

Minutes of the 391st meeting of Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council
Held on 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm at Trafalgar Infants School, Horsham

- Present Mr Dufton – Vice Chairman, Mrs Harris, Mr Boffey,
Mrs Thomas, Mr Davis, Councillor Dennis and
Mrs McMillan – Clerk.
- 1/391/17 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Mrs Little. We pass our sympathies to Mrs Little following the death of her husband.
- 2/391/17 **Minutes of the last meeting** - Minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th November 2017 having been previously circulated were approved. Proposed Mrs Harris and seconded by Mrs Thomas.
- 3/391/17 **Matters arising**
- Mr Dufton informed members that former member of TNC, Frank Gibson, had passed away. Both he and Mrs Harris will attend the funeral. He was a popular business man in the town and ran Gibson Refrigeration for many years. Following his retirement he continued to work from home. He was a member of TNC for more than 25 years. He worked hard to get the plans for the Hardy Close parking scheme drawn up and approved.
- Coaches in Farm Avenue**
No update at present.
- Pavement at Collingwood Batchelor**
Councillor Dennis reported that all faults had been inspected and those that met requirements would be mended. Collingwood Batchelor have been sent a notice advising that they need to apply for a proper crossover and permission for vehicles to park on the forecourt with properly constructed dropped kerb.
- Traffic lights at Malt Shovel**
Councillor Dennis will report the fault.
- Newsletter responses**
Councillor Dennis advised that he is gradually getting replies to the highways queries from our recent newsletter. He will reply direct to the residents and copy us in all his replies.
- Meeting with Adam Charmers – HDC**
Mr Boffey attended on our behalf. A brief summary follows-

There is still an ongoing investigation into who owns the land at the railway subway. The Parks department are looking into a plan for entry and exit points into the park – the subway being one.

Horsham Year of Culture 2019 – there have been over 70 expressions of interest from around the District for funding, a great opportunity to get people working together.

Remembrance Day 2018 will mark 100 years since the end of WW1, what else could we do as a town to commemorate this.

Feedback received on the Ice Rink in the park has been 62% positive, 22% negative and 16% neutral. The main concerns were over parking and the future use of the site. The planning application for a hard standing has been withdrawn.

An ‘off shoot’ group of Friends of Horsham Park have met with HDC. Denne Council already have a memorandum of understanding for the park. It would be a good idea for the groups to work together.

Town Vision – hanging baskets will be reintroduced onto street poles in the town. The talk of redeveloping the Royal and Sun Alliance Car Park with access through New Street Gardens is an idea. No planning application has been submitted.

Street Wardens – HDC are concerned about anti-social behaviour. Their idea is to have 2 new Street Wardens who would work a 37.5 hour week. There would be a 2 year trial costing £130,000. HDC would fund £30,000 with the rest coming from the Special Charge. The preferred option for funding would be that the current special charge that goes to the Drill Hall would go to pay for the Wardens. The Special Charge would not increase to pay for this. Are members happy to support this action – 4 yes, 1 abstention.

4/391/17

Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

5/391/17

Correspondence

There were no items to discuss.

6/391/17

Planning

The Clerk outlined planning applications received since the last meeting.

There will be an application for alterations to the front of Bilbets and a new floor added to the block. Mrs Little has

objected. Mr Davis and Mr Boffey will look at the plans and raise any objections we may have.

7/391/17

Treasurers report

We have a balance of £6,487.17.

8/391/17

Highways

Dealt with under matters arising.

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9/391/17

Street furniture

There were no items to report.

10/391/17

Reports from outside committees

Mr Dufton had attended a meeting concerning the redevelopment of the Piries Place car park. No plans have been submitted yet but they are looking at changing the colour of the bricks and adding more greenery. Charging points for electric cars would also be added. Questions were raised over the potential height of the car park and how it would affect surrounding properties.

11/391/17

Website

A picture of the Christmas Lights at the Dog and Bacon will be added.

12/391/17

AOB

There has been some positive feedback about the coloured lights on the Dog and Bacon Green.

13/390/17

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2017 at Trafalgar Infant School, Victory Road.

Following the meeting we shall have a small festive celebration. Please bring something to share.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Planning applications

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| DC/17/2456 | 6 Farm Avenue – removal of existing rear extension and erection of new single storey extension |
| DC/17/2541 | 32 Saxon Crescent – demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension |
| DC/17/2550 | 3 Spring Gardens – loft conversion with flush fitting roof windows |
| DC/17/2556 | 70 Swindon Road – single storey rear extension in lieu of existing conservatory and outhouse |