

Memo (Agenda February 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 26th January 2020 (week commencing 20th January 2020)

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/20/0099 21.01.2020	Fell 1 x Pine (Works to tree in a Conservation Area) Old Post Office, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	11.01.2020	FPC 05.02.2020
DC/20/0108 21.01.2020	Erection of an agricultural/equestrian barn Land South of Stakers Farm, Stakers Lane, Southwater	11.02.2020	FPC 05.02.2020

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
	None		

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
DC/19/0763 APP/Z3825/W/19 /3238036	Change of use of existing building to holiday let Hawthorns, Bar Lane, Copsale	Appeal Dismissed

(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action
	None	

Clerks Update

- Operation Crackdown have provided the following update of the White Vauxhall in the layby in Bar Lane *'The status of the vehicle has changed, it's new status is: Vehicle is taxed, MOT'd and Insured and therefore at this time is not considered as abandoned.'*
- Large potholes in Sedgwick Lane reported to Loveswestsussex and the following

response has been received `Please be advised that the site has been inspected and works have been raised for the intervention level defect present throughout the whole section of Sedgwick lane. In total 23 defect have been identified and works raised for, These works will be undertaken in due course subject to road space.'

- Fallen tree obstructing the pavement on the Brighton Road, between Sedgwick Lane and Birchen Bridge reported to Loveswestsussex
- Chased SSE for the quotation to replace the lantern on the street light in Church Road, opposite Woodlands Walk.

Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 26-12-2019 and 26-01-2020

Current Volunteers	=	22
Summary for this Period		
Number of Sessions this period	=	1
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	1
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	1
Accuracy	=	100%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	39 mph(+30%)

Police Actions this Period		
Letter Sent	=	1

Overall		
My group started Recording* on	=	30-05-2019
Number of Sessions since start date	=	36
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	240
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	49mph(+63%)

Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	60mph(+50%)
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Date	Time	Type Traffic Heading	Location Recorded	Letters	Vehicles	Percent
14-01-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading West	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just West of Rycroft Meadow			n/a %
18-01-2020	09:00 -> 10:00	BOOKED traffic heading West	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just West of Rycroft Meadow	1	1	0 n/a %

Email dated 20th January 2020, from HALC
HALC Meeting Monday 27th January 2020

You are hereby invited to a Meeting of HALC to be held on:

Monday 27 January 2020

7.30pm – 9.30pm

at Coolham Village Hall

Billingshurst Road, Coolham RH13 8GN

AGENDA FOR THE HALC MEETING

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies - please sign in on arrival.
2. Presentation: The Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award
3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 12 September 2019 and 04 December 2019, and annual meeting with HDC on 14 November 2019.
4. Matters arising from item 3 – not on the agenda below.
5. HALC Constitution – review
6. Year-End Accounts 01/04/18 – 31/03/19 – approval of the year-end accounts.
7. Appointment of External Examiner for financial year 01/04/19 – 31/03/20 including consideration of ex-gratia payment of £50.
8. Speed Limits on Rural Roads.
9. Climate Emergency.
10. SSALC Training Programme 2020
11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies:
 - Standards Committee
 - WSALC
 - Sussex Surrey ALC
 - Community Safety Partnership
 - CPRE
 - CLC
12. Members Questions and Comments.
13. Date of Next Meeting –

Tuesday 07 April 2020

Wednesday 15 July 2020

Thursday 24 September 2020

Ashurst Village Hall

Henfield Hall

Sandham Hall, Coldwaltham

Email dated 22nd January 2020, from HDC
Latest News



Latest news and information

Have your say on safety and crime issues in our area



How safe do you feel in Horsham District? We would like to hear your views on safety and crime issues in our area.

Answer our quick survey online and you'll be entered into a prize draw for a £100 gift card that can be spent in local shops. The survey closes on Sunday 16 February.

[Answer the survey](#)

Highlights from the Museum's archive

[Horsham Museum & Art Gallery](#) is home to thousands of photographs that depict the people and places of Horsham District, as well as images brought back to Horsham from around the world.

This is your chance to delve into the archives and discover some of the most iconic, and unusual, images in the District's history.



