

Memo (Agenda May 2019)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 12th April 2019 (week commencing 8th April 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/19/0739 04.04.2019	Erection of a two part and part single storey rear extension Mayfield, Pound Lane, Mannings	Not available	Planning meeting 17.04.2019
DC/19/0786 10.04.2019	Surgery 1 x Oak Land rear of 21 Woodlands Walk, Mannings Heath		Planning meeting 17.04.2019

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision
DC/19/0166	Erection of a single and two storey side extension Park Farm Bungalow, Sedgwick Park, Sedgwick	No objection	HDC Permitted
DC/19/0286	Fell 1 x Ash 36 Lime Kiln Road, Mannings Heath	No objection	HDC Permitted
DC/19/0298	Prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from office use (Class B1 (a)) to dwelling houses (Class C3) Elite Garage, Brighton Road	No objection in principal	Prior approval required and refused
DC/19/0347	Surgery 3 x Oak, 1 x Ash. Remove all side growth on all trees from the ground to crown. Remove dead branches/wood in crown of trees. In particular remove dead branching T30. 6 Heat Close, Mannings Heath	No objection	HDC Permitted
DC/19/0377	Surgery to 3 a Austrian Pines, 1 x Horse Chestnut, 1 x Oak, 1 x Scots Pine Mannings Heath Village Green, Golding Lane, Mannings Heath	No objection	HDC Permitted

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision
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(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	Date	HDC Action
EN/19/0133	Alleged: Breach of condition attached to appeal decision DC/16/2858 (replacement of wrought iron gates at entrance to site) Lot 6 Ghyll House Farm Broadwater Lane Copsale	8 th April 2019	

Correspondence

**Email dates 8th April 2019, from Planning Officer, HDC
Signed S106 agreement Coolhurst Close**

Thank you for your email. I am understanding of the Parish Councils concerns here and your request that this Application be refused. Unfortunately the delay in signing the Section 106 has been in large part due to a high volume of work that the District Council is currently experiencing. In light of this, we currently do not consider that it would be reasonable to refuse this Application under these circumstances. Please do note however that this has been flagged with our legal team as a priority and I understand that a draft agreement is in the process of being considered by both sides.

I trust this is of use.

**Email dated 8th April 2019, from SSALC
SALC Weekly Bulletin**

Latest News

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

Governance & Accountability for Smaller Authorities 2019

The new edition of *The Practitioners' Guide* for governance and accountability for smaller authorities in England has been updated and reissued by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG). JPAG is the multi-stakeholder body responsible for issuing proper practices in relation to the governance and accounts of smaller authorities which include local (parish and town) councils. You can read the new

guidance, which is accompanied by a two-page summary of changes from the 2018 guidance on the SSALC website (link below)

[Practitioners Guide](#)

[Summary of Changes](#)

The West Sussex Civilian Military Partnership Board Briefing

The West Sussex Civilian Military Partnership Board are hosting a 'Your Army' briefing in West Sussex which provides an ideal opportunity for representatives from Parish / Town Councils to attend and find out more about the Army and the wider Armed Forces community and how the Armed Forces Covenant and the 11 Inf Bde Engagement strategy can assist them locally. It is often assumed that as an area has no permanent military base it is ineligible for covenant support, however this is not the case and as my own Parish can testify, it is possible to access Covenant Trust Fund grants to support local commemoration activities, promote community integration and enhance service delivery where this also supports the wider service community.

Secondly, the briefing will highlight to parishes how accessible Covenant Trust Fund grants can be for the right project. Grants of up to £20,000 for appropriate projects are available through the fund. The event is being held at Fontwell Racecourse on the evening of 22 May 19. Parish council representatives can register to attend, free of charge at the following link

[Further Details](#)

[Legal Updates](#)

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

**Email dated 8th April 2019, from HDC Obligation Panel
Copsale Hall S106 Grant Request**

Dear Nuthurst Parish Council

I am emailing to confirm that the Planning Obligation Panel agreed to fund Copsale Village halls S106 application.

Kind regards

Melanie

**Email dated 9th April 2019, from SSALC
HealthWatch/What would you do – Survey**

Healthwatch East Sussex, along with the Healthwatch in West Sussex, Brighton and Surrey are launching a series of activities to encourage people to have their say about the future of the NHS in our area.

Healthwatch is the independent health and care champion. Through ‘What would you do?’ they will seek to reach as many people, groups, and communities as possible to get feedback on how local NHS services should change.

The Government is investing £20 billion a year in the NHS as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

Local organisations have now been asked to work together, to develop their own plans, which will set out how the national plan will work across local areas.

The public are being asked for their views about how health and care services could be improved. They will also be asked to share their ideas on how people can live healthier lives and what improvements they think could be made to help people access services quickly.

For more information and to complete the survey visit: www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do

The deadline for completion of the survey is 30th April 2019.

**Email dated 9th April 2019, from HDC Stay Connected
Stay Connected email address is changing**

We're emailing to let you know that our Stay Connected email address is changing.

From this week our email updates will be sent from:

horshamdc@stayconnected.horsham.gov.uk

If you have added our old email address to your email contacts, you may want to add our new address so that you continue to receive Stay Connected emails. Other than that, there is nothing that you need to do.

If you have any questions about the change please get in touch using communications@horsham.gov.uk.

Thank you for subscribing to Stay Connected.

Kind regards,

Horsham District Council's Communications Team





NALC wants more affordable and social housing

NALC is calling for the government to enable more social and affordable housing for those otherwise unable to access this accommodation.

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Dorset get three new local councils

Dorset saw the creation of three new local (parish and town) councils as local government re-organisation in the county went up a gear.

