

Memo (Agenda July 2019)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 7th June 2019 (week commencing 3rd June 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

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision
DC/19/0089	Retrospective planning application for the erection of an outbuilding, swimming pool and associated plant. The Old Cottage Farm, Nuthurst Road, Maplehurst	No Objection	Permitted

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason

(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	Date	HDC Action

Clerks Update

- The unmetered electricity supply will switch from EDF to SSE on 6th June
 - There will be a Planning Committee, Finance Committee & Open Spaces Committee meeting on 19th June, at MHVH, commencing at 7.30pm
 - Rec'd confirmation from HDC that £3,210.00 S106 funds for the Rumba in the Children's play area will be credited to the Parish Councils bank account on 10th June
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Correspondence

**Email dated 5th June 2019, from WSCC
WSCC Town & Parish News June 2019**

Please find below a link to WSCC Town & Parish News June 2019

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/WSCC-Town-Parish-News-June-2019.pdf>

**Email dated 5th June 2019 from WSCC
WSCC Climate Change Pledge**

Please find below a link to WSCC Climate Change Pledge below;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/wscce-newsletter-june-2019/>

**Email dated 5th June 2019 from NALC
NALC Newsletter**



NALC welcomes MHCLG precept revision
NALC is pleased to see revised precept figures from MHCLG, which show that the average Band D precept increase in 2019/20 was actually 4.9% and not 5.7% as published in March.

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Book your place at NALC and LGRC Local Council Expo

The expo aims to provide an opportunity for councillors and others in local (parish and town) councils to see the complete range of products and services that they might need.

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Submit your entry to the Star Council Awards 2019

The awards are now open for entry. There are five categories; Clerk, County association project, Young councillor, Councillor and Council of the Year. Deadline for entries is 28 June.

[Submit your entry today](#)

Member updates

[Chief executive's blog](#)

[ICO factsheet on data protection fees](#)

Email dated 5th June 2019, from Strategic Planning, HDC New Head of Strategic Planning

We are delighted to announce that Catherine Howe is the new Head of Strategic Planning (effective immediately) replacing Trevor Saunders who took on the role on an interim basis. Most of you will know Catherine well from her previous role as Principle Planning Officer where she has given integral support to Neighbourhood Planning. I am sure you will join us in wishing Catherine the very best in her new role.

Email dated 6th June 2019, from WSCC Agenda CLC Meeting 17th June 2019

The agenda for the meeting of the North Horsham County Local Committee to be held on 17 June 2019 has been published and is available on WSCC website, please click on the link below:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=179>

Email dated 6th June 2019, from WSCC Community Safety & Wellbeing Staying Safe Online Resources

We just wanted to make you aware of these online safety resources yourselves and your communities may wish to sign up to:

Keep up to date with the latest online safety advice by signing up to our free [Staying Safe Online E-Newsletter](#). This will share helpful tips, information, upcoming events, training and news each month to help you and your family stay safe. To sign up [click here](#) or visit <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/subscriber/new> and register or login to your account and tick 'Staying Safe Online' to subscribe.

For regular top tips about online safety, start following us on Twitter [@WSxSafeOnline](#) or visit our webpage <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online>

It would be wonderful if you could share these resources with your communities and networks.

**Email dated 7th June 2019, from WSCC Countryside Services Manager
Improvements to five sections of the Downs Link**

Dear Parish Councillors

The Downs Link is a popular Public Right of Way and promoted route that runs through your local area. We are conscious that some sections of the route can become muddy and difficult to use in the winter months and have had feedback from user groups seeking improvements to the surface.