[Exhibition details](#)

The art of Charcuterie

30 January 2020 Parkside, Horsham

The Council's Food Safety team is bringing together experts in charcuterie, salumi and antipasto from manufacturers and eateries across Sussex, with demonstrations open to both local business and the general public to learn more about this specialist food type.



[Event details](#)

Neighbourhood Wardens talk: Scams

**19 February 11am
Storrington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road**

Could you spot a scam if you saw one?

Our Storrington and Pulborough Neighbourhood Wardens have organised a talk on scams, how to recognise them and what to do if you are a victim. Why not come along for a chat and a cuppa?

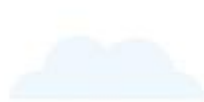
[Find out more about scammers and bogus callers on our website.](#)

Window Wonderland winners announced

Dozens of the District's retail businesses entered our Christmas Window Wonderland competition throughout December which helped to create a really festive feel and warm welcome for shoppers and visitors to our market towns and villages.

One local family and some brilliant local businesses have been announced as worthy winners.

[Read more](#)



We're planning for the future

Horsham District Local Plan 2019-2036

The Government has instructed all local authorities to build a significant number of new houses in the coming years.

The [Horsham District Local Plan](#) will set out how the District will deliver these developments in a sustainable way, addressing climate change issues and supporting the delivery of community infrastructure, transport links and opportunities for local, well paid jobs.

Stay informed

We will be consulting on the first draft of the Horsham District Local Plan 2019-2036 from 17 February to 30 March 2020. Your involvement in this process is very important to us.

[Stay informed and have your say by registering online.](#)



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Email dated 22nd January 2020, from HDC
Parks & Countryside Events



Parks and Countryside

news and events

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Sunday January 26, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Join the **Friends of Horsham Park** and the experts from the parks and countryside team at this free family event as part of the **RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch**.

Taking place in the **Park Barn (Horsham Park)** on **Sunday 26 January, 10am - 12pm**, there are plenty of family friendly activities including;

- Learn-to-make activities
- Bird puzzles and games
- Bird spotting sheets
- Bird spotting guidance
- Vote for your favorite bird
- Learn about the birds in our park

Wildlife experts will be on hand to answer questions and this is your opportunity to help us record the birds as part of this nationwide initiative.

The event will take place come rain or shine and there are free refreshments for everyone.

[See the full event details](#)



Wildlife Art on show at Warnham LNR

Thursday 2 January - Saturday February 29, 10.00am - 3.00pm

Did you know that throughout the year, a host of artists and photographers display their work in the Visitors Centre at **Warnham Local Nature Reserve?**

To kick start 2020, we are delighted to welcome local artist, Nick Hartnell.

His first exhibition in 2017 was a collection of paintings in gouache and watercolour. For this exhibition he has used pastels as his medium to capture the fur and feathers of his chosen British Wildlife subjects.



The reserve is open daily from 10.00am - 3.00pm and entrance to the Visitor Centre and exhibition are **free**.

(Admission charges to the reserve apply.)

[Find out more](#)

Taking lessons to a new level

Outdoor courses and adventure days for Schools and Clubs

We firmly believe that all children should have the opportunity to learn about the great outdoors and where better to do that than **in** the great outdoors.

That's why in conjunction with our qualified team of field teachers we offer a host of outdoor educational courses and fun days out for school groups and clubs.

Whether you are an educational practitioner looking for a course that meets the national curriculum, or a club organiser looking for a day with a difference we can help with our range of courses held at **Chesworth Farm** or **Warnham Local Nature Reserve**.



If you would prefer to do something different, simply contact our Community Engagement Warden, who will be happy to create a bespoke day for you.

[View the full details](#)

Coppicing workshop a great success

Earlier this month, Countryside Warden Ryan ran the first of two coppicing and hedgelaying workshops at Chesworth Farm.

The first task was to get our enthusiastic volunteers up to speed with the estate skills required. The group started by learning how to coppice the hazel stands in The Warren which produced the stakes and binders needed for the hedgelaying job ahead.



The second part of the task was to repair the short section of previously laid hedge along Pedlars Way. The group did a great job and many thanks to everyone who attended on the day.

