

Memo (Agenda April 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

cc: Nigel Jupp (County Councillor) & Toni Bradnum (District Councillor)

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 8th March 2020 (week commencing 2nd March 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/20/0392 06/03/2020	Enclose existing open porch and conversion of garage into habitable living space 32 Lime Kiln Road, Mannings Heath	23.03.2020	Planning 18.03.2020

Delegated Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/19/2565	Retrospective application for an agricultural building for the use of storage for riding equipment, farming tools and installation of toilet, wash basin, boiler and kettle/microwave area (welfare area) Hopelands, Polecat Lane, Copsale	No objection with conditions	Refused
DC/20/0099	Fell 1 x Pine (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area) The Old Post Office, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	No objection	Permitted
DC/20/0108	Erection of agricultural barn/equestrian barn Land South Of Stakers Farm, Stakers Lane, Southwater	No objection with conditions	Permitted

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
DC/19/2117	Conversion of barn to a two bedroom single storey live work dwelling Pemberley, Copsale Road, Maplehurst	Appeal Lodged

(4) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

(5) Committee

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC

Clerks Update

- The Clerk is in receipt of the 'please close the gates signs' and these will be put on the children's play area gates.

Community Speed Watch Data



Community SpeedWatch
Online



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 07-02-2020 and 07-03-2020

Current Volunteers	=	22
Summary for this Period		
Number of Sessions this period	=	2
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	2
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	1
Accuracy	=	50%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	41 mph(+36%)
Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	49 mph(+22%)
Police Actions this Period		
Letter Sent	=	1
Overall		
My group started Recording* on	=	30-05-2019
Number of Sessions since start date	=	37
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	243
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	49mph(+63%)
Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	60mph(+50%)

Date	Time	Type Traffic Heading	Location	Recorded Percent	Letters	Vehicles
12-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate			n/a %
13-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading East	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane			n/a %

17-02-2020	15:00 -> 16:00	BOOKED traffic heading East	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane	1	0	n/a %
20-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate			n/a %
24-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North West	A281 Brighton Road-Lane entrance opposite Dun Horse	Pub 1	1	0 n/a%
05-03-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate			n/a %
Totals				2	1	

Website Analytical Data

Analytics Nuthurst Parish Council
All Web Site Data

[Go to report](#)

Audience Overview

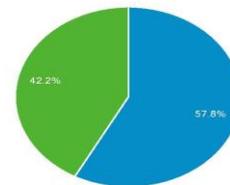
All Users
100.00% Users

29 Feb 2020 - 6 Mar 2020

Overview



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-gb	70	76.09%
2. en-us	17	18.48%
3. zh-cn	3	3.26%
4. en	1	1.09%
5. ru-ru	1	1.09%

Correspondence

Email dated 2nd March 2020, from UK Power Networks

UK Power Networks Roadshow – come and join us for lunch and a free tour of Brighton i360

Dear Sir/Madam

Come and give your views on our priorities – and then join us for lunch and a tour of Brighton i360

UK Power Networks runs the local electricity distribution network, keeping the lights on for over 8 million homes and businesses across London, the South East and the East of England. We're different from an electricity supplier; we maintain the local electricity network, including poles and substations. We're delighted to invite you to our upcoming stakeholder roadshow.

We'd love to get your feedback on some of the work that we're doing, and your views play a vital role in shaping our future plans. Our roadshow is entirely free of charge and includes a complimentary lunch and tour.

Date of our roadshow

Tuesday 17 March at Brighton i360, 9:30am - 1pm (followed by lunch and a tour)

Please let us know if you would like to attend, and whether you would like to have a tour after lunch, by clicking [here](#).

Details of the roadshow

We'll be looking at:

- Tackling Climate Change; our Green Action Plan
- Supporting customers in vulnerable circumstances
- Improving network resilience

Our roadshow will include break-out sessions with senior managers from across UK Power Networks, covering topics that we think should be our top priorities.

Over lunch, you'll have the opportunity to network with councillors, charities, our not-for-profit partners and leading representatives from across local government and the energy industry.

Our roadshow will kick-off at 10am, with refreshments and registration open from 9:30am. We'll then wrap-up the talks at 1pm for lunch, networking and a tour of Brighton i360.

If you know of a contact or colleague that would be interested in joining us at our roadshow, please do share this invite with them.

