



# Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council

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Minutes of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Meeting  
held at  
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church (TRBC) Trafalgar Rd, Horsham RH12 2QL  
on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.00pm

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| Attendees:     | Morag Warrack, Paula Dinage, Olive Hobbs, Adam Kay (AK), Colin Bush (CB), Rhoda Hatton (RH), Clerk   |
| In attendance: | John Preston (JFP), Treasurer, Nigel Dennis (ND), (West Sussex County Councillor) and Jon White, Pastor from Trafalgar Road Baptist Church   |
| Apologies:     | Martin Boffey, Ben Peterson  |
| 01/442/23      | MW opened the meeting by welcoming members. Apologies for absence were received from BP and MB.  |
| 02/442/23      | Declaration of Interest were received as follows:<br>MW is a member of the Green Party and a member of Sussex Green Living. AK is a member of the Labour Party. ND is a member of the Liberal Democrats and a Council Member for West Sussex County Council  |
| 03/442/23      | CB proposed the approval of the minutes for the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 and AK seconded the proposal.   |
| 04/442/23      | The following matters arising were discussed:<br>a. <b>RH</b> would C/F the action for previous Minute 04/442/22 (b) where <b>MB would contact Mary Crosbie to ask her to choose the award winners from the nominees.</b><br>b. Action on previous Minute 05/442/22 was completed by RH<br>c. Action on previous Minute 07/442/22 was completed by JFP<br>d. <b>RH</b> would C/F the action on previous Minute 12/442/22 as a response is awaited from the 'Men in Sheds' charity about the project requests that had been submitted for replace noticeboards.<br>e. <b>RH</b> would C/F the action on previous Minute 13/442/22, as <b>CB</b> had drafted a response to the WSCC 20's Plenty policy, and <b>RH</b> would forward this to West Sussex once the previous correspondence from MB had been attached.<br>f. Action on previous Minute 14/442/22 (a) was completed by RH<br>g. Action on previous Minute 14/442/22 (b) was completed by RH  |
| 05/442/23      | Jon White, Pastor a of Trafalgar Road Baptist Church enquired how HTNC feel the church could interact with members in a healthy way for the benefit of the community and if there were prayers that could be said by Trafalgar Road Baptist Church to support the work of the council and to benefit the community.<br>HTNC wished to thank the Church for providing a room in which their meetings could be held and advised that they are thrilled with the way that the church engages with the community; the film festival and warm space were given as examples. HTNC offered the church promotional space on the noticeboards that are located in the Rec and invited them to send through any articles that could also be promoted in the Trafalgar Newsletter. Jon updated members on the wellbeing café that is a mental health and spirituality group held on a Wednesday at the church to benefit the community. HTNC requested photos of the wellbeing café for the Trafalgar newsletter and website and <b>RH</b> agreed to liaise with Faith. |
| 06/442/23      | There were no questions from the public .  |



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| 07/442/23 | Due to his absence, there was no update from Cllr Boffey but members discussed the draft governance document which considered the creation of a panel to assess and recommend how the CIL money should be spent.  |
| 08/442/23 | <p>In the WSCC update from Cllr Dennis members were advised that the flooding has been a major issue during the last few weeks. Flooding on the Guildford Road has been categorised as priority 2 but demand has been so great that WSCC are only able to manage priority 1 matters currently or deal with those where property is at risk. People were being asked to be patient. ND advised that dealing with pot-holes was a similar matter as these follow on from the cold snap and subsequent rain. Repairs currently being carried out are often temporary fixes until the weather abates and time permits a more permanent solution. ND also discussed electric vehicle charge points available at top of Rushams Road – these are receiving a number of objections mainly due to the loss of parking space currently available. ND also advised that Robin Hood Lane would be closed for emergency repairs on 24/25<sup>th</sup> January and that the Section 115 bench on Cootes Green had been officially approved. The date for installation will be determined by donor.</p> <p>JP enquired, given the recent changes in the highway code that has placed pedestrians and cyclists at the top of the rankings, how this had influenced West Sussex's (WS) thinking asking if they too are they giving priority to pedestrians. ND felt that the direction of travel for WS was to focus on Pedestrians.</p> <p>MW submitted feedback from Sussex Green Living (SGL) who reported that not all Repair Café and refill centres in existence are included on the indicator map provided on the WS web pages. <b>MW</b> would arrange for the details to be shared with Nigel.</p> |
| 09/442/23 | There were no matters relating to missing or damaged street furniture   |
| 10/442/23 | <p>The following correspondence was discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queensway/Queen Street Consultation Proposals (as emailed by MW to members 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022) because HTNC had been offered the opportunity to feedback their views. MW advised that she had submitted a personal response and supported the aim to smarten up the area.</li> <li>A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study - stage 1 stakeholder feedback report and study update (emailed to members 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022). OH wondered if there were any bits that needed looking at in more detail by HTNC but after discussion, it was felt that this correspondence had just been a feedback report. ND advised that one of the decisions to be made related to an upgrade of the existing road or a complete rebuild, weighing up the environmental impact. The Dorking end of the initiative raises the greatest problem and there are the County boundary crossing problems to be worked out. Stakeholder consultation continues to be welcome but members stated that they wished to be kept up to date on developments.<br/>Jon left the meeting</li> <li>The WSCC News Release which reported on the national cap on local bus fares (emailed to members 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023) was noted whilst members commented on the fact that this is only a temporary plan.</li> </ol>  |
| 11/442/23 | <p>A discussion on the planning applications attached in Appendix A took place with DC/22/2235 at Eyles Court being of particular interest. No further action was agreed for all applications.</p> <p>Members then reconsidered planning application DC/22/1769 for the Farthings Hill development and commented on the following facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No artist impression available is available.</li> <li>The entrance/exit being so close to the roundabout was a concern considering the speed of traffic and lines of visibility.</li> <li>The flats would over-look into neighbouring gardens to the extreme.</li> </ul>  |



