

Memo (Agenda June 2019)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Nigel Jupp (County Councillor) & Toni Bradnum (District Councillor)

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 17th May 2019 (week commencing 13th May 2019)

Re: COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

I have outlined below a number of recent developments for your information.

(1) **Planning Applications Issued**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting
DC/19/0953 13.05.2019	Technical Details Consent for the erection of 3 No. four bedroom detached dwellings following the demolition of the outbuildings on site. Previously granted permission in principle reference: DC/19/0074 Little Homefield, Brighton Road, Mannings Heath	03/06/2019	Email consultation

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision
	None		

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
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(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	Date	HDC Action
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Correspondence

Email dated 13th May 2019, from SALC
SALC Weekly Bulletin

Latest News

For regular news updates please visit
www.ssalc.co.uk

Malthouse launches £8.5 million fund to help communities deliver discounted homes

A multi-million-pound support package to deliver thousands of discounted homes was launched by Housing Minister Kit Malthouse MP on Saturday 11 May 2019.

Volunteer groups will be able to apply from Monday for between £10,000 and £50,000 to help identify suitable sites for discounted homes, get planning permission for them and to provide other technical support. Further free specialist advice and guidance will also be made available for those who participate in the pilot.

[Read full article](#)

Legal Updates

For regular legal updates please visit
www.ssalc.co.uk

Upcoming Training & Events

Please note that we are no longer able to take bookings for bespoke councillors training as all available slots are filled, there are plenty of spaces still available on our planned sessions - please see link to programme below for dates and booking details.

Councillors Briefing & Awareness Updates



This 3 hour training session is designed to give new Councillors basic training on legal procedures. The training is delivered by experienced presenters and is an essential step to becoming an efficient, legally compliant Councillor.

Councillor Briefing & Awareness Updates are suitable for new Councillors and are also a useful refresher course for experienced Councillors.

To see a complete list of the Councillors & Chairs training on offer please visit the SSALC website by following the link below.

COUNCILLORS TRAINING PROGRAMME

Please let me know if you would like to attend any of the training events detailed.

**Email dated 13th May 2019, from SALC
CCG Patient Roundup update May 2019**

Please find below a link to the latest CCG update;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/ccg-patient-roundup-may-2019/>

**Email dated 14th May 2019, from Age UK Horsham
Age UK Horsham Spring Newsletter**

Please find below a link to Age UK Horsham's spring newsletter;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/age-uk-horsham-newsletter-spring-2019/>

**Email dated 14th May 2019, from HDC
HDC Latest News 14th May 2019**

Please find below a link to HDC's latest news bulletin;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/horsham-district-council-latest-news-14-05-2019/>

**Email dated 15th May 2019, from Age UK Horsham
Health Watch West Sussex**

We have a simple ambition, at Healthwatch West Sussex to make local health and social care services better for people that use them. We are here to listen, take action and influence positive change for local people living in

West Sussex. We play a role at both local and national level and will make sure that the views of local people are taken into account.

Our next Listening Tour will be in Broadbridge Heath are during mid-May and mid-June 2019 and we would like to talk to as many local people about their experiences and views of health and care services and we are keen to visit local groups and organisations.

Please do contact Cheryl, Email cheryl.berry@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk or telephone 07966 529756.

If you have any health or care concerns and challenges, our team can help you to take the next step on your journey, wherever this may take you. This including **free information and guidance**, and free access to **Independent Health Complaints Advocacy** if you need guidance on an NHS complaint or practical support, call 0300 012 0122.

Share your story by using one of the many ways to contact us - You can call **0300 012 0122**, Email helpdesk@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk, or Visit www.healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk. Catch us at events which are listed [here](#) or follow our social media channels to always be updated with the latest in health and social care news across West Sussex: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#).

Healthwatch is transparent and independent, with the authority to demand action. Together we speak louder.

Email dated 15th May 2019
NALC Weekly Bulletin



NALC calls to keep audits of smaller bodies proportionate

A new report published has highlighted the state of rural services in England, showing basic mobile calls are not possible across main networks.

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NALC meets housing minister Kit Malthouse MP

NALC met Kit Malthouse MP to press for neighbourhood planning to be strengthened including giving greater protection for neighbourhood plans.