If you have any queries or need to let us know of any dietary or access requirements, please get in touch at: stakeholder.engagement@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Yours faithfully, Phoebe

Phoebe Ohene

Engagement Lead, UK Power Networks

Email dated 2nd March 2020, from HDC

Horsham District Draft Local Plan 2019-36: The consultation continues

We're planning for the future



Consultation on the Draft Horsham District Local Plan continues

The public consultation on the Horsham District Draft Local Plan (Regulation 2018) is continuing and we urge anyone interested in the Draft Local Plan to submit their feedback, either online or printed, **by 5pm on Monday 30 March**.

Please note that we cannot accept anonymous comments or comments marked 'private' or 'confidential'.

In order to view and comment on the Local Plan online you must be registered. Your contact details will be used to notify you of later stages of consultation.

Please be aware that your name may be published against comments you have submitted and your comments may be made available for the public to read as part of the Local Plan preparation process.

[How to have your say on the draft Local Plan](#)

[View and comment on the Draft Local Plan](#)

Does the Draft Local Plan represent Council policy?



No! The Draft Local Plan is for consultation purposes only. This means that it does not represent Council policy, and won't yet have any significant bearing on decisions made on planning applications.

Although potential sites are listed in the draft consultation document, the Council is not proposing to allocate the sites in this consultation. These are the sites put forward by developers and they each have been evaluated against a set of criteria. We are now seeking public comment on them.

We urge people to not only comment on sites near them but to look at all the sites. The decisions of the Council on the sites eventually to be allocated will depend on the feedback we receive during this consultation.



What happens if we don't have a Local Plan?

If we don't have a Local Plan we know from elsewhere that developers will most likely push ahead with their proposals and are highly likely to have them granted at appeal. Without a Local Plan for the District we:

- would have no control over where the developments go,
- We would not be able to try to ensure that jobs and homes are provided close to one another, and
- we could not ensure that we get the community benefits, transport upgrades and wider infrastructure.

We know that the Government is requiring substantially more homes to be built nationally and has given all local authorities a minimum number they have to provide each year – our revised number is 965 homes. This in itself is an increase but, in addition, we have to work with our neighbouring authorities to show how we can meet any housing needs that they cannot provide themselves. This could well result in some of the very high housing numbers that are included in the consultation document.

We will continue to challenge these housing requirements

Most recently, Horsham District Council's Leader and Cabinet Member met with MP's Jeremy Quinn and Andrew Griffith to raise our concerns about how difficult and challenging it is to meet the new housing requirements and to see what they can do to help.

Horsham District Local Plan 2019-36

Public Consultation (Regulation 18)



Last chance to visit one of our public drop-in events

We have been running a series of drop-in events across the District so we can talk to you about the Draft Local Plan and explain the options we are consulting on. The final sessions are at:

IFIELD: Tuesday 3 March, 4 - 8pm

Ifield West Community Centre
1A Dobbins PI, Crawley RH11 0SZ

SOUTHWATER: 4 March, 4–8pm

Southwater Leisure Centre
Lardner Hall, Pevensey Road, Southwater. RH13 9XZ

What if I can't attend a drop in event?

If you have not been able to attend one of the six drop-in events across the District you can view the exhibitions panels in Horsham Library between 6 and 30 March.

You can also view them online here:

[Read the Draft Local Plan exhibition panels](#)

A copy of the Draft Local Plan can be viewed online or at The Council office at Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1RL (between 9 am and 5 pm on weekdays), and in all District libraries. A copy has also been sent to each parish council.

[Find your local library here](#)

[Contact your local parish council](#)

We strongly recommend that you register online and submit your comments using the link below. However if you are unable to comment online, a comment form is also available at the above locations or can be sent to you. The closing date for feedback is Monday 30 March. Email strategic.planning@horsham.gov.uk or call 01403 215100.

[View and comment on the Draft Local Plan](#)

Quick links

- [How to have your say on the draft Local Plan](#)
- [Read a summary of the draft Local Plan](#)
- [Read and comment on the draft Horsham District Local Plan](#)
- [Read the Local Plan review evidence base](#)
- [Read the Local Plan review Issues and Options](#)
- [What is a Local Plan?](#)
- [Local Plan review timetable](#)
- [Local Plan glossary](#)
- [Your questions answered](#)

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Email dated 3rd March 2020, from SSALC Coronavirus - Latest Information and Advice

We are receiving many enquiries regarding coronavirus and action that you need to take, all we are able to advise at present is that you follow Government guidelines as set out below, guidelines are updated when required so please check the links below regularly.