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NALC launches Annual Conference 2019

This year's conference will take place on 28-29 October at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes. Book your place today!

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Member updates

[Chief executive's bulletin](#)

Email dated 10th April 2019, from HALC
Proposed changes to the Planning Committees

Concerns were raised at the last meeting of HALC about the proposed changes to the constitution of HDC's Planning Committee, reducing them from 2 to 1 Single Committee. The recommendations were discussed by the Governance Committee here:

<https://horsham.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=6532>

The recommendations will be discussed by the full HDC Council on 24 April 2019. HALC had requested a deferral of this decision, but the Chief Executive of HDC said this is not within his gift, as it is a matter for the local planning authority to determine.

Therefore if your Council has any concerns about the proposed changes to the Planning Committee, we respectfully request that you raise them with your district councillor.

The email has been forwarded to Toni Bradnum

Email dated 11th April 2019, from WSCC
Operation Watershed

Since its inception in January 2013, Operation Watershed has invested over £3million in community projects from a budget derived of Reserve and Revenue funding.

During 2018/19 WSCC, Operation Watershed funded a further 21 community projects across West Sussex. Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund is making a further £300k *Capital funding* for this financial year 2019/20.

We are aware a number of community groups are already preparing applications so it looks like the demand will continue.

The required demonstrable criteria for applications to be successful from April 2018 include:

- Tackle a recognised surface or ground water flood risk
- Meet at least one of the following elements in its technical scope:-
 - Provide new infrastructure installations or build
 - Make material change improvements to existing infrastructure
 - Increase the drainage capacity of existing infrastructure
 - Provision of assets for community groups usage to protect their local area
- Evidence 'Community Commitment' to deliver the project including all and any future maintenance

Full details are available on the county council [website here](#).

WSCC officers will continue to work closely with communities as and when they come forward with their applications.

WSCC Member support for community groups applying for project funding continues to be a prerequisite for approval of applications.

For further information:

Web: www.westsussex.gov.uk/watershed

Email: operation.watershed@westsussex.gov.uk

YOUR VOICE

— COUNTY LOCAL COMMITTEE —

Save the date of your next local meeting:

Monday 17 June 2019 @ 7pm
County Hall North, Main Conference Room,
Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1XH



Do you have a question for your local councillor?
Questions can be submitted in advance to:
talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk

Pitch for Community Initiative Funding by **28 May 2019**

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Email dated 12th April 2019, from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Larger Councils' Committee Meeting – 9 April 2019

The NALC Larger Councils' Committee met at the LGA's London offices on Tuesday 9 April. In advance of the draft minutes being available on our website, highlights included:

- agreement to explore further how a share of business rates could be allocated for councils to support local businesses either through a hypothecated share for economic development activity or inclusion in the next wave of business rates retention pilots.
- a breakout discussion on media relations identified the importance of good relations with the media of all kinds including newspapers, radio and social media; it was also important for councils and councillors to relate directly with residents including through attending events held by others; and consideration should be given to every larger council appointing a councillor to be its lead media spokesperson.

the Committee also fed its views into the NALC response to the MHCLG Select Committee Inquiry into local government finance.

Publications

Legal briefings

Following on from last week's bulletin our Legal team has now updated a [briefing on data protection fees](#) (please log into the members' area of the NALC website to access this briefing).

A briefing paper on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has also been produced, following requests from county associations, and is available [here](#).

LCR renewals

It's that time of year again when we ask you to renew your subscription to *LCR*. I'm pleased to say that once again prices have been frozen for 2019/20. Information on how to renew your subscription will be sent out shortly, so keep an eye out for it. If you don't already subscribe, [click here](#) for more information.

Parliamentary lobbying and consultations

House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities

I was delighted to see the brilliant work of councillors in Cornwall featured in the House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities report into [The future of seaside towns](#). The report also picks up many of the points we made in our submission to the call for evidence, including the need for provision of high quality affordable housing, enhanced transport and digital connectivity and a mixed local economy in coastal areas. [You can read more about the report here](#).

MHCLG Select Committee Report On "Brexit & Local Government"

The House of Commons. Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee published its report on "Brexit and Local Government" on April 3. NALC's vice-chairman (finance) - Keith Stevens - had given evidence on 23 July. You can read his evidence and their report [here](#), which helpfully calls on the Government to "urgently make clear its plans for the further devolution of powers to local authorities post-Brexit."

Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Oral Questions

MHCLG oral questions this week saw government ministers answer three questions regarding powers for local (parish and town) councils. Minister of State for Housing, Kit Malthouse, responded to a [question from Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods](#) regarding whether local councils should be given additional powers to support neighbourhood planning in deprived areas.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Jake Berry), answered [two questions from Antoinette Sandbach](#) on support for local councils and powers for local councils to enable them to ensure that affordable housing development is met. To view the video recording of the session please [click here](#).

A reminder to let us know your views on the [consultation on the new Code of Audit Practice](#) which is due to come into force by 1 April 2020 by emailing chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Tuesday 30 April, 2019.

NALC has also recently responded to consultations on the Affordable Housing Commission, improving water management and flood defences. Please [click here](#) to view the responses (you will need to be logged in to the members' area of the website to access these documents).

And finally...

A number of you may have read the article in the home section of last week's Sunday Times asking what is the role of parish councils? We have written to them pointing out all the positive work you do on behalf of your communities and will be contacting the journalist concerned to point out the inaccuracies in the piece and inviting her to visit some other councils. If you are on Twitter you can read the whole article on [@TheSTHome](#). But have a strong cup of tea with you.

