. JW is



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checking the information is up to date on a regular basis, and also the links to various bus timetables on the HTCP website.

The website viewings are dropping off as is normal for this time of year, with fewer hits on the bus information and the RSW pages. Some out of date RSW information has been notices on a noticeboard in Leechpool woods and this will be replaced shortly.

6. Financial Report (Diane Sumpter)

The balance at 26.10.2022 was £6068.68

6.1 Payments: Since the last meeting payments have been made for the Website hosting, Bus Maps and to Companies House.

6.2 Companies House: The AGM Accounts will be filed by 31/9/22.

6.3 Internet banking: DSu is still to arrange this.

7. Updates from Other Organisation

7.1 Neighbourhood Councils

i) Horsham Forest NC – Diane Sumpter:

- **Blueprint Plan:** The Blueprint Referendum was passed on 20/10/22 and the Plan is to be approved on 14/12/22. As a result CIL will be increased to 25% so there will be more to spend on local projects. There is to be a meeting with Barbara Childs, HDC Director of Place, regarding CIL governance to sort out how the allocation will be carried out. It has taken 7 years to get to this stage.

ii) Horsham Denne NC: Nothing to report.

iii) Horsham Trafalgar NC: Nothing to report

7.2 North Horsham PC (David Searle)

i) **Rusper Road Roundabout:** The cones on the A264 are to be removed on 4/11/22. There will be no more roadworks until next year when a new roundabout on the A264 will be created between Rusper Road and Langhurstwood Road to provide access to the new development.

ii) **North of Horsham:** Water Neutrality is still a problem but there is a possible solution to satisfy Natural England. Divine Developments have got a plot next to Old Holbrook Road of which 21% of the properties will be affordable.

iii) **Local Plan:** This needs to be finalised before the elections in May 2023.



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iv) Batteries: Dse attended a meeting with Biffa where he heard that there had been a number of fires which stopped production. They were all caused by batteries of the sort found in watches and toys. Most people put old items with batteries in the bin, but they should be put in a separate bag on top of the bin.

7.3 Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (Martin Bruton)

i) Meeting 4/10: Jonathan Chowen, Leader of HDC, spoke at the meeting which was well attended. He was asked about Rookwood, but would give no guarantee about its future. IB commented that the golf course is very well used.

ii) MP Question Time 25/11/22: with Jeremy Quinn, to be held at Lavinia House or via Zoom.

7.4 Horsham in Bloom (Sue Brundish)

SB reported prior to the meeting that it is hoped that there will be three competitions organised next year.

7.5 Horsham Society (Ron Bates)

i) Membership: The membership remains static at approx. 1030 members so Horsham Society is trying to encourage new members.

ii) Local List: This list of buildings of note is being updated and then will need to be approved by HDC.

iii) Novartis development and Parsonage Road level crossing: There is concern about the longer waits at the crossing which will get worse when the new properties are built on the Novartis site and North of Horsham. DSe asked at the liaison meeting what would happen to the high metal railings in front of the site. He was told they will remain.

7.6 Friends of Horsham Park (Chris Glover) : No report

7.7 HTCP Website & Bus Map (John White): See item 5.3

8. Horsham District Community Partnership Forum (Ron Bates)

RB heard that WSCC are no longer able to provide the same level of support as they used to, partly due to staff being diverted to deal with Ukrainian refugees, and some staff have left.

HDC Voluntary Sector Support are trying to encourage more people to use their services. More publicity is needed.



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9. A.O.B

i) Pondtail Road railway bridge, pavement widening: MB confirmed that the Community Highways Scheme has been completed. RK commented that better signage is needed.

ii) Bug Trail: MW submitted a query prior to the meeting asking how the success of the Bug Trail was measured and what was the criteria the grant depended on. DSe advised that it was not measured, and HDC ran the project.

iii) Zoom Meetings: All agreed to pay £60 to HDOPF for hosting the HTCP Zoom meetings.

ACTION: MB to send an invoice to DSu.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th January 2023 7.30pm via Zoom

ACTION: DSe to invite Pete Crawford, HDC Parks & Countryside Manager, to the next meeting.

Meeting ended 8.30pm.