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**Minutes of Horam Parish Council's Planning and Highways Committee
held in the Horam Centre on MONDAY 23RD MARCH at 6.45 PM until 7.32PM**

In Attendance: Councillors Graham Knight, Sue Lane, Virginia Roberts, Ann Sadler, Dan Johnston and David Marlow (non-voting member of the Planning Committee)

Also in Attendance: The Clerk

543/03/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Billings – family commitment

544/03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sadler and Johnston – Personal Interest Item 4 – New planning applications from Wealden District Council

545/03/26 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2026.

546/03/26 PLANNING APPLICATION

DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR A NEW SITE ACCESS ROAD JUNCTION AND FOOTWAY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF CHIDDINGLY ROAD. These highway works are associated with proposed residential development granted planning permission in February 2026 (WD/2022/1899/MAJ)

Members **AGREED** the Clerk to contact WDC and Sussex Weald Homes regarding the 278-plan requesting confirmation that the boundary line has not been moved.

The Horam Planning & Highways Committee **RESOLVED** the following comments:

The drawings were incorrectly labelled Horsham Flat Farm.

There are concerns that the proposed parking bays would encroach onto the existing footway. There is a high voltage power cable buried under the footway and the pathway must be accessible for a tractor to cut the hedge and track. There are ongoing negotiations for footway improvements being considered by WDC on that particular stretch.

There would need to be sufficient visibility in both directions at the proposed footpath crossing point. It should be noted there is an existing wide hedge at this location.

All hedges on the road boundaries should be reinstated.

547/03/26 TO RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A267 AT COGGERS CROSS

RETROSPECTIVELY RESOLVED that Horam Parish Council was supportive of the proposed 40mph speed limit on the A267 at Coggers Cross.

548/03/26 TO NOTE THAT WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL HAVE ENGAGED AMANDA REYNOLDS URBANISM TO PREPARE A DESIGN GUIDE FOR THE DISTRICT AS PART OF THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE LOCAL PLAN

Noted.

6.1. To consider any action required

The council had **RESOLVED** that a meeting should be arranged for the local parish councils to discuss the design guide ahead of the WDC meeting. Members noted that it would be an opportunity to bring rural parishes together.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would arrange a zoom meeting for Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm. Existing Focus Group members would be invited to attend. Buxted, Framfield, Arlington, and Chalvington with Ripe Parish Councils would also be invited to attend. The invitation would be for the Chairman and the Planning Chairman of each parish council.

6.2. To resolve a council representative for the stakeholder meeting

The WDC meeting had been arranged for Thursday 16th April from 2pm-3.30pm on Teams. Cllrs Knight, Sadler and Billings to be available on the day of the meeting.

Resolved Cllr Lane as the council representative.

549/03/26 PLANNING APPEALS - NONE

560/03/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE WDC MAJORS PLANNING

COMMITTEE FOR NOTING - NONE

561/03/26 TPO APPLICATION – NONE

562/03/26 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS - NONE

563/03/26 PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT UPDATES – NONE

The Clerk to report to WDC Enforcement that structures were still on the May Garland car wash site which had been closed down.

564/03/26 NOTICE OF WORKS UPDATES

The Clerk to obtain an update from South East Water regarding their road works on Laundry Lane.

565/03/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

WD/2025/2830/F - LITTLE KNOWLE, CHIDDINGLY ROAD, HORAM, TN21 0JH
Proposed detached garage building and access improvements including new wider entrance gates.

Noted.

566/03/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED OR WITHDRAWN BY WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

WD/2025/2403/F - HARVEST MOON FARM, LAUNDRY LANE, VINES CROSS, TN21 9ED

Erection of a new self-build dwelling for a rural worker with associated garage. **Refused**

Members noted that the points raised by the parish council within their objection comments were listed within WDC's reasons for refusal.

567/03/26 SOUTH EAST WATER'S WRMP29 PRE-CONSULTATION

All replies to be received by 30 April 2026 - yourwateryoursay@southeastwater.co.uk

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would respond to the pre-consultation stating that the Horam parish was under pressure from new development so the need to maintain adequate water supplies was of paramount importance. There were already parts of the parish with poor water pressure.

568/03/26 FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

The next Focus Group meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 2nd June at 2pm at the Horam Centre. The Clerk was still awaiting confirmation of attendance from the other parishes. It was **AGREED** that attendance for this meeting would be established at the parish council design guide meeting in April.

569/03/26 TO RESOLVE THE RESPONSE LETTER TO NUSRAT GHANI MP REGARDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING POLICY AND THE REQUEST BY HPC TO ARRANGE A MEETING

Members **AGREED** a draft response letter prepared by the Clerk.

570/03/26 LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY & ECOLOGY REPORT UPDATE

Members noted that the Ecology Report would be circulated and added to the website.

571/03/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Assembly -Thursday 26th March at 6.45 pm

Planning & Highways – Wednesday 8TH April at 6.45 pm

Full Council – Wednesday 8th April at 7.30 pm

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councillors Billings, Knight, Roberts, Sadler, Lane, Johnston and David Marlow (non-voting member)

REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (for information): Councillors Brockhurst, Howells, Webb, Poole and Trott

DISTRICT WARD MEMBERS: COLLINS & GOULD