

Weekly RPC Clerks Update 05-15 April 2019

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Verbal permission has been given to fell the two trees (waiting for permission in writing), however, the contractor needs to apply to WSCC for a permit to work on the highway.
- Fence posts in Churchmans Meadow replaced Friday 12th April

E-MAILS/COMMUNICATION

- Letter received from resident in Church Street, explaining the difficulties she is experiencing using a mobility scooter on the uneven/narrow pavements in the village and requesting for consideration to be given to S106 funds being used to provide paving along the verge beside the Lay-by to the Co-Op.

08.04.2019 Email from SSALC

SSALC Weekly Update

SSALC Contact Database

Thank you to those of you that have completed the SSALC Database Form that was sent with your subscription invoices in March. Could we please remind those of you that have not yet completed the form to do so, even if your details have not changed from last year - the information is vital for us to keep in touch with our members, we do not use these details for any other purpose nor do we pass them onto any third parties. Please complete the form by clicking on the link below.

[Database Form](#)

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Governance & Accountability for Smaller Authorities 2019

The new edition of *The Practitioners' Guide* for governance and accountability for smaller authorities in England has been updated and reissued by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG). JPAG is the multi-stakeholder body responsible for issuing proper practices in relation to the governance and accounts of smaller authorities which include local (parish and town) councils. You can read the new guidance, which is accompanied by a two-page summary of changes from the 2018 guidance on the SSALC website (link below)

[Practitioners Guide](#)

[Summary of Changes](#)

The West Sussex Civilian Military Partnership Board Briefing

The West Sussex Civilian Military Partnership Board are hosting a 'Your Army' briefing in West Sussex which provides an ideal opportunity for representatives from Parish / Town Councils to attend and find out more about the Army and the wider Armed Forces community and how the Armed Forces Covenant and the 11 Inf Bde Engagement strategy can assist them locally. It is often assumed that as an area has no permanent military base it is ineligible for covenant support, however this is not the case and as my own Parish can testify, it is possible to access Covenant Trust Fund grants to support local commemoration activities, promote community integration and enhance service delivery where this also supports the wider service community.

Secondly, the briefing will highlight to parishes how accessible Covenant Trust Fund grants can be for the right project. Grants of up to £20,000 for appropriate projects are available through the fund.

The event is being held at Fontwell Racecourse on the evening of 22 May 19. Parish council representatives can register to attend, free of charge at the following link

[Further Details](#)

AGAR Digital Transformation Project

We are proposing a change to the current paper based AGAR in favour of an on-line form and submission process. The AGAR form and associated guidance will not change. The idea being, an on-line digitised system will be quicker, more accurate and cheaper.

The idea is that the form will be self-calculating and will lead the user through the various steps of completion with prompts and help screens. On conclusion of each stage, the system would notify the next party in the process (i.e. the nominated internal auditor and then nominated external auditor) with a prompt to take action. The populated form and associated attachments would be made available for reading/downloading via the system.

We have some questions that will help us to understand your level of interest in this digital transformation project and would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey

[Complete Survey](#)

Legal Updates

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10.04.2019 Email from HDC
Weekly Bulletin 10.04.2019



Latest news

and information

Local election candidates announced

A full list of candidates standing in the Horsham District Council and Parish Council local elections has been announced. The vote will take place on Thursday 2 May with the results counted and declared the following day.



[View all candidates](#)

Horsham Piazza Italia

Good Friday 19 and Easter Monday 22 April

Piazza Italia 2019 is Horsham's 13th Easter Italian Festival. A celebration of cars and bikes, Italian food and entertainment.

Two full days showcase Horsham's wonderful town centre. Good Friday is the Italian car and bike day, and Easter Monday is Premier GT's Supercar day. On both there will be things to see and do for all the family, organised by the Council and various partners.



[Event details](#)

The Picture of Dorian Gray

Monday 29 April - Saturday 4 May, Capitol Theatre

In a society obsessed with youth and beauty, Dorian Gray is given the chance to keep his looks forever. But at what cost...?

This bold new production based on the classic novel celebrates Wilde's wonderful language and will appeal