Coronavirus – Latest Information and Advice

Coronavirus is of rising concern. While cases in this country are limited it could be that the World Health Organisation could declare a global pandemic in the future should the virus not be contained.

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate but the risk to individuals remains low.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath

However, these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness, the symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common such as cold and flu.

Do I need to avoid public places?

Most people can continue to go to work, school and other public places.

You only need to stay away from public places (self-isolate) if advised to by the 111 online coronavirus service or a medical professional.

Call 111 if:

- you think you might have coronavirus
- in the last 14 days you have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus
- you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, call 111 stay indoors and avoid close contact with other people.

Tell 111 about any recent travel and any symptoms you have.

You can access further advice from the following links:

[National Health Service advice on Coronavirus](#)
[Government advice on Coronavirus](#)

Anna Beams
Office, Training & Events Manager, SSALC Ltd

Email dated 3rd March 2020, from NALC
*****Coronavirus - NALC Update*****

Please see the latest advice from NALC regarding Coronavirus:

Yesterday NALC's senior management team met to discuss the implications of the developing Coronavirus situation and its impact on NALC's work and resilience. There were a number of issues from that meeting that we wanted to share with you:

Keeping up to date

The LGA has published a very useful list of different government advice sources <https://www.local.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-councils> we would recommend taking a look at Government advice at regular intervals. We all (NALC, CALCs and local councils) should be using government advice to inform decisions and be checking that advice regularly.

NALC current activity

As the government advice currently is broadly business as usual, lobby day and the spring conference will go ahead and we will write to National Assembly members and conference delegates accordingly. We also still plan to keep any commitments to attend events and meetings across the country. Of course, if government advice changes then we will reassess and communicate asap

Jonathan will be discussing with our Chair and Vice Chairs the proposal that we plan for the next cycle of committee meetings to be by telephone conference only, with reduced agenda. We will confirm with all committee members once a decision has been made.

Emergency preparedness

While we expect we will be able to continue to work as normal, it is worth preparing for all eventualities.

Having considered our different communications channels, if there is a significant reduction in NALC capacity then at a minimum we will keep the **NALC website** up to date with that information. This would be the first port of call for any council wishing to know the status of NALC's capacity. Most likely this would be a clearly visible note on the homepage of our status. For communication with County Associations – we expect we would always be able to maintain individual email contact especially for any urgent correspondence.

We will also take an item to next week's assembly proposing that depending on the severity of the virus' impact urgent decisions can be taken by the management board by phone/e mail or if the situation deteriorates the CEO in consultation with the chairs and vice chairs. More information will be provided in those papers.

Working with Government

We will also be engaging with Government on a range of issues – with particular emphasis that any decisions about principal authority working eg holding of councils meetings or elections, are made with the impact of local councils in mind as well. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Email dated 4th March 2020, from HALC HDC Consultation

Good Evening All

Horsham District Council Parking Services are carrying out a consultation and wish to understand your views regarding the use of Body Worn Video Cameras by the Civil Enforcement Officers.

The consultation form should be self-explanatory, but if you have any comments/objections these should be sent via the parking@horsham.gov.uk email address.

Closing date for comments is 27 March 2020.

Kind Regards
Beverley

Horsham District Council Body Worn Cameras Consultation
February 2020

Horsham District Council would like to hear your views on a new trial of body worn cameras.

Horsham District Council wants to improve travel for everybody, whether pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, car or lorry drivers. Civil Enforcement Officers are vital to keep traffic flowing safely and the transport network at its most efficient for all motorists. To help manage traffic, including on and off Street parking restrictions.

Horsham District Council are preparing to launch Body Worn Video Cameras (BWVCs) for use by its civil enforcement officers (CEOs) across the District from spring 2020. The Council's CEOs enforce the parking restrictions on street and within the districts car parks.

Body Worn Video Cameras

Mounted on the chest or head these devices capture video and audio. They are activated by the officer when an offence has occurred or in situations where a recording may help improve safety. The data is encrypted and stored on the device (officers are not able to view or edit the footage) and

transferred to a dedicated secure storage facility at the end of each shift where it remains for no more than 30 days, unless required for investigation, before being deleted.

Why are Body Worn Video Cameras required?

Staff safety and professionalism is of utmost importance. Recording devices provide a factual record of events and have been shown to support staff in difficult situations and ensure a positive outcome for all.