Volunteer on our green spaces

Discover the best of Horsham District

Have you seen the new [Discover Horsham District](#) website full of ideas and information to help you make the most of our towns and villages?

On the site you can find out about upcoming events, discover new and exciting attractions and enjoy our District's beautiful countryside all year round.



Visit the website

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Email dated 24th January 2020, from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

New Code of Audit Practice

I was pleased this week to be briefed by the National Audit Office (NAO) on the [new Code of Audit Practice](#), which has been laid in Parliament. We are hopeful that the revised Code's emphasis on proportionality and the expectation of better communication around objection work might help address some of the concerns that smaller councils, in particular, have raised with us, and which we have raised with the NAO and through the Redmond Review. The new Code comes into force on 1 April 2020 and will apply from audits of local bodies' 2020/21 financial statements onwards.

Rural Coalition

The Rural Coalition – which brings together key national organisations including NALC, Action with Communities in Rural England, National Farmers Union and CPRE (The Countryside Charity)

to ensure rural areas are not overlooked by the government – met on 22 January and was attended by myself and our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter. The meeting received an update from a deputy director from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs on emerging themes in the new government including progress on extending rural proofing, which the coalition has consistently called for. We pressed the importance of the forthcoming devolution white paper to include action on rural areas and support vital local community infrastructure. The emerging theme that emerged from discussions was the importance of engaging with new rural MPs! So I would urge you to make contact with your MP as part of Lobby Day preparations by writing to congratulate them, flagging up local issues, invite them to events, meetings and any openings, and crucially tell them the brilliant things you are doing to make your communities stronger.

NALC Larger Councils Committee

The Larger Councils Committee held its first meeting of 2020 at CCLA's London offices on 21 January. Cllr Paul Harvey (West Bleckley Council) was re-elected as committee chairman for 2020, and Cllr Peter Astell (Beverley Town Council) vice-chairman for 2020 – well done both! The committee received a presentation on the [NALC strategic plan 2019-22](#) (login required) and engagement with the new government and discussed some ways it could support these through its work programme such as sharing good practice and events, engagement with MPs, and our campaigns on council tax referendums and the toilet tax.

Great British Spring Clean 2020

This week our policy adviser, Andrew Tubb, was in Parliament for the launch of the Keep Britain Tidy (KBT) Great British Spring Clean 2020. This year's event will take place from 20 March to 13 April and aims to build on last year's success of over 560,000 #LitterHeroes joining forces to collect litter. I think this campaign provides a significant opportunity for local councils to bring the community together, help health and social wellbeing, and improve the environment – you can find out more [here](#), and please do get involved!

Code of conduct workshops

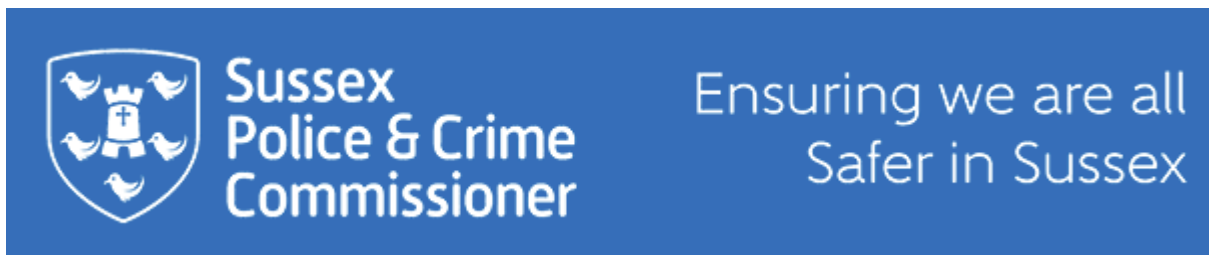
Over the last couple of weeks, colleagues from NALC and county associations have attended workshops convened by the Local Government Association (LGA) on developing a new model code of conduct. The sessions were attended by representatives from bodies across local government including monitoring officers, and considered types of codes and what the content of the recommended new code should be, by way of case studies, plus consideration of the role of social media. Issues raised by our colleagues included sanctions, training and interests. In terms of next steps, we expect draft model code to be consulted upon in coming months as the LGA is aiming to publish the new code at its conference in July.