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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The precedent that may be set should permission be given to a building so out of character for the locality – it was felt that this plan eroded the character of Horsham as you enter the town on a main road into the centre.</li> <li>The potential for 14+ more vehicles going in and out of the access and the associated air quality pollution</li> <li>Members would like more information on how the water neutrality requirements would be met.</li> <li>The ability to retain the natural landscaping and environmental features was questioned as was the small number of properties categorised as affordable housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>RH</b> agreed to submit the above comments to HDC and to include the summary that ‘the concerns relate to character; density; danger; and damage to trees’.</p>   |
| 12/442/23 | No temporary Traffic Regulation orders had been identified.   |
| 13/442/23 | <p>The financial report which had been circulated prior to the meeting was presented by the treasurer. The balance on account was £11,765.02, from this there were commitments to the end of the year amounting to £1000 and £6000 of partly committed funds. Approximately £4000 was available to be allocated to worthwhile projects locally.</p> <p>In determining the projects to be funded, the following was agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To attempt to set up a replacement Teracycle scheme which could hopefully be based at TRBC, (if approved by the church). <b>RH</b> would contact Jon White and ask that the church pray for a volunteer to step forward so that HTNC can support the scheme financially. SGL would be approached by <b>MW</b> for an indication of what the likely cost would be.</li> <li><b>RH</b> would get back in contact with Nick Jenkins to ascertain if there are any projects that HTNC could support in line with the work undertaken by the Neighbourhood wardens. The provision of a Table Tennis table for the Turning Tide initiative was given as an example.</li> <li><b>OH</b> agreed to make enquiries with HDC regarding HTNC’s offer to financially support improvements on the Riverside Walk near the Irwin Drive end. (ND left the meeting).</li> <li><b>RH</b> agreed to approach the allotment committees to enquire if HTNC can financially support any small project that they have in mind.</li> <li><b>JFP</b> would make further enquiries regarding packs of free wild flower seeds that could be available for HTNC residents and to enquire where the seeds are sourced from.</li> </ol> <p>Members also approved the renewal of Zoom although also agreed to monitor its use closely and to consider how to make better use of the platforms that are free to use.</p> |
| 14/442/23 | Members had not attended outside committees over the Christmas period and therefore there were no reports.  |
| 15/442/23 | <p>It was agreed that the forthcoming outside committee meetings would be attended by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilder Horsham District workshop - Thursday 2nd February at the Council offices in Horsham from 10.00 - 4.00 – MW (RH would enquire if PD could also attend as a second member – PMN this was confirmed)</li> <li>An opportunity to spend an hour with our Neighbourhood Wardens - 25<sup>th</sup> January, 11am – 12noon – MW and OH</li> <li>Neighbourhood Wardens’ steering group meeting - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 4pm on Teams - MW</li> </ol>  |



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| 16/442/23 | <p>The Spring edition of the HTNC Newsletter which PD had agreed to draft with contributions from members, would be include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Nominations for the Leonard Crosbie Award</li><li>ii. Resolving the fox and other urban wildlife problem in the Trafalgar Neighbourhood</li><li>iii. <a href="#">New Highway Online Reporting Tool</a></li><li>iv. Cycling Questionnaire link - <a href="https://forms.gle/w8bSVrTyEo81yGMeA">https://forms.gle/w8bSVrTyEo81yGMeA</a></li><li>v. Useful Reporting Links – filed and retained by <b>RH</b> (as per the warden’s newsletter)</li><li>vi. Photos of the riverside walk – <b>RH</b></li><li>vii. 20’s Plenty – <b>CB</b></li></ol> |
| 17/442/23 | <p>Matters of other business included:<br/>Sam Maginnis from Holy Trinity Church will join the meeting on 8th February.<br/>The insurance required for the Speed Indication Device needs to be increased to £10m and <b>JFP</b> agreed to investigate costs.</p>   |
| 18/442/23 | <p>Date and time of the next meeting - The following dates have been entered into the diary for HTNC meetings that will be held at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church (TRBC) Trafalgar Rd, Horsham RH12 2QL with a 7.00pm start time:</p> <p>Wednesday 8th February 2023<br/>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023<br/>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023<br/>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May AGM and Open Meeting (subject to election dates)</p>  |

Meeting closed 21.05



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## Appendix A - Planning Applications

| Date Issued | Reference  | Details  | Actions |
|-------------|------------|--|---------|
| 14/12/2022  | DC/22/2301 | Surgery to 1x Oak at Springfield Park, 1 Springfield Park House North Parade Horsham West Sussex   | NFA     |
| 15/12/2022  | DC/22/2225 | The erection of a single storey rear extension at 56 Swindon Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2HD   | NFA     |
| 21/12/2022  | DC/22/2235 | The demolition of 9no existing garages and erection of 2no one-bedroom flats with associated external works and landscaping on land at Eyles Close Horsham West Sussex.                                      | NFA     |
| 21/12/2022  | DC/22/2271 | The erection of a single storey rear extension at 28 Irwin Drive Horsham West Sussex RH12 1NH  | NFA     |
| 06/01/23    | DC/22/2359 | The erection of a first floor rear extension, a two-storey side /rear extension and installation of new doors and windows to the side and rear elevations at 4 Merryfield Drive Horsham West Sussex RH12 2AB | NFA     |