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NALC welcomes new House of Lords report

NALC has welcomed the publication of the House of Lords Rural Economy Select Committee report, noting the high-value placed on local councils in the rural economy.

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Member updates

[Chief executive's blog](#)

Email dated 15th May 2019, from Neighbourhood Alert Sussex Police Weekly Update

Please find a link below to Sussex Police weekly update.

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/sussex-police-horsham-weekly-newsletter-15-05-2019/>

Email dated 16th May 2019, from HDC Daft Minutes Planning Committee North 30th April 2019

Please find below a link to the draft minutes from the Planning Committee (North) meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2019

Email dated 17th May 2019, from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

Revised precepts data

Very welcome news this week that the average Band D precept increase in 2019/20 is actually 4.9% and not 5.7% as published in March! The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have now published updated **council tax statistics** which includes data on every local precepting body in England, and which has been revised due to some incorrect data from billing authorities. In short, this means the average increase in our small share of council tax remained the same as last year, clearly showing our councils have continued to invest in communities while demonstrating the “restraint” expected by ministers. We’re crunching the numbers further and this analysis will be available next week.

Improvement and Development Board

MHCLG kindly hosted the Improvement and Development Board on 14 May 2019 for a workshop (expertly facilitated by its independent chairman Jonathan Flowers) which considered the wider context local councils are operating in, reflected on how the Board works together, discussed existing initiatives, and reviewed the Board's ambitions and aims.

Localis report on local leadership

Three stand out issues for me from the launch of the think tank Localis report ***Hitting Rest – a case for local leadership*** on 15 May, attended by our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, and co-champion of the Super Councils Network, Cllr Sandie Webb (re-elected this week as leader of Chippenham Town Council, so huge congratulations). The first was launch event panellist Sir Simon Jenkins consistent reference to local (parish and town)councils and call for them to have more power (amen to that!); second was we had persuaded Localis to interview two council leaders as part of their research, which rightly points out 'parish councils are often overlooked in considerations of local government structures', and thirdly an interesting 'roadmap' to decentralisation. You can read the full report **here** and catch up on all the conversation from the launch event on the Twitter hashtag **#HittingReset**.

Conference speakers update

I'm delighted to confirm a number of speakers for this year's annual conference (have you **booked your place** yet?). Rural Coalition chair and former *LCR* cover star, Margaret Clark, and Campaign for Rural England chief executive, Crispin Truman, will take part in a rural issues workshop; Salisbury City Council will share their expertise on communications and resident engagement, Co-operative Councils Network will provide insight and tips on how to invest-to-save, and our partners and conference sponsor BHIB return for what I'm sure will be another packed session on the hot topic of risk. We'll keep you updated over the coming weeks as more exciting speakers are confirmed.

The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch sees millions of people getting together to share food, have fun and get to know each other better and this year takes place over the weekend of 1 and 2 June. It's also a practical initiative to help tackle loneliness – 80% of participants last year felt less lonely and 4.5 million new friendships were made. Hence I'm really keen for local councils to consider getting involved by organising your own Big Lunch and encouraging and supporting other Big Lunch organisers locally. For more information about the Big Lunch and handy tips on how your council can get involved, check out The Big Lunch For Councils webpage **here**.

Neighbourhood planning

Good news as the **neighbourhood planning support programme** is now live and provides welcome funding and/or technical support, so please do make sure you make use of these resources which have continued to lobby for. The May edition of MHCLG's **Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter** includes some really powerful statistics, such as the 750th successful referendum has now taken place, 800,000 votes have been cast in total, 51% of Local Planning Authorities have at least one plan, and 14 million people live in an area with a neighbourhood plan. The latest update also includes provision for employment sites, broadband, housing, community facilities, rural economic development and high street regeneration – and showcases the work of Harpenden Town Council who took less than a year to submit their plan!

Plunkett Foundation national advisory group

Our policy and development manager, Chris Borg, attended a meeting of the Plunkett Foundation's national advisory group in Birmingham on 15 May 2019. The group acts as the steering board for the Plunkett Foundation/Esmee Fairbairn rural community business programme. Key issues covered included a review of stakeholder experiences on the programme so far and Plunkett's evaluation of the programme and legacy evidence by December 2019. We will continue to work very closely with the Plunkett Foundation to the end of 2019 and beyond to encourage as many local councils as possible to help set up and sustain rural community businesses, particularly in deprived and sparsely populated areas of the countryside.

