

Memo (Agenda September 2019)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 5th July 2019 (week commencing 1st July 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/19/1277 27.06.2019	Erection of 2.No detached buildings comprising of a total of 30.No flats including 10 affordable units with associated access and parking Cisswood House Hotel, Sandygate Lane, Lower Beeding	18.07.2019	Planning Committee 17.07.2019

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision
DC/19/0953	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	Objection	HDC PERMITTED

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
DC/18/2007	Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no. dwelling houses (Class C3) Waves Farm, Kerves Lane, Horsham	Appeal Lodged

(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	Date	HDC Action
	No Enforcement numbers		

Clerks Update

- Nat West have updated the authorised signatories for the Parish Councils accounts.
 - Road sweeper damaged the surface of Masons Field, reported to WSCC Highways.
 - Resident advised vegetation/sting nettles encroaching on the footpath along the A281 (opposite the entrance to Church Road) and pedestrians having to walk in the road, reported to WSCC.
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Correspondence

Email dated 1st July 2019, from Horsham Cycling Forum

What cycling improvements would you like to see at local railway stations?

A 'Passenger Benefit Fund' has been set up by the rail company (GTR) to pay for schemes to benefit passengers at local stations. Horsham district will get a total of £330,000 across the seven stations of Faygate, Littlehaven, Horsham, Christ's Hospital, Billinghamurst, Pulborough and Amberley.

The cycle forum has some proposals and we'd like to hear your views on them.

We'll be putting the proposals through to the rail company and the more public support we can show for them the more chance we have of them being chosen.

You can find more details on our Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/CycleForumHorsh/photos/a.787678231683296/801369330314186/?type=3&theater>

Please let me know what you think of the ideas - either by replying to this email or commenting on the Facebook post.

Email dated 1st July 2019 from WSCC

Your Town and Parish Council News for July

Please find below a link to Your Town and Parish Council News for July;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/wsc-town-parish-council-news-july/>

Email dated 1st July 2019 from HDC

HDC's Summer Magazine

Please find below a link to HDC's summer magazine;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/horsham-district-council-magazine-summer-2019/>

Email dated 3rd July 2019, from Parish Community Group

Community Speed Watch

Please thank the Councillors on our behalf for agreeing to support the Speedwatch initiative and the purchase of the Starter Kit 1.

The last few of the 14 Volunteers from the Parish, have now had their final training. This means the 2 Controllers can now schedule the Police approved sites within the Parish Boundaries. This will include a number of roads which suffer from excessive speeds, the School will be part of those initially planned sites.

One of the items that is not included in the Kit is Hi Viz Bomber Jackets for the winter months. The police advised us that these jackets will be essential to protect the volunteers for the inclement winter weather. Therefore we would like to request the Parish Council to consider and approve the purchase of 2 Jackets for the Speedwatch surveillance teams. The cost is around £80.

This will then complete all the essential items required to proceed for the future.

I have to say it is heartening to receive a lot of positive vibes of our joint venture from residents throughout the Parish. I hope this is looked on favourably for the reasons given and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Email dated 3rd July from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**



NALC demands residents are given a referendum

NALC has urged the London Borough of Tower Hamlets principal authority to hold a referendum on proposals to create a new local (parish and town) council in Spitalfields.

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NALC agrees on measures on neighbourhood planning

NALC has agreed on a range of measures to help strengthen the neighbourhood planning process.

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NALC calls for the FSO to cover local councils
NALC has called this week for all local council financial complaints (particularly those regarding banks) to be heard by the financial ombudsman.

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NALC urges councils to support councillor training
The Smaller Councils Committee of NALC is urging smaller sized local councils to support the training and development of their councillors and staff.

