

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2021 AT 7.30pm  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**CLERK'S REPORT TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGENDA  
Numbers relate to those on the agenda.**

**1. Public Forum**

The Public Forum will last for a period of up to 15 minutes during which members of the public may put questions to the Council or draw attention to relevant matters relating to the business on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. Business of the meeting will start immediately following the public forum or at 7.45pm whichever is the earlier.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Members are advised to consider the agenda for the meeting and determine in advance if they may have a Personal, Prejudicial or a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any of the agenda items. If a Member decides they do have a declarable interest, they are reminded that the interest and the nature of the interest must be declared at the commencement of the consideration of the agenda item; or when the interest becomes apparent to them. Details of the interest will be included in the Minutes.

Where a Member has a Prejudicial Interest (which is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest), Members are reminded that they must now withdraw from the meeting chamber after making representations or asking questions.

If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Members are reminded that they must take no part in the discussions of the item at all; or participate in any voting; and must withdraw from the meeting chamber; unless they have received a dispensation.

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

1. Lists of planning compliance cases received from Horsham District Council (HDC) since 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 has been circulated to members of the planning committee.
2. WSCC has responded to the Planning Committee's concern regarding the overall poor condition of the public highway in North Horsham Parish Council and the surrounding area, where a specific example was given regarding the junction of Lambs Farm Road and Crawley Road.  
WSCC have inspected this junction and determined that one pothole fits the criteria for repair on the grounds of health and safety, which will be repaired in isolation within 28 days. It has been raised within WSCC to patch the whole of the bell-mouth, which is hoped to be completed within the next 4 months. WSCC further stated that areas around shops and schools are inspected more frequently than most roads in the district.

3. A £17million investment in roads and footways is underway across West Sussex. Works coming up this financial year include:

- 46 road resurfacing schemes worth £3.2million
- 71 road patching projects worth £1.2million
- 63 surface dressing schemes worth £3million: this treatment is used as a cost-effective method to prolong the lifespan of suitable roads
- Resurfacing sections of the A24, A264, A2011 and A2220, comprising: the A24 southbound at Ashington; the A24 northbound and southbound at Southwater; A264 Eastbound/Westbound at Faygate; the A2220 at Crawley and A2011 at Crawley. Total investment, £6.3million
- Footway improvements worth a total of £1.5million

Roads, footway and other types of planned highway schemes for this financial can be seen on WSCC interactive map: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roadworks-and-projects/road-projects/delivery-programme/>

4. HDC's Principal Planning Officer provided NHPC with an update regarding the development North of Horsham: The current works around Rusper Road north are mainly in relation to highway works. Rusper Road south has reopened with a new pavement that will connect the forthcoming bridge over the A264, which is on target to be delivered in December 2021. The bridge will be assembled over a few nights, but no dates have yet been set. HDC are currently looking at how they can mitigate the impact of night works on local residents. The works need to take place at night however, HDC have noted the bridge is a reasonable distance from the nearest residential property and are not expecting this to create any issues. When previous night works took place in that area HDC did not receive any complaints.

Additional works are also due to start within Phase 1, on the construction of the acoustic bund adjacent the A264 and the realignment of Rusper Road. The realignment of Rusper Road will not require Rusper Road north to be closed. The first residential parcel, Phase 1A, is due to start at the Cala Homes site. The school is also progressing well with the core buildings now constructed. Works are now underway to build the road directly to the south of the school.

In terms of notable current applications, HDC have the following:

- **DC/21/1427:** Phase 7. Reserved matters application for 221 dwellings, including private rented units, with car and cycle parking, new landscaping, drainage, access and internal roads, and associated infrastructure. This is the scheme for units of a modern appearance which was discussed at the last North Horsham Parish liaison meeting. This is to the south east side of Phase 1. This is new in.

- **DC/21/1219:** Reserved matters for southern loop road. This is an application for an internal road within the south side of Phase 1 which will join up with the Devine Land. This is also new in.

5. Legal and General has chosen the colour 'Orchard Green' (BS12C39), a dark green colour that coincides with HDC's lampposts, for the bridge that will cross the A264 to the development north of Horsham. HDC have welcomed comments from the Parish Council. As there was limited time to response, individual councillor comments were forwarded onto HDC for consideration; 4 councillors supported the colour and 2 councillors opted for a blue colour, similar to the bridge that crosses the A24 towards Broadbridge Heath and to the colours of North Horsham Parish Council.

## **6. Consultations**

### **1. Proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order on Bartholomew Way TRO/HON2103/RC**

The Parish Council has received notification, from West Sussex County Council, of a proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which will be to introduce double yellow lines on the southern side of Bartholomew Way and at the junction of Bartholomew Way and Cissbury Close.

### **2. Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 (WSTP)**

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) are reviewing the WSTP to update the WSCC's approach to managing and investing in the transport network. WSCC have invited the Parish Council to attend a webinar as part of the consultation.

### **3. A24 Worthing to Horsham Feasibility Design**

The study is focusing on 'at-grade' feasibility designs for improvements at key junctions along the study corridor, taking into account potential development related highway interventions. This includes considering potential improvements for bus priority, pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians at key locations where feasible, and reviewing the provision of bus stops along the study corridor.

It was reported at the Parish Council's Planning Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 that HDC were expecting to share draft feasibility designs for the study interventions with stakeholders for comments in early summer 2021. No further correspondence has been received since then. The Planning Committee stated its support in the management to improve safety along the A24 however, held concern regarding the impact on the A264 and adjoining networks. Concern was also raised regarding bus stop availability for members of the public attending funerals. The Committee decided to approach Rusper and Warnham Parish Council to ascertain if they would like to form a joint response on the draft feasibility design.

Both Rusper and Warnham Parish Council have expressed interest in forming a joint response.

## 7. Planning Appeals

Appeal Decisions:

<b>REASONS FOR APPEAL</b>	Appeal against refusal of planning permission
<b>APPLICATION REFERENCE</b>	DC/20/0819
<b>WARD</b>	Holbrook West
<b>APPLICATION</b>	Erection of a two storey dwelling with associated off street parking and hard and soft landscaping.
<b>SITE</b>	Land adjacent Fieldfare, North Heath Close,
<b>PC COMMENTS</b>	No objection.
<b>APPEAL DECISION</b>	Approved