Northamptonshire announcement

You may have spotted the **big Northamptonshire news** this week: they are going unitary from 1 April 2021. One of the consequences is likely to be the full parish of the county, whereas currently, only two-thirds of residents live in parished areas. There will likely be four new town councils – in Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby – and six or seven large parish councils in Northampton. There are only 686 days to go and Danny Moody and his colleagues are looking forward to a challenging few months!

National Audit Office consultation response

NALC has responded to a National Audit Office consultation (**read more in our news story here**) calling for a proportionate, realistic and light touch approach to audit and to minimise the costs of investigations which can be prohibitive. For example this year one small parish council with the precept of £12,000 was subject to in excess of a hundred separate objections raised by various local electors working in unison, which then had to be reviewed by the auditor. The cost to the council of the auditor reviewing all the objections and any further investigations is likely to be as much as the annual precept. We are also taking this issue up with MHCLG.

And finally...

I'm really pleased to let you know Linda Hammond has joined NALC as policy and projects intern in the member services team – welcome Linda!

Email dated 17th May 2019, from WSCC West Sussex Adult Social Care Vision Event

The first launch event for the West Sussex Adult Social Care Vision and Strategy has been published and is attached to this email. Details of the event are as follows:

2pm, Thursday 6 June 2019, K2 Leisure Centre, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9BQ

Registration is open from 1.30pm, when refreshments will be available.

Thank you to those of you who have already booked your place at one of the events. There is still time to register, please click either of the following links to book your place:

2pm (refreshments and informal networking from 1.30pm), Thursday 6 June, K2, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9BQ

10.30am (refreshments and informal networking from 10am), Wednesday 19 June, Assembly Room, North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

These interactive events will provide delegates with the opportunity to learn more about:

- The Vision and Strategy 2019-2021
- Key areas of our Improvement Programme and how our services will continue to evolve
- How we will work together with people who use our services, family and friend carers, our partners and stakeholders.

Co-production is at the heart of realising our Vision and the events will provide an outline of our proposed approach which builds on the views of stakeholders at an event we held in early March.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their views on the Vision and Strategy and tell us how they would like to be involved and influence implementation. To show our commitment to partnership working, at the event we will be inviting delegates to register their interest in working with us to deliver the Vision.

**Email dated 17th May 2019, from Nuthurst Cricket Club
Hard Ball Cricket Coaching**

For your reference, I have thanked the Cricket Club fir bringing this to the Parish Councils attention.

`It is Nuthurst Cricket Clubs intention to deliver hard ball cricket coaching on Mannings Heath common between 10-11:30am every Sunday between May 26th and July 14th

I hope this is acceptable'

Email dated 18th May 2019, from NHW



Crime Prevention Advice - Keyless Entry Car Key Systems

To: Horsham NHW Approved Coordinators (706 contacts) - please forward this message to your members.

A car parked on the owner's drive in Southwater overnight was accessed after the RF signal from the keyless entry car key (**inside the owner's house!**) was 'captured' by the offender(s) who then accessed the car without setting off the alarm. Items stolen included the steering wheel, wing mirrors, control panel and the control box.

You may like to consider buying an **RFID* signal blocker pouch** to keep your car keys in. These pouches can be purchased from Amazon, eBay and other suppliers, prices start at about £5. For anyone with keyless entry car key fobs, use of these pouches is recommended as the RF signal emitted by the key fob cannot be identified, captured and exploited.

*RFID - radio frequency identification

Keyless entry car key fob systems emit a radio frequency (RF) signal that enables the car doors, boot etc. to be opened when the key is within a certain distance of the car. Using technology, thieves can exploit any unprotected keyless entry key fob and "intercept" and capture the RFID signal - they can then gain entry to the car without setting off any alarm.

Please circulate this message and advice to all of your neighbours as well as family and friends of course.

Many thanks - Ken Broomfield, Secretary of the Horsham NHW Association

Message Sent By

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