Horsham District Council wish to understand your views so they can be included in our privacy impact assessment.

Email your comments to: Parking@horsham.gov.uk

Following the trial, an evaluation will take place which will include how the equipment has worked for the officers, the impact on incidents of aggression and assaults as well as the results of the consultation.

Legislation and Statutory Guidance

The following legislation and guidance is applicable the use of BWVCs:

- General Data Protection Regulation. **(GDPR). Data Protection Act 2018**
- Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- Human Rights Act 1998.
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- Home Office *Surveillance Camera Code of Practice*.
- Information Commissioner's Office *In the Picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information*.

Dated 16th February 2020

Parking Services, Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RL

**Email dated 4th March 2020, from HDC
Recycling & Waste News**



Recycling and waste news

for the Horsham District

Renew or sign up to garden waste collections

As spring approaches, there's no better time to renew or sign up to garden waste bin collections for the year 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021. Sign up for just £41 per year for fortnightly collections - that's just £1.64 per collection! (T&Cs apply)

If there is no garden waste bin at your property, you will need to buy one. You can buy one at the same time as signing up to the service. You can sign up as many garden waste bins for collection as you like. The cost drops to £31 per year each for your second and any further bins.



Sign up to Garden Waste

Get involved in the Great British Spring Clean

We now have some 4,500 volunteers across the District who have now signed up to our litter-picking initiative **Adopt a Street!** Adopt a Street is delighted to be joining Keep Britain Tidy this year in calling on people across the country to take pride and ownership in their community through the **Great British Spring Clean, 20 March – 13 April 2020.**



There are many ways that you can take part, whether hosting a clean-up in your local area, joining a clean-up that is already taking place, or lending your support in another way such as picking up litter while walking the dog or on the walk to school.

If you would like to take part, please get in touch. We will help you with advice and support and through the loan of equipment to help you - whether it is bin bags or pick up sticks. But hurry – our equipment supply is limited so please [email us](#) as soon as possible.

We'll also be running a special litter-picking event at The Carfax Bandstand on Thursday 26 March at 12pm. Come and join us! [Contact Karen](#) for more information.

Join the clean-up

Need a new bin lid? Order online

Due to the recent stormy weather, we've had reports in of bin lids going walkabout. If this has happened to you, order a new bin lid online for free using our simple form.

Low-waste gifts for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday 22 March, and soon the shops will be filling up with gift options. Here are some waste-conscious ways to treat the mums in your life.

- Bake a treat or cook a meal
- Make memories together with an experience day
- Going for a card and chocs? Choose recyclable packaging and a non-glittery card



Think before you buy

Give your old clothes and tech a second chance

Are you spring cleaning this month ahead of the Easter break? Here's what to do with any unwanted items:

- **Donate to charity.** If your items are still in good condition, think about which charity might benefit from them. Take them to a charity shop, or get in touch with an organisation directly about your donation. For instance, local youth clubs may be interested in old games consoles.
- **Swap or sell:** Take old clothes to a nearly new sale, which are particularly popular for children's clothes. Websites like [Freecycle](#) are also useful places to find people who might like your old things.
- **Take it to the HWRS:** If it's broken beyond repair, please recycle your items at our [Household Waste Recycling Site](#). This is especially important for batteries, which should not be placed in household bins.



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Email dated 4th March 2020, from WSCC
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COVID-19 - Guidance for Members

**CORONAVIRUS:
PUBLIC
INFORMATION**

In response to the rise in COVID-19 cases (Coronavirus), two of which are in West Sussex, we have created [guidance notes for Members](#) to use when responding to queries from residents.

Here you will also find our joint statement on the new coronavirus cases, with Surrey County Council.



Fostering Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

January saw the launch of our new fostering campaign **Walk a Mile in My Shoes**.

The aim is to encourage people to foster Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, who have fled their country of origin without the care or protection of their parents.

Fronting the campaign is **Naqeeb**, who sought asylum in the UK for a safer life when he was 16. It also features **Rose and Phil** who, after attending the 'skills to foster' course, became foster carers four years ago.

So far, several enquiries have been made and we hope it will continue to generate more opportunities for these children to be looked after. Please help us keep the momentum going by sharing our website with your communities:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/UASC.



Encouraging residents to take on the Super Six

As part of our **Age Well campaign**, we're focusing on the ways that residents can be active in later life, throughout March.

