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Minutes of HTCP Directors' Meeting held on 11th July 2023

At Roffey Millennium Hall, Horsham, at 7.30pm

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Directors and Members to the 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
Sue Brundish (SB – HTCP Director and Horsham in Bloom
John White (JW) – HTCP Member & Volunteer
Sara Doy – Minutes Secretary

Apologies

Morag Warrack– HTCP Member and representing Horsham Trafalgar Council
Chris Glover (CG) – HTCP Director and representing Friends of Horsham Park

3. Conflicts of Interest: None

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 18th April 2023.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by RK, seconded by DS and agreed by all.

5. Chairman's Report (David Searle)

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mobility Scooter Skills and Safety Sessions: DSe attended the launch of the Powered Wheelchair and Mobility Scooter (PWMS) training scheme at the House of Lords on 7th June. Most of the attendees were retailers or representatives from Driving Mobility but it was worthwhile attending to understand the future of PWMS. DSe reported back to the HTCP volunteer tutors and all agreed that the tutors should register to undertake the training which at this time is free of charge and would give the tutors an accreditation.

DSe registered the tutors and they have all received and completed the first part of the training. They are now waiting to hear if they have been accepted for the final part of the training which is to be held at QEF Carshalton in November 2023.



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6. Treasurer's Report (Diane Sumpter):

- i) **HTCP Accounts:** Eddie Case has the accounts and will carry out an audit soon.
- ii) **Finance:** Following payments for the hall hire in April, Website Guru hosting and Wordpress software the Deposit account balance is £3153.89 and the General account balance is £2446.30. This includes money for the mobility scooter training and travel expenses.
- iii) **HDC Grant:** DSe confirmed that HTCP has not applied for the grant.
- iv) **Company Matters:** Ian Botting formally resigned as Director prior to this meeting and DSu was asked to report this to companies house.

7. Updates from Other Organisation

7.1 Neighbourhood Councils

i) Horsham Forest NC (Diane Sumpter):

Chesworth Farm Viewing Platform: The platform is complete and the official opening took place.

New bridge, Hammerpond Rd: HDC are to install a new bridge and put in steps up to Hammerpond Rd. HFNC are concerned about the speed of traffic along this road. WSCC are to place speed checking strips on the road.

ii) Horsham Denne NC (Ian Botting): IB has resigned as a Director of HTCP.

iii) Horsham Trafalgar NC : No report.

7.2 North Horsham PC (David Searle):

Incinerator: DSe attended a meeting with Qair who will be building the incinerator. Finance for the work is to be finalised in July and a Contractor has been lined up. The main construction work will start at the end of the year.

DSe attended the public exhibition at Tanbridge School. 118 people attended and Qair said it was successful. DSe thought the venue was not a good location to hold the exhibition as it was not near the Holbrook area. Another exhibition is to be held at St Marks Church Hall or the Tythe Barn.

Mowbray: Water neutrality is still affecting the progression of the development. There are various solutions including building a new reservoir in Henfield and limiting water useage in the new builds.

7.3 Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (Martin Bruton):

Forthcoming meetings:

30/8/23 – The new HDC Leader, Martin Boffey, will speak. NHS digital access will be on the agenda.

18/10/23 – Katy Bourne, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, will speak.



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1/12/23 – MP Question Time with Jeremy Quin

7.4 Horsham in Bloom (Sue Brundish):

Town Centre floral displays: SB commented on the lovely displays provided by HDC. The ones at Horsham Station are looked after by The Aldingbourne Trust.

Future of Horsham in Bloom: SB said it is currently 'dormant'.

7.5 Horsham Society & Blueprint(Ron Bates):

Heritage Guided Walks: There have been stalls in the Park and Carfax advertising the walks and information about Horsham Society.

Local List and Conservation areas: Horsham Society is working with HDC on these.

Blueprint: The Steering Group met on 10/7/23. The number of volunteers is low. The AGM is planned for 19/7/23 and John Steele is the new Chair. Anyone who lives or works in the unparished area can be a member.

Blueprint have discussed the possibility of working with HTCP in order to continue with projects. This would include improving the Riverside Walk e.g. better paths through Rookwood Golf Course and diverting the section of the walk that runs along Warnham Road and Pondtail Road.

DSe agreed to forward draft plans for the alternative route to RB.

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

7.7 HTCP Website & Bus Map (John White):

Website: JW is waiting for confirmation from the Scouts that the annual walk will take place in September and will start at Tanbridge School. JW has added information about the Chesworth Farm improvements. DSu said Horsham Forest NC had not been contacted about sponsorship.

Bus Map: There have been no changes to the routes (approx. 15 hits per day on the website).

- 8. Horsham District Community Partnership Forum (Ron Bates):** RB is not able to attend the next meeting. DSe explained that HTCP is very different from the CPs for other areas, as HDC organises most of the activities and events in Horsham Town.

9. Future of HTCP:

The Directors discussed various possibilities:

DSe suggested 'mothballing' HTCP; the mobility scooter training could be continued under HDOPF.

HTCP's has funds of approx. £4k.



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SB suggested that the original mission statement for HTCP should be looked at again. DSe said the main aim was to take on projects or assist other groups by helping to find funding for projects, by applying for grants.

RB agreed that he would take over as Chair at the AGM.

10. **A.O.B:** None

11. **Next Meetings:**

AGM 30/10/23 - 7.30pm, followed by Directors' Meeting