NALC phone system upgrade

We will be upgrading our phone system on 27 January, and while there is expected to be very little disruption, lines may be unavailable for a short period during the changeover. Do please bear this in mind if you are calling NALC, and if you are unable to get through just try later or email nalc@nalc.gov.uk

And finally...

Huge congratulations to colleagues at the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) on the fantastic news a new town council for Northampton – becoming the country's biggest parish council – will be among the five new councils created on 1 April. Great to see some coverage on the [BBC](#) and in [LGC](#) where you can read more, including quotes from NCALC colleagues and NALC.



Hello,

On Wednesday I welcomed the biggest funding boost for policing in a decade after the Government announced its police funding settlement. This means the overall amount available for national policing could be as much as £15.2billion, if all PCCs take advantage of the £10 precept flexibility.



Thanks to previous increases in precept contributions, Sussex Police will have 100 extra Police Community Support Officers by March and 50 more specialist staff. It is also on target to recruit 250 additional police officers by 2023.

I discussed a potential increase in funding with the Chief Constable today at our monthly Performance & Accountability meeting. He assured me that any rise in precept contribution would further strengthen the Force's ability to keep Sussex safe.

CC Giles York said: "I welcome the proposed increase of £10 which will help us to continue our progress of recent years and make a real difference to the way the public feel about policing. It would mean more police officers and staff to take criminals off our streets; safeguard more victims; tackle rural crime; secure more prosecutions and handle the increasing demand placed on the contact centre."

I want to ask how you feel about increasing the amount you pay for policing by an average of 20p per week (an extra £10 a year). This is your chance to add your voice to the views I've collected over the past year. I've launched a snap survey which will only take 30 seconds for you to complete:
<https://sussexpolice.researchfeedback.net/SussexOSPCCPrecept>

The survey closes midday Thursday 30 January

New Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs) came into effect on Monday as a welcome additional tool for police to use in responding to reports of stalking. On that very day Sussex Police led the way in

enforcing this new law by successfully submitting the first SPO application in the country. This placed prohibitions on a local stalker's behaviour and safeguarded his victim.

Any breaches of these orders will be treated as a criminal offence, resulting in a jail term of up to five years. I hope that this will act as a substantial deterrent and a way to enforce the law without adding unnecessary strain upon the victim.

You can report stalking or harassment online, by calling 101 or 999 if you are in danger. Details of local support available for stalking victims can be found on Safe Space Sussex.



Katy Bourne OBE

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



Email dated 24th January 2020, from WSCC
Budget Update

[Key dates for our budget setting](#)

Plans to cover the costs of a growing demand for services will be reviewed by West Sussex County Council Cabinet Members at a meeting next week (Tuesday 28 January 2020).

The draft budget includes details of investment in areas which need improvement, with £12m identified for improvements in Children's Services and £2.6m for improvements in the Fire and Rescue Service.

The Cabinet will go through the proposed budget for 2020/21 before it goes before a meeting of the full council in February for final approval.

The Cabinet will also consider comments from the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee, which met earlier this week.

[Comment from the Cabinet Member for Finance](#)

Jeremy Hunt, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "Like many other local authorities across the country we are facing a huge demand for our services, against a backdrop of a significant reduction in government funding since 2010/11.

“In West Sussex we have been clear that we have some real challenges in service delivery that we need to address and future investment is a big part of that.

“The draft budget papers present a balanced position for the coming year, but also highlight a substantial budget gap of £45m over the following three years.

“To help alleviate pressures on our revenue budget, our £712m five-year capital programme includes more ‘invest to save’ schemes and further plans to invest in our successful income generating initiatives such as energy solar farms and battery storage projects.”

What's next?

- The Cabinet meets on Tuesday 28 January at 2.15pm.
- You are welcome to attend the meeting which takes place at County Hall, Chichester.
- The meeting can also be watched online at: www.westsussex.public-i.tv/core/portal/home.

Find out more about our financial position by visiting: www.westsussex.gov.uk/budget