Therefore, we're encouraging those aged 65 and above to complete our Super Six exercises, in order to improve their strength and balance, which could prevent a nasty fall.

More information on preventing falls can be found on our [website](#).

Our latest communication campaigns

Take a look at three of our latest communication campaigns:

- **Coronavirus**
- **Winter Ready**
- **Budget 2020/21**

Feel free to share these links, and the information contained within, to help keep your residents updated and informed.





Have your say on local issues that affect you

Have your say on matters that affect you and your local communities - and get your residents to do the same - by visiting our **Have Your Say Consultation Hub**. From major road schemes and Joint Area Action Plans, to premises licence applications and safeguarding in our schools; we want to hear your residents' views to help shape future policy and decisions.

Our current consultations are:

- **Proposal to close Clapham and Patching C of E Primary School**
- **Proposal to relocate and federate Warninglid Primary School**
- **Proposal to close Rumboldswyke C of E Infant School**
- **Proposed addition of Specialist Support Centres within West Sussex**

Go to the [Have Your Say Consultation Hub](#) for details of all of our current consultations.

Your Voice: The People's Panel

Alternatively, encourage your residents to join **Your Voice: The People's Panel** where they'll be regularly consulted about a number of important local issues. Once registered they'll receive links to surveys, reports and outcomes and occasionally links to other public surveys.



Find out more information and subscribe here.



Get in touch!

If you have any questions about what you've read, or you'd like to share some of the work your town or parish council is doing for us to highlight in future newsletters, email us at:

townandparishcouncilnews@westsussex.gov.uk

Follow us on social media

Don't forget you can also follow West Sussex County Council on social media for all the latest news and updates. Just click on one of the social media links at the bottom of this email.



Do you have an event coming up?



If you would like to promote an event in your area you can use the [events calendar](#) on our website.

You can search for West Sussex events [here](#).

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Email dated 6th March 2020, from Sussex Police

Neighbourhood Watch Encourages Protecting the Isolated and Vulnerable During the Covid 19 Outbreak

In the know
Surrey and Sussex



Neighbourhood Watch Encourages Protecting the Isolated and vulnerable During the Covid 19 Outbreak

Dear Neighbourhood Watch supporters,

You will all be aware of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Neighbourhood Watch exists to

look out for communities across England and Wales and at a time like this we encourage you to consider ways to keep yourself, your loved ones and those in your community safe, particularly the isolated and vulnerable. We are following the advice from the government and encourage you to do the same: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

10 ways you, as a Neighbourhood Watch supporter, can protect yourself, your loved ones and your community:

1. Meet with household members, other relatives, friends and neighbours to discuss what to do if a COVID-19 outbreak occurs in your community and what the needs of each person will be.
2. If your neighbourhood has a website or social media page, consider joining it to maintain access to neighbours, information, and resources. Alternatively, share phone numbers and email addresses particularly with those who are isolated or vulnerable.
3. Consider establishing a 'buddy' system within your community to ensure everyone stays connected to COVID-19 related news, services and can receive support safely, such as essentials deliveries.
4. Plan ways to care for those who might be at greater risk for serious complications.
5. Choose a room in your home that can be used to separate sick household members from those who are healthy.
6. Learn how to self-isolate. Guidance can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>
7. Create a list of local organisations that you and your neighbours can contact in the event that one of you need access to information, healthcare services, support, or resources. Consider including organisations that provide mental health or counselling services, food, and other supplies.
8. Create an emergency contact list of family, friends, neighbours, healthcare providers, teachers, employers, the local public health department, and other community resources.
9. Learn about the emergency operations plan at your child's school or childcare facility, and your employer's emergency operations plan.
10. Practice everyday preventive actions including regular hand washing.
 1. The NHS provides guidance on how to wash hands: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>.
 2. The World Health Organisation provides guidance on basic protective measures: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
 3. The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention provides guidance on handwashing for families <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/handwashing-family.html>

Please note: whilst we encourage you to follow advice from UK Government we are also sharing links to organisations such as the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention an agency which works 24/7 to protect the safety, health, and security of America from threats here and around the world. Some of our key points above have been sourced from: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>.

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention also published (14th February 2020) Interim Guidance for Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Homes and Residential Communities which you may find useful: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.