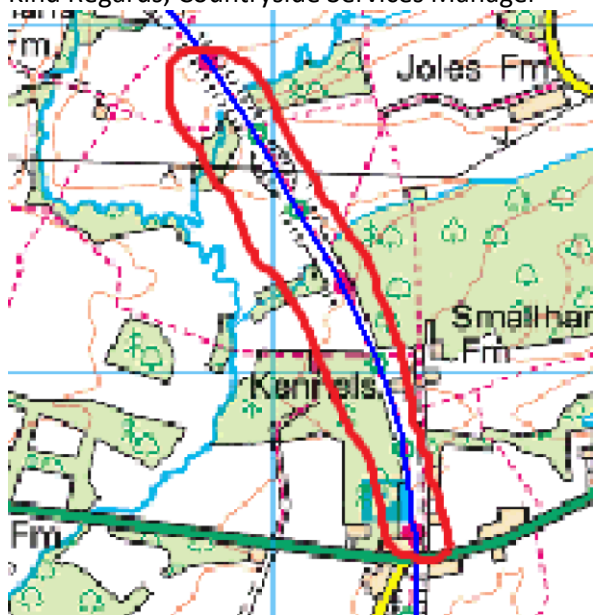
This work requires capital investment so we submitted a bid to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for funds to address these problems. I am pleased to say we have been successful and will be delivering surfacing improvements to five sections along the Downs Link over the next two years. We believe this work will have a positive impact on those using the route so are delighted.

I understand you provided a letter of support to my colleague Jess Winkworth, which was submitted with the bid so I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

I have attached a map showing the sections the surfacing will take place. Sections 1, 4 and 5 will be delivered this year and sections 2 and 3 next year.

You will see I have copied Geraldine Fewster in on this e mail as she will be managing the works. She will make sure you are kept informed as the works progress but please feel free to get in touch with either of us if you have any further questions at this stage.

Kind Regards, Countryside Services Manager



Communities Partnership Board

Together with other community sector representatives, on 3 June I met with senior officials from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, to discuss a draft communities framework to help deliver the MHCLG's secretary of state, James Brokenshire MP, vision of strong communities of place and the support necessary to build them. He wants "to ensure that community voices are heard, valued and produce change so that no community is left behind." I think it will be helpful to have such a statement, although clearly, we believe local (parish and town) councils have a key role in supporting this and we will continue to press for financial, legislative and capacity support to help them build stronger communities. The framework is likely to be published before the Summer and the government is planning a national communities week for the week commencing 9 September, so please put this date in your diary.

Finance and Scrutiny Committee

Our Finance and Scrutiny Committee met on 4 June, here are a few highlights:

- councillors received the unaudited draft year end management accounts which showed a comfortable surplus as projected
- the budget for the new financial year was considered and adjustments made in the light of the year outturn, together with considering the recommendation to be made for the affiliation fee for 2020/21 – the committee agreed to recommend the increases discussed at last year's Annual General Meeting of 3% per year for the next three years
- the committee also reviewed the risk register and received updates on General Data Protection Regulations, welcoming NALC's success in securing cyber essentials accreditation

Member Development Charter

Charlotte Eisenhart, head of member services, met with members of the Local Government Association's (LGA) leadership and innovation team to discuss the Member Development Charter. The LGA is considering updating this charter – which provides a robust, structured framework designed to help enhance and hone member development – and NALC and LGA agreed to work together with the ambition of opening this up to local councils, building on work already done by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils – watch this space!

West Midlands regional grouping of county associations

Charlotte and I were pleased to visit county association colleagues in the West Midlands at their regional meeting this week, where amongst other topics we discussed experiences of the recent local elections and NALC will shortly be undertaking a national survey, relationships with principal authorities and a potential joint event between us to build even stronger relationships and our future work with member local councils.

And finally...

A memorial service for the late Cllr Kevin Wilson took place on 5 June, hosted by MK Dons Football Club and Milton Keynes Council. Our vice chairmen, Cllr Derek Liddell, and head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, represented NALC at the well-attended event which heard moving tributes from a number of people who knew and worked with Kevin throughout his life including current and former councillors, the chairman of MK Dons, a former MP and his family. I wanted to leave you with this quote from Kevin which was on the cover of the order of service: "Don't worry. It will be all right."

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