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Member updates

Chief executive's blog

Minutes from Larger Councils Committee on 10/11 June 2019

Minutes for the Management Board on 18 June 2019

Agenda papers for National Assembly on 9 July 2019

A new consultation response on *Vehicle operator licensing*

Email dated 4th July 2019, from Neighbourhood Watch
JAG Meeting – Tuesday 9th July 2019

The next meeting of Horsham District Council's ***Joint Action Group (JAG)*** will be on Tuesday 09 July; the purpose of this memo is to inform you that if you have ongoing '**Community Issues**' in your area that require attention, e.g. anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, persistent littering then you can submit a JAG Reporting Form online via the link shown here:

Email dated 4th July 2019, from WSCC
WSCC CLC Meeting 17th June 2019

Please find below a link to the agenda for the next CLC meeting;

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

Email dated 5th July 2019, from WSCC
WSCC E-Newsletter July 2019

Please find a link to WSCC E-Newsletter below:

[WSCC E-Newsletter July 2019](#)

Email dated 5th July 2019, from NALC
Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin

Local Government Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2019

This week I was at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference and Exhibition 2019 in Bournemouth with our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, and head of member services, Charlotte Eisenhart. The main takeaway for me interested in creating new local (parish and town) councils in unparished areas. This is something that we and county associations should redouble our efforts on!

We published in the new July edition of the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) a **special four-page report** on how local councils are revitalising local communities and innovating, and which showcases the work of several councils. This edition was published during the event and made available to the 1400 delegates – primarily leaders and chief executives of principal authorities – as well as LGC’s subscribers.

Our exhibition stand was popular once again and visited by scores of delegates to discuss local councils, our special report, our **One Community** report with the LGA, as well as the work of NALC and county associations.

Given the time of the morning, our 08.15 breakfast fringe (kindly sponsored by Countryside) pulled in over 25 delegates (I heard of one event which only has 6 attendees!) to discuss how we can build strong communities post-Brexit, with the panel including the young directly elected mayor of Lewisham (who had been a parish councillor) – we live streamed the fringe on Facebook and you can watch it again **here**.

We met with a number of people and organisations throughout the event, ranging from James Brokenshire, secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government (who mentioned parishes in his speech!) to the Armed Forces Covenant, Association of Democratic Services Officers, and the Local Government Boundary Commission.

You can read some good speeches here: LGA Chairman, Councillor **James Jamieson**, the Secretary of State, **Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP**, and Governor of the Bank of England **Mark Carney**.

And huge thanks to Cllr John Parker, president, Cllr Alan Thacker, chairman, and Hilary Trevorah, county officer, from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils who joined us throughout the week.

DEFRA roundtable on rural housing

NALC vice chairman Cllr Keith Stevens took part in a rural housing roundtable hosted by rural affairs minister Lord Gardiner. Sixteen organisations including NALC came together to discuss the need for affordable housing in rural areas, practical measures to stop developers land banking, the impact of the five-year land supply on planning decisions and the importance of developers getting local support for new housing developments by consulting with local (parish and town) councils.

This week also saw the publication of the Government's response to the report of the Select Committee on the Rural Economy. The response can be found [here](#). There are a few areas of interest to local councils which we will be considering over the coming weeks.

NALC and Plunkett Foundation push local council support for community business

This week NALC and the Plunkett Foundation promoted local council support to rural community businesses by issuing a case study call to arms to all county associations. The [case study](#) featured Thorncombe Parish Council's (Dorset) support and revitalisation for its village shop and café (which had also seen local MP Sir Oliver Letwin volunteer in recent years). So join NALC and Plunkett in promoting the power of local councils to revitalise rural community business and [get involved!](#)

Joint Panel on Accountability on Governance

The Joint Panel on Accountability on Governance (JPAG) met on 1 July. This brings together representatives from SLCC, NAO, MHCLG, CIPFA, SAAA, auditors, DEFRA and ADA to oversee proper practices for the governance and accounts of smaller authorities. It began work identifying the issues to be covered in next year's practitioners' guide and considered representations and questions from five local councils, county associations and other organisations. We will publish draft minutes next week where you can read more. It also agreed to seek views on how useful and user-friendly the guide is. We will send out a survey shortly but please contact NALC at farhana.miah@nalc.gov.uk, if you have any comments on the current [guide](#). Could I also take this opportunity to encourage you to highlight to colleagues the importance of reading carefully the [simple instructions](#) on completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and ensure your email (preferably) or post-in (not both) the correct return? And finally, on audit, James Brokenshire announced at the LGA conference an independent post-implementation review of audit legislation and I spoke to an MHCLG official who confirmed that this will cover the regime for smaller authorities. We will let you know more when we have further details.

Email dated 5th July 2019, from HDC HDC Recycling & Waste News July 2019

Please find below a link to HDC recycling & waste news;

<https://www.nuthurstparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/HDC-Recycling-Waste-News-July-2019.pdf>
