

Minutes of the 384th meeting of Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council  
Held on 3rd April 2017 at 7.30pm at Trafalgar Infants School, Horsham

Present Mr Moore – Chairman, Mr Davis, Mrs Harris, Mrs Thomas, Mr Dufton, Mrs Little and Mrs McMillan – Clerk.

Jim Barnes – Representing Roffey Robbins Chairman  
1 member of the public.

1/384/17 **Apologies for absence** – Councillor Crosbie and Councillor Dennis.

2/384/17 **Minutes of the last meeting** - Minutes of the last meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 having been previously circulated were approved. Proposed Mrs Harris and seconded by Mrs Little.

A discussion was held with Jim Barnes concerning the lack of changing facilities at the Redford Avenue football ground. Jim advised that under 11 and under 12 teams both play at the ground. It is mainly boys that play as girls are directed to Horsham sparrows as they get older. There are currently no changing facilities or even a covered area to store bags whilst playing. There are two matches, one at 9.30 and the other at 11.15am. Jim confirmed that they would love to have some kind of facility and it would be sited on the left hand side of the site as you look from the road.

Mr Dufton will look at getting some quotes for a basic structure with benches round 3 sides. The building will not have water or electricity.

3/384/17 **Matters arising**

**BLUEPRINT/Neighbourhood Plan**

This is still not progressing very fast. There is a meeting tonight in which they need to decide how to go forward.

**Coaches in Farm Avenue**

Mr Miller still seems to be doing his own thing. Mr Moore will write to the highways department citing the Highways Act 1980 in which it states that Mr Miller could be taken to court.

**Christmas lights**

The lights have been removed from the trees.

### **Town Centre Vision**

There is a meeting the week – Mr Moore will attend.

### **Waste**

Mr Moore has not yet written to the WSCT as there are some meetings lined up – let's wait and see what happens.

### **Irwin Drive – overgrown hedges**

Councillor Dennis will follow up what is happening.

### **Post office**

Mr Moore was invited in the day before it opened in WH Smiths. He was impressed by what he saw. There are self-serve machines with a staff member on hand to help as well as the usual counter option.

The current proposal for the war memorial is to move it to sorting office and display in the public area. The post box will stay in the Carfax.

### **Operation Watershed**

We can have a contractor licence to access the site. Mr Davis is keen for us to use this. We would have a contract for 3 years and all access needs to be recorded. Mr Davis is happy to be the coordinator for this and keep all the records. All agreed.

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### **Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

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### **Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to discuss.

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### **Planning**

The Clerk outlined planning applications received since the last meeting.

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### **Treasurers report**

We had a balance of £3,712.07 as at the year end. Today's balance is £3,552.07.

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### **Highways**

Mr Dennis explained that there is a new highways maintenance contract. We either need to pay more or get less. WSCC do far more than other neighbouring areas so will do less. Verges may only be cut in areas that are a safety concern.

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### **Street furniture**

There were no items to discuss.

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### **Reports from outside committees**

#### **HTCP**

We have been asked to contribute £100 towards the drinks provided on the annual Riverside Walk. All agreed that we would as long as the other Neighbourhood Councils and North Horsham Parish also give.

There is some confusion arising from how HTCP are behaving – they seem to be acting like a 4<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Council. This is not what they were set up to be.

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#### **AOB**

Our notices are no longer in the notice boards at the recreation ground. Mr Dufton will check with Steph Carter.

There has been a wheel in the cycle rack in Medwin Way for 11 months. These racks are hardly used. Mr Moore will write.

#### **Bandstand**

The signs had been removed but have now reappeared. Mr Moore will write again.

#### **HALC conference**

Mr Moore will attend on our behalf. The subject is Health and Wellbeing in West Sussex.

#### **Design brief**

This should have been put in place by HDC years ago. The brief gives some guidelines on how developments should look.

#### **Access Forum**

The group meets every 3 months and looks at issues for people with disabilities. He has been asked to join the group.

We are still having issues with mobility scooters, wheel chairs, pushchairs and pedestrians having to walk in the road due to parking on the pavements. Could the Council have a policy on pavement parking?

#### **Swan Walk redevelopment**

It is unknown when the work will start.

#### **Piries Place**

Work should start sometime in the next couple of months.

**Electoral Review**

It has been decided to go for 48 Councillors, not the 44 we wanted. Mr Moore will write.

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**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Trafalgar Infant School, Victory Road.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

I am pleased to say that at the end of the meeting Martin Boffey, a regular visitor to our meetings has agreed to fill the vacancy on our Council.

Planning applications

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| DC/17/0389 | 31 Rookwood Park – 2 storey side extension, rear alterations and front porch  |
| DC/17/0544 | 26-30 Bishopric – demolition of existing ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor retail units and residential accommodation, erection of 2 x ground floor retail units with 3 flats over 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| DC/17/0564 | 44 Spencers Road – single storey side and rear extension  |