Regards and keep well, Central Support Team at Neighbourhood Watch



 HM Government



Coronavirus

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

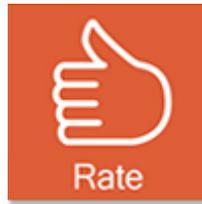
- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

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Email dated 6th March 2020 from NALC Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin

Coronavirus

As the Coronavirus situation develops, we all should be using government advice to inform decisions and be checking that advice regularly. The Local Government Association (LGA) has published a very useful **list of different government advice sources** including for employers. Additionally, you may find the **advice** from ACAS useful in considering any employment-related matters that may impact your local (parish and town) council.

Where the law does not provide for a particular scenario (e.g. the holding of the annual council meeting outside of the statutory timeframe, if the government advises against meetings being held) we would be guided by the government as to what should happen. We will be engaging with government on this and a range of other issues and will keep you updated on any developments.

NALC itself as an organisation is affected and we have been revisiting our risk and continuity plans accordingly. As the government advice currently is broadly business, as usual, next week's Lobby Day and meeting of National Assembly will go ahead, we plan to hold our next cycle of meetings by telephone conference, but Spring conference has been postponed (more on that below). We also still plan to keep any commitments to attend events and meetings across the country. Of course, if government advice changes then we will reassess and communicate as soon as possible.

While we expect to continue to work as normal, it is worth preparing for all eventualities. Having considered our different communications channels, if there is a significant reduction in NALC capacity, then at a minimum we will keep the NALC website up to date with that information. This would be the first port of call for any local council wishing to know the status of our capacity.

NALC Spring Conference postponed

Yesterday we were informed that Aviva has taken the responsible decision, given its size, to cancel for the foreseeable future all internal and external events at Aviva due to the risk of Coronavirus. The Aviva City of London office remains open. As a result, NALC's Spring Conference due to be held on 17 March in the Auditorium of the Aviva City of London office is being postponed, and will now take place at a later date to be confirmed. Given the nature of the circumstances, and these being out of NALC's control, we do hope those scheduled to attend will understand. More details will be made available in due course.

NALC chairman meets Centre for Ageing Better and ACRE

It was another busy week of meetings for our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, here are a few highlights:

- On 2 March, Sue and I met colleagues from the **Centre for Ageing Better** at their national steering group to discuss working together to promote age-friendly communities, places where people of all ages are able to live healthy and active later lives. As you would expect, our local councils are already getting involved including in Melksham, Banbury and many on

the Isle of Wight. And as the population continues to age, local councils could play a big part in this initiative and we explored possible areas of joint work. Do also check out this **blog post on the NALC website** and let us know if you are participating in any age-friendly initiatives.

- Sue met the chairman of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), Jeremy Leggett, on 4 March. ACRE is, like NALC, also a member of the Rural Coalition, and discussions covered a range of issues including engagement with the new government including the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Shared Prosperity Fund, devolution and the forthcoming white paper

LGC article by devolution minister Staying on the subject of devolution, there was an encouraging article in LGC magazine by Simon Clarke MP (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland), the minister of state in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, whose brief includes devolution and the 'levelling up' agenda.

The piece reports "Simon Clarke has promised that the upcoming English devolution white paper will "unlock devolution" not only at the macro-level of mayoral combined authorities but down to the town and parish councils". This is consistent with a number of other messages we have been picking up from a range of sources, including discussions with officials and work we are doing to inform the forthcoming white paper.

There will be an opportunity to press this and the potential of the sector to build stronger communities in discussions which we are hoping county associations and local councils are having with your MPs. Representatives from the 43 county associations will be making the case too at next week's Lobby Day on 10 March in their meetings with so far over 50 Parliamentarians.

Improvement and Development Board

The Improvement and Development Board met on 4 March at the NALC office for its first meeting of the year, here's a summary:

- Congratulations to Sally Longmate (Suffolk) and Alison Robinson (Gloucestershire) for being appointed as new county officer representatives to the Board, along with Wendy Amis (Derbyshire) who has been appointed deputy county officer representative
- The Board considered a proposal from Chris Wayman (Worcestershire) and John Crossling (Warwickshire and West Midlands) for councillor training, with both joining the meeting via teleconference. This would involve having a national framework for what councillors should be trained in and also integrating a Continuous Professional Development scheme for councillors. Whilst the scheme is at a developmental stage, the Board endorsed the proposal and will provide support as it develops.
- There was an update on improvement and development projects including the Local Council Award Scheme, with notification some councils were coming to the end of their four-year accreditation, plus an update on good progress on the Local Council Award Scheme national accreditation panel; and on the Certificate in Local Council Administration, the Board acknowledged the best performing counties comprising Sussex and Surrey, Essex and Norfolk, noting Leicestershire and Rutland continues to have a strong record for registration to passes conversions. Well done to those county association colleagues!

