

Minutes of the 410th meeting of Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council
Held on 2nd September 2019 at 7.30pm at Trafalgar Infants School, Horsham

Present Mr Boffey - Chair, Mr Davis, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Hebden,
Mr Bryant, Mr Dufton, Mrs McMillan – Clerk and Councillor
Dennis.

1/410/19 **Apologies for absence** –apologies were received from
Councillor Crosbie.

2/410/19 **Minutes of the last meeting** - Minutes of the last meeting held
on the 8th July 2019 having been previously circulated were
approved. Proposed Mr Bryant and seconded by Mrs Hebden.

3/410/19 **Matters arising**

The Rec

Mr Davis has had a good look at the Rec and lack of
maintenance appears to be a problem – is it worth us spending
money on the area if it is not going to be maintained. Mr Davis
will have another look at the area and report back.

Bus Route – Dog and Bacon Green

The Clerk has not submitted an application due to no evidence
being submitted and the fact that the bus company have now
changed the route to go straight along North Parade and not
along Trafalgar Road. The Town Wardens will keep an eye out
for inappropriately parked cars.

Speed device

Mr Davis has training tomorrow in the Forest Area. We are
still waiting to hear if Denne wish to be involved.
There is a Neighbourhood Watch group in Wimblehurst Road
who are very keen to be involved. They could be affiliated to
our group.

Blueprint

There has been a meeting. Due to the funding being delayed in
coming through, the Consultant had a holiday booked so will
start work shortly.

Youth meeting

The next meeting is in September.

Town Wardens

The August report is only a provisional one but has been
circulated to members. The report will not be added to the
website until the approved version is available.

Newsletter

The newsletter has been completed and delivered.

Mr Davis thanked the Chair for another very good newsletter. An error was made on the quantity of newsletters ordered by Mr Davis. Mr Davis has said he will cover the extra cost involved himself.

Gated properties have not been delivered to. Copies are available for residents to pick up from Londis and the Newsagents.

We will need to find someone else to deliver the newsletters next year.

Horsham in Bloom

We have had the invoice for the railing planter. The Treasurer will arrange payment of £165.

Mr Bryant put forward 1 Park Rise as the winner of the Trafalgar Cup. All members agreed with this and to give the winners a £20 garden centre voucher. Mr Boffey will check that this is what the other Neighbourhood Councils are doing.

Highways

Redford Avenue has been cut back and so has Irwin Drive. 60 Guildford Road does not meet intervention levels.

Friends of Horsham Park

A thank you had been received for our donation.

Highways

The slabs outside 52 Merryfield Drive have been flattened. The wooden post at Rookwood has been repaired.

Issues with dog bins and litter bins need to be reported directly to HDC. Can the litter bin on the riverside walk be reinstated?

PDAG

Councillor Costin is on the group and attended the meeting.

4/410/19

Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

5/410/19

Correspondence

The Clerk had received several emails concerning the planning application at Smith and Westerns. Residents were looking for more information about objecting to the application. The Clerk explained that TNC would look at the application but cannot provide specific advice as we are not trained in such matters. She provided details for Councillor Crosbie/Costin.

A thank you card had been received from Mrs Harris for her leaving gifts.

There is a Cycling/Walking Infrastructure meeting on the 13th September. Mr Bryant may be able to attend.

6/410/19

Planning

The Clerk outlined planning applications received since the last meeting.

The Councillors discussed the application for Smith and Westerns and decided that there was no objection to the application.

7/410/19

Treasurers report

We have a balance of £10,225.07.

Cootes Pond

Over time the pond starts to silt up due to over overhanging vegetation. It is not appropriate to have large equipment to dredge the pond. Vegetation needs to be kept under control. They have had a quote for annual work of £400-£500. Do we make a donation of this amount as a one off to help them get back on track? All members agreed that as long as it is made clear that this is a one off donation and that they need to look at raising funds going forward.

8/410/19

Highways

The path from Caterways across the green to Merryfield Drive is very uneven.

The Pavement on the corner of Merryfield Drive and Fairview is broken up due to vans parking there whilst building work is being carried out. Will they be responsible for making good the damage?

Councillor Dennis asked if we had had the email from Horsham Society re twittens. No. Councillor Dennis will forward it on.

HDC have issued an enforcement notice on a trailer parked on the footway in Farm Avenue that has caused concern from residents. HDC are trying to set up a multiagency meeting to see what can be done to resolve the problems.

9/410/19

Street furniture

There were no items to be reported.

10/410/19

Reports from outside committees

HTCP

At present there is no 106 money available to complete the section of the Riverside walk behind Cootes Avenue.

11/410/19

Website

The newsletter will be added to the website.

12/410/19

AOB

We had a visit from the traveller community who managed to access the Rec via Hamilton Road. Wooden bollards are now in place to prevent further occupation. There are concerns over the vulnerability of Cootes Green.

There has been some vandalism to the lights on the Dog and Bacon Green. The electricity supply has been pulled away from the tree. Festive lights are coming on Wednesday to try and put if back up and check for any damage. Mr Dufton will ask them about the cost of a star on the top of the tree.

13/410/19

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th October 2019 at Trafalgar Infant School, Victory Road.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

Planning

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Smith and Western – removal of restaurant and construction of 23 apartments and associated landscaping