

Memo (Agenda October - Appendix C)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 18th September 2017 (Week commencing 11th September 2017)

Re: COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

I have outlined below a number of recent developments for your information.

(1) Planning Applications Issued

Number	Applicant & Reason	
DC/17/2024 11/09/2017	Surgery 1 x Oak Fair Oaks, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath	Wtg for doc's

(2) Correspondence

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<p>Mobility Scooter Training Initiative in the Horsham Parishes Email dated 13th September 2017, from Liz Leggo, SSALC</p> <p>Please see the information below from David Searle, Vice Chairman of Horsham Town Community Partnership and North Horsham Parish Councillor. Please can you circulate to your members.</p> <p>David is hoping to get together a Working Group for the initiative below, training users of mobility scooters. If anyone is interested can I ask that they attend the meeting outlined below, or contact David directly on:</p> <p>david.searle@btinternet.com</p> <p><i>The number of mobility scooters currently being used is estimated to be 350,000 and is likely to increase year on year by 10%. There is no requirement to insure mobility scooters, have any driving experience or training. Provided you have the money you can purchase your machine and go off and drive most places off road. There are a few restrictions if you wish to use the vehicle on the road but these are only filling in a few forms and having the right type of scooter. There is no requirement to have a level of mobility or sight.</i></p> <p><i>During the period between 2011 and 2015 there has been 23 mobility scooter fatalities and a further 490 injuries and most of these have been classed as serious. To help prevent these accidents and give confidence to new users it is proposed to run a pilot training scheme in Horsham Town for say 6 months. If this proves to be successful the program could be rolled out throughout Horsham</i></p>	For information

<p><i>District.</i></p> <p><i>Horsham Town Community Partnership (HTCP) would lead with the initiative with Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (HDOPF) giving support. Depending on whether we would need to hire a venue and how much support would be given by a local supplier of scooters the initial funding requirements would be £2k to £3k for the 6 months trial. There are various organisations who would fund this amount and we already have some positive feedback that WSCC, CLC North would be worth approaching.</i></p> <p><i>The next step is to form a Working Group to agree the way forward and seek funding. HDOPF has agreed to put this on the agenda of their next meeting in December and invite members of the public to join a working group via a press release in the WSCT. Members of the Working Group will need to be hands on and be able to contribute to the process and not merely attending meetings.</i></p> <p>The next Older Peoples Forum meeting is on Wednesday 6th December 17, 10.15 am for 10.30am - 1pm at Beeson House (Southwater PC) Lintot Square, Fairbank Road, Southwater RH13 9LA. Councillors are welcome to attend, and although an email in advance to confirm attendance to horshamolderpeoplesforum@gmail.com is preferred, it is not necessary.</p>	
<p>Action in Rural Sussex AGM & Conference 2017</p> <p>Letter received 8th September 2017, from Jeremy Leggett, Chief Executive</p> <p>AirS AGM & Conference will be held on 19th October 2017, at Bolney Village Hall.</p> <p>Please advise the Clerk if you would like further details of the event or would like to attend. .</p>	For information
<p>Horsham Repair Café</p> <p>Email dated 17th September 2017, from Jill Shucker, WSCC</p> <p>1st West Sussex Repair Café launches in Horsham</p> <p>What do you do with a broken toaster? Or a laptop which is on the go slow? Or with a ripped pair of trousers? Bin it? No, repair, remake, reuse and refresh, saving money and helping the planet. Sussex Green Living an environmental awareness and education community initiative and Horsham Quakers are launching a Repair Café on 7th October in Horsham. This will be the first Repair Café in West Sussex and will take place on the first Saturday of every month 10am– 12.30pm.</p> <p>Volunteer repair experts and creative members of the community will be available to help make all possible repairs free of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand. People visiting the Horsham Repair Café will bring along their broken items from home, clothes, laptops, PCs, toasters, lamps, hair dryers, and then with the assistance of a technical volunteer repairer they will learn how to mend the item.</p> <p>The Horsham Repair Café will consist of a rotating theme of different repair café sessions starting with clothing repair, alterations and textile upcycling on Saturday 7th October. On 4th November laptops and computer can be brought for repairs and on 2nd December the repair café morphs into an energy café to look at how people can reduce their energy use at home and maybe switch to another energy provider to save money. Then on 3rd February the café focuses on woodwork repair and remaking. The themes repeat in 2018 with the addition of a small household goods electrical repair session on 7th April.</p> <p>Carrie the founder of Sussex Green Living says “Many local people have wanted a repair café in Horsham, so we thought long and hard how we could set one up.</p>	For information

<p>A dedicated team of Sussex Green Living volunteers have been running a special recycling scheme, diverting waste resources from landfill since early 2012". Carrie continues "Horsham Quakers have kindly provided a public drop off location for our scheme and for many years they have run a household cleaning product refill service on the first Saturday of every month. So this community led repair café seemed the natural progression". This initiative is supported by Horsham Men in Sheds, Kinder Tech and Groundwork.</p> <p>By promoting repairs, the Horsham Repair Café wants to help reduce mountains of waste. This is absolutely necessary, according to Jill Shuker, a Sussex Green Living volunteer "We throw away piles of stuff in West Sussex. Even things which practically have nothing wrong with them, and which could easily be used again after a simple repair. Unfortunately, many people have forgotten that they can have things repaired. Repair Café wants to change all that."</p> <p>Helen Whittington from Horsham Quakers says "We are really excited to be part of this project. Sustainability and Simplicity are key testimonies for Quakers. Our faith nudges us to take practical, grass roots based action so this project feels like the perfect fit. I think many of us can feel powerless when considering the problems of global climate change and how to best use precious world resources. This venture empowers all of us to take those small actions which collectively can add up to big change. The key thing is bringing people together and I think our Quaker meeting house, already an established community base for many groups, is well placed to host this initiative. We will aim to provide a friendly Quaker welcome to everyone who drops in."</p> <p>Horsham Repair Cafe will be launching during national Quaker Week, which is an annual focus on Quaker worship and initiatives across the country. Horsham Quakers will be holding an open air silent worship on Wednesday 4th October in the Carfax from 12.30-1pm; all are welcome to take part – just turn up! Further information about Quakers is available at www.quaker.org.uk and www.horshamquakers.org.uk.</p> <p>The Repair Cafe project has been awarded a £1000 start up fund, through the 'Change the World in 20 ways' grant from West Sussex company Green People. Green People are celebrating 20 years of manufacturing natural plant based organic beauty products with human and environmental health in mind.</p> <p>Horsham Repair Café is launching on 7th October 10am - 12.30pm and will then take place on the first Saturday of every month at the Quaker Meeting House, Worthing Road, Horsham, RH12 1SL. The Repair Café team urges people to come along and enjoy refreshments, watch, volunteer or have a go at repairing, remaking or creative upcycling. Further information about the rotating repair and energy themes can be found on www.HorshamRepairCafe.org.uk.</p> <p>The Clerk has included the details on the Parish Councils website.</p>	

Sarah Hall,
Clerk to the Parish Council