And finally...

Some good media coverage from the BBC last weekend. Frome Town Council's award-winning Community Fridge featured in **Countryfile's** story on food poverty in rural areas and food banks. **Sunday Politics North East** covered our 'toilet tax' campaign including an interview with Richard Holden MP (North West Durham) and also co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy. And Bungay Town Council were on the **Politics Show East** talking about the high street and empty shops, the expanding role of the town council including taking on more services, and a call for better contact with the county council on highways issues.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

KERVES LANE, HORSHAM

NOTICE IS hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, the use of (and parking on) **Kerves Lane, Horsham** from junction with **A281 Brighton Road to junction with Coltstaple Lane** is temporarily prohibited from **27/03/2020 at 09.30 until 27/03/2020 at 15.00**

The restriction will be in place off peak only between 09.30 – 15.00

This closure is necessary to allow **Balfour Beatty to undertake urgent carriageway pothole repairs on behalf of WSCC**

Emergency vehicle, Residential and Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times

The alternative route for traffic will be signed on site

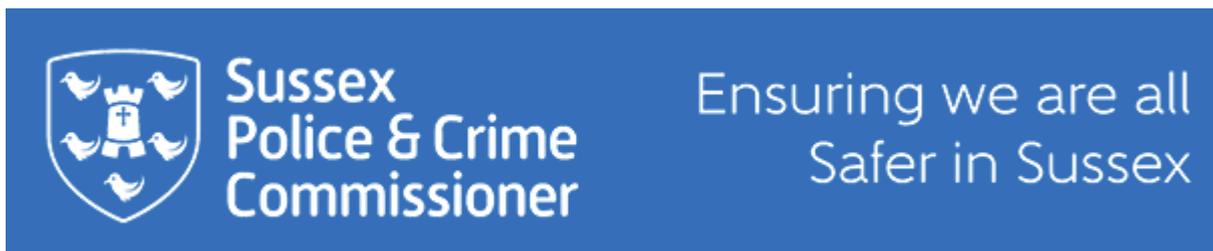
This restriction will be effective for a maximum of 5 days from the start date given above

Any queries about the effect of the closure on traffic using the highway please contact West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105

Any queries about the works please contact **Balfour Beatty on 01243 642105**

Dated **06 March 2020**

Matt Davey
Director of Highways, Transport and Planning



Hello,

This week it was announced that we have been successful in our bid to the Home Office to equip more officers across Sussex and Surrey with Tasers. It was confirmed that a total of £462,000 has been awarded to fund 560 devices between both forces.

This will mean an extra 291 new Tasers for Sussex Police, bringing the total to more than 1,100. Both forces can now achieve their ambition of making Tasers available for any police officer who wants one (estimated to be 80% of the frontline).



On Monday I saw Taser training in action for myself and I'm confident that they will act first and foremost as a deterrent to criminals who wish to cause harm to themselves or others. Officers I spoke to welcome this additional equipment and they hope it will help to reduce assaults and abuse towards them, which has seen a 13% rise locally in the last year.

Today I visited Crowborough to speak with residents about my consultation on the new police station. Whilst there I met students from the Beacon Academy Sixth Form so they could have their say about crime in the area and what they want from their local police station.

Student Shannon (18) said: *"A police station is a symbol of reassurance for the community and warns off criminals. I want somewhere safe and open for people to report crime."*

Residents have until the 27th March to have their say. The survey can be found online [here](#).

291 extra Tasers for Sussex Police

Yesterday the Minister for Crime and Policing, Kit Malthouse held the first Home Office 'Tackling Crime Forum' for Police & Crime Commissioners nationally to discuss ways of reducing serious violence, knife crime and drugs in our communities.

We all have a commitment to cutting crime and it was interesting to hear of the vast range of initiatives being developed across the country by my colleagues to address the root causes/drivers of criminality before it escalates.

For instance, here in Sussex, the REBOOT programme developed by my office has aided in the reduction of anti-social behaviour by 7% and has provided early intervention to over 800 vulnerable young people who were in danger of being exploited into organised crime and serious violence.



