Horsham Town Community Partnership

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Minutes of HTCP Directors' Meeting held on 22nd April 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
   Roland Knight (RK) – HTCP Director & Volunteer
   John White (JW) – HTCP Member & Volunteer

   Apologies
   David Searle (DSe) – HTCP Director & representing North Horsham PC
   Nigel Hillpaul (NH) – HTCP Director & representing Horsham Denne NC
   Martin Bruton (MB) - HTCP Director & representing Horsham District Older People's Forum
   Sara Doy (SD) – Minute Secretary

3. **Conflicts of Interest:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2025.**
   Approval of the minutes was proposed by DSu, seconded by RK

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

   5.1 - 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. There are differences of opinion as to what route and if all of the route proposed is practicable. The last meeting took place on the Rookwood Golf Course and Warnham Nature Reserve on Friday the 17th January 2025 with HDC, the management of Rookwood Golf Course and other interested groups when everyone walked the proposed route. It is hoped there will be a further meeting now that the public consultation about a new lease for Rookwood Golf Course ended in March 2025 and a new lease for 25 years will be concluded with the current management.

   5.2- 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.

5.3 - 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. The first opportunity for CIL funding for community projects in the unparished area of the town is open until the end of April 2025. HTCP is submitting an application for funding of two boardwalks along the route of the Riverside Walk in the forest adjacent to Glebe Crescent.

6. Treasurer's Report (Diane Sumpter):

DSu confirmed that the Bonus Saver Account holds £3235.58 and the Current Account holds £1064.19. The end of year accounts will be prepared by the end of May 2025.

7. Updates from Other Organisation

7.1 Neighbourhood Councils

i) Horsham Forest NC (Diane Sumpter):

Hornbrook Farm: HFNC have been approached by a property company who act for the owners of the Hornbrook Farm about the potential development of the Farm and the pre-planning application; the lower part of the site includes the Hornbrook Stream which will be of interest to the Riverside Walk route.

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): No report

4. Friends of Horsham Park : No representative or report. It is not known if Fields in Trust has progressed.

7.5 Horsham Society & Blueprint (Ron Bates):

i) Horsham Society: RB reported that the Heritage Guided Walks began on 2/4/25 and will continue every Wednesday and Sunday until the end of September 2025, starting from outside the Horsham Museum at 2.30pm. The Horsham Society will have a stall at the Rotary Fun Day Sunday 6th July 25.

ii) Blueprint: A public meeting has been arranged at the Baptist Church in Brighton Rd on Tuesday 29th April starting at 7.30pm to publicise the proposed Town Council for the unparished area of Horsham.
Blueprint is working with HDC to spend the available CIL funds by requesting local groups to propose projects; the first applications need to be submitted by the end of April 2025.

7.6 HTCP Website & Bus Map (John White): JW reported that the website is being kept up to date and the Bus Map will be updated soon as Metrobus have some planned route changes.

8. **Horsham District Community Partnership Forum (Ron Bates):** RB reported from the last meeting on 8/4/25. The Community Partnerships are looking for sources of funding as HDC funding for overhead costs has stopped. There was talk of My Future Care Handbook which is published by Mycarematters. The handbook is for individuals to complete while in good health to inform their family and friends of their future wishes. Email: info@mycarematters.org . A handbook costs about £15.50.

9. **A.O.B:**
JW reported that Section 106 funding from HDC was being used to improve the Riverside Walk by Cook Road (circa £11,288.00). JW reported that there is about £11,500.00 S106 money available to spend next year which has come from the Fivens development, so it has to be spent near that development. JW confirmed that the Annual Riverside Walk will take place on Sunday 14th September 2025 starting at Tanbridge School.

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 22nd July 2025 7.30pm at the Millennium Hall.**