Horsham Town Community Partnership

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Minutes of HTCP Directors' Meeting held on 13th January 2025

At Roffey Millennium Hall, Horsham

1. **Welcome**
   The Chairman welcomed the Directors to the Meeting.

2. **Attendance:**
   Ron Bates (RB) - HTCP Chair & representing Horsham Society and Blueprint
   Diane Sumpter (DSu) – HTCP Treasurer & representing Horsham Forest NC
   Martin Bruton (MB) - HTCP Director & representing Horsham District Older People's Forum
   Sara Doy (SD) – Minute Secretary

   Apologies
   David Searle (DSe) – HTCP Director & representing North Horsham PC
   Nigel Hillpaul (NH) – HTCP Director & representing Horsham Denne NC
   Roland Knight (RK) – HTCP Director & Volunteer
   John White (JW) – HTCP Member & Volunteer

3. **Conflicts of Interest:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 7th October 2024.**
   Approval of the minutes was proposed by DSu, seconded by Mb.

5. **Chairman's Report (Ron Bates)**

   i) **Rookwood Golf Course**: The proposal to route the Riverside Walk through and around the perimeter of Rookwood Golf Course and around the perimeter of the Warnham Nature Reserve to extend the Riverside Walk for the public and cyclists continues to be discussed. A meeting took place with HDC and other interested groups on the 19th November 2024. There are differences of opinion as to what route and if all of the route proposed is practicable. The next meeting is arranged for Friday the 17th January 2025 with HDC, the management of Rookwood Golf Course and other interested groups and will take place at Rookwood Golf Course when everyone will walk the proposed route.

   ii) **Mowbray development**: There have been no further talks with Legal & General about the Riverside Walk proposed routes through Mowbray as building work on the development has slowed due to the restrictions caused by the requirement of Water Neutrality. A Riverside Walk route through Mowbray is still 4 to 5 years away as completions progress.

iii) **Blueprint**: HTCP continues to work closely with the Blueprint Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan for the unparished area of Horsham to manage possible projects that evolve from the Aims identified in the Plan. A meeting with HDC took place on the 11th November 2024 at which time the procedure was agreed for the management of CIL funding for community projects in the unparished area of the town. This will be made available through a CIL panel. The CIL Panel includes representatives from the Neighbourhood Councils, Blueprint and HDC. It was agreed to make public by the end of January 2025 the procedure for groups to propose a project and make an application for CIL funding. The closing date for this first round of proposing projects is likely to be the end of March 2025.

DSu added that there is currently £160k of CIL money which is not likely to increase for a while. There is some CIL in the HFNC area and relating to the former Novartis site which is in NHPC area but on the boundary of HDNC and HFNC.

6. Treasurer's Report (Diane Sumpter):

i)) Account:

Current Account = £1463.30; Deposit Account = £3221.60.
Payments to be made for the hall hire and insurance which is due for renewal in February.

ii) HDC £500 grant: DSu will apply for the grant. RB commented that there is doubt that the other Community Partnerships will receive the grant.

iii) Companies House: The accounts have been filed.
DSu confirmed that the current Directors of HTCP are Ron Bates, Diane Sumpter, Roland Knight, David Searle, Martin Bruton and Nigel Hillpaul.

7. Updates from Other Organisation

7.1 Neighbourhood Councils

i) Horsham Forest NC (Diane Sumpter):

Governance Review: HDC is to carry out the review (the last one was in 2005). With the planned changes to local government it will be important to have a Town Council for the unparished area, and some green spaces may need to be protected.

Arun Way: The triangle area of land at the bottom of this road is to be developed and 27 houses have been proposed.

ii) Horsham Trafalgar NC (Morag Warrack): No report

iii) Horsham Denne NC (Nigel Hillpaul): No report

7.2 North Horsham PC: No report

7.3 Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (Martin Bruton): MP Question Time with John Milne took place on 6.12.24.

There is to be a new online booking system for blood tests at Horsham and Crawley Hospital. Future meetings are on 1/4/25 at Henfield, 1/7/25 at Storrington, 9/9/25 at Billingshurst and 5/12/25 at Pulborough – MP Question Time with Andrew Griffith.

David Searle is the new Chair.

There is nothing happening with the Mobility Scooter training at the moment.

4. **Friends of Horsham Park :** No representative. **ACTION**: RB to contact Horsham Green Spaces.

7.5 Horsham Society & Blueprint(Ron Bates):

i) Horsham Society: They continue to look at planning applications and submit comments.
The next meeting is on 14/1/25.
Heritage Walks restart in April and will continue until September. There are two more guides.

ii) Blueprint: They are looking for CIL money to spend on projects. There is a need for more volunteers.
DSu suggested that RB should apply for money for HTCP to be used for the RSW. It would need approval from HDC and details of the project and location would need to be provided.
RB said he would speak to HDC Cllr. Ruth Fletcher.

7.6 HTCP Website & Bus Map (John White): JW submitted a report prior to the meeting.

The website and bus map are being regularly reviewed. There has been nothing to report on the RSW and any problems will continue to be attended by David Jessop and JW, or by HDC, if necessary.

8. Horsham District Community Partnership Forum (Ron Bates): The next meeting is on 14/1/25 at Billingshurst.

9. A.O.B:

HTCP has a stand at an event organised by North Horsham PC at St Mark's Hall on 28/4/25 for Community Groups. RB will man the stand and will also take along Blueprint information.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.