Katy Bourne OBE

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

Email dated 6th March 2020, from HDC
Latest News



Latest news and information

Get involved in the Great British Spring Clean

We now have over 4,500 volunteers across the District who have now signed up to our litter-picking initiative [Adopt a Street!](#)



Adopt a Street is delighted to be joining Keep Britain Tidy this year in calling on people across the country to take pride and ownership in their community through the [Great British Spring Clean](#) from 20 March – 13 April 2020.

There are many ways that you can take part, whether hosting a clean-up in your local area, joining a clean-up that is already taking place, or lending your support in another way such as picking up litter while walking the dog or on the walk to school.

If you would like to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year please do get in touch. We will help you with advice and support and through the loan of equipment to help you in your work - whether it is bin bags or pick up sticks. But hurry – our equipment supply is limited so please contact us as soon as possible.

Get involved

New tennis league for Horsham this spring

We are working with national organisation Local Tennis Leagues Ltd to launch an exciting new tennis league in Horsham Park this spring. The Local Tennis League concept is all about creating more opportunities for people to play a tennis match in their local park environment.



If you have been meaning to get back into tennis or would like to meet new people to play, why not give it a go! Entries for the first league close 30 March.

Read more

Council planners nominated for prestigious planning industry award



Our Planning Development team have been named as finalists in the category for Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing at the [Royal Town Planning Institute \(RTPI\) Awards for Planning Excellence 2020](#). This is the second year the team has been shortlisted in these national awards.

[Read more](#)

A Life in Art, new exhibition at Horsham Museum & Art Gallery

Horsham Museum & Art Gallery, in conjunction with Toovey's, are delighted to showcase her remarkable art in the new temporary exhibition [Alison Milner-Gulland a Life in Art](#), as she celebrates her 80th birthday.

[Exhibition details](#)

Mass attendance at Horsham Apprenticeship Fair

More than 500 people visited Horsham's Apprenticeship Fair this year, which took place last Saturday 29 February.

The event, organised by Horsham District Council, in partnership with West Sussex County Council aimed once again to provide a platform for anyone wanting to find out about apprenticeships and the wide ranging types and levels of opportunities being offered.

[Read more](#)



Email dated 6th March 2020, from WSCC
CLC Agenda 16th March 2020

Committee Agenda

You are subscribed to receive **North Horsham County Local Committee** email alerts on the **West Sussex County Council** website.

The [agenda](#) for the meeting of the North Horsham County Local Committee to be held on 16 March 2020 has been published and is available on our website.

Email dated 6th March 2020, from SSALC PC-EB 1-20 - Dormant Assets - consultation

The Treasury has issued a [policy consultation](#) in which the Government is proposing to expand the dormant assets scheme. The government is proposing to expand the dormant assets scheme to include a wider tranche of otherwise idle assets which may be put to better use for good causes.

Context & proposals

A range of assets were considered for inclusion in any expansion of the dormant assets' scheme based on genuine dormancy and participants' willingness to transfer them. The new scheme would likely include - dormant bank accounts, insurance policy proceeds, share proceeds and unit proceeds (all dormant). Investment asset proceeds and distributions would also likely be included, as would certain other dormant asset distributions. Expanding this scheme would also need to provide proportionate improvements to consumer protection, also NALC is minded to highlight in a short response:

1. That many so called assets which principal authorities transfer to local councils are in fact liabilities and dormant assets should be exempted from being transferred to local councils as a result of local government re-organisation and new council creation;
2. Local councils still have to pay business rates on public conveniences they own or manage (whether these are assets or liabilities) so the Treasury should consider as part of this consultation how it intends to factor into the scheme physical assets such as public conveniences which principal authorities do not want to run and which local councils cannot afford to manage to the toilet tax and other financial burdens; &
3. That local councils still also have to pay business rates on many other assets or liabilities they own or manage (such as village or community halls for instance). The Government should also consider when wider physical liabilities in parished areas which are not owned by a principal authority or a local council – become dormant – how they are managed locally and financially.

Consultation questions

NALC will be responding to the below consultation questions and is interested in the sector's views:

Question 1: Do you have any comments on the proposed scope of assets in an expanded scheme (subject to ensuring tax neutrality) ?

Question 2: Do you have any comments on the proposed definitions of assets? These definitions should be read in the context of proposed definitions of dormancy and eligible participants; &

Question 6: Are there any other assets that the government should consider for inclusion in an expanded scheme?

Your views

Please email your responses to this consultation to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Friday 27 March, 2020.

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