

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2015
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Councillors M. Brakes, Mrs R. Ginn, Mr N. Grant*, Mr R. Knight, Mr M. Loates, Mr T. Rickett, Mr D. Searle, Mr M. Senior, Mr R. Turner (Chairman), Mrs B. Walters, Mr I. Wassell, Mrs S. Wilton (Vice Chairwoman)

In attendance: Stephen Rennie – Committee Clerk
Councillor Roger Wilton

* denotes absence

PART 1 – OPEN SESSION

PET092/14 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

PET093/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received.

PET094/14 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PET095/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Update on the Planning Inspector's initial findings regarding Horsham District Council's District Planning Framework

The Chairman gave an update on the hearing and the initial findings of the Inspector, including comments made by the Parish Council's barrister, who found some positives in the comments. The Chairman also commented that the Inspectors initial findings will be made available on the Parish Council's website.

PET096/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PET097/14 TO CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING BUS STOP AND BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE CHESTERTON COURT, MANOR FIELDS

Members noted that the new pole had not yet been installed by WSCC, and therefore the bus stop sign had not been moved.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET098/14 TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL DOG BIN IN THE VICINITY OF SEARLES VIEW AND TREADCROFT DRIVE
Members noted that a response from HDC had not yet been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED
To note this section of the report.

PET099/14 TO CONSIDER THE AIRPORTS COMMISSION CONSULTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL RUNWAY CAPACITY

Councillor R. Wilton commented on the public meeting that was held by the Parish Council on Tuesday 13th Jan 2015, and that all of the public that were in attendance were against the proposed second runway at Gatwick airport. He also recalled Councillor P. Burgess' comments from the meeting; that the idea of Gatwick becoming a second major hub is highly unlikely and Heathrow will always be the main hub airport in his opinion.

Councillor Searle commented that whilst Gatwick could do with a second runway, its proposed level of expansion is too great and there is no need for it to become a major hub airport, as well as the fact that the proposed level of investment in the road and public transport infrastructure is inadequate. Councillor Rickett agreed that the transport infrastructure would need far greater investment for the levels of increase of passenger movements that were being proposed.

Both Councillors Knight and Walters argued that the second runway would bring prosperity to the area, and that similar fears were conveyed about the building of the second terminal some 25 years ago.

Members were all in agreement over the fact that Gatwick's public transport links were far inferior to those of Heathrow, and that it was considered the current rail links to Gatwick would struggle with the extra travellers. In addition, the road infrastructure was already considered to be near or at capacity at peak times, and the Parish Council do not consider the proposed improvements to be sufficient for the potential increase in passenger numbers, as well as the increase in road users from the extra housing that will be required.

Members also considered that the information provided regarding the noise implications to surrounding areas was overly complicated and difficult for the average person to fully understand.

Members considered the Parish Council's response to the previous consultation by Gatwick Airport, and that they had opted for 'Option 3' – a new runway 3.4km south of the existing with a new terminal building in between and both runways used for landings and take offs, as well as considering the recent public meetings held on this issue and the strong opposition by some local residents. After lengthy

discussion, Members adopted a more neutral position as it was felt that whilst a second runway could bring some benefits to the area, the apparent intention of creating a major hub airport at Gatwick was over ambitious and the Parish Council held serious concerns over the transport infrastructure and the noise implications for local residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To respond to the Airports Commission consultation outlining the Parish Council's neutral position, and that whilst Members are not against the proposition of a second runway, a proposal of this scale causes concerns over travel infrastructure and noise pollution in particular.

PET100/14 TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES REGARDING SAFE ACCESS TO AND FROM EARLES MEADOW

The Chairman commented to confirm that he attended the North Horsham CLC meeting on 15th Dec 2014 to ensure the concerns of the Parish Council and local residents were heard and noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET101/14 TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT LAMBS FARM ROAD JUNCTION WITH GREENFIELDS ROAD

The Chairman again commented on the disappointing lack of progress to report, especially with the new fast food outlet due to open in the future.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET102/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members noted receipt of the Planning Applications, as set out in the accompanying schedule, received under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, from Horsham District Council since 11th December 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Committee's comments on each application be forwarded on to Horsham District Council

PET103/14 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted receipt of the schedule of planning decisions made by the Planning Authority

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note the schedule of planning decisions

PET104/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

.....Chairman

..... Date

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

15th January 2015

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/14/2526

Garages rear of The star, Fitzalan Road
Replacement flat roof to 12 garages
Applicant: Mr Leslie Salt

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2554

Willows, Pondtail Drive
Single storey ground floor extension, two storey infill rear extension, enlargement of the existing first floor front dormer, and second floor loft conversion
Applicant: Mr Patrick Rutherford

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2578

32, Greenfinch Way
Surgery to 1 Oak tree
Applicant: Mr David Weaver

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2588

Ashdown Court, Oak Tree Way
Surgery to 1 x Cedar tree, and 1 x Cherry tree (TPO)
Applicant: Sarah Cornelius

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2618

Graylands House, Graylands Estate Langhurst Wood Road
Prior approval for change of use of ground and first floor from use class B1 (A) office to use class C3 residential for eleven dwellings
Applicant: Verve Properties Ltd

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2619

The Pavillion, Graylands Estate Langhurst Wood Road

Prior approval for change of use of ground and first floor from use Class B1 (A) office to use class C3 residential for seven dwellings

Applicant: Verve Properties Ltd

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2641

6, Campion Road

Two storey side extension to replace existing garage and single storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr G Hillicks

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2642

16, Reynard Close

First floor rear extension and single storey conservatory and front car port

Applicant: Mr Graham Jacobs

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2675

66, Shottermill

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Knowland

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2678

HOLBROOK WEST

3, Goldfinch Close

Prior notification for a larger home extension extending 5m from the rear elevation, to a maximum height of 3.7m.

Applicant: Mr Brian Geoghegan

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2689

136, Pondtail Road

Fell 1 x Oak tree, surgery to 2 x Oak trees and 1 x Ash tree. Reduce beech hedge along the front drive, reduce conifer hedges on three sides of the rear garden (TPO).

Applicant: C/O Agent

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

Whilst having no objection to this application, the Parish Council would like to see the tree to be felled replaced with one of a suitable native species.

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2431

217, Comptons Lane

Single storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr Fergus O'Connell

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2723

45, Farhalls Crescent

Two storey rear extension and single storey rear/side extension

Applicant: Mr Marcus Humphrey

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/2749

46, Beech Road

Single storey rear and side extension with roof lights

Applicant: Mr Mike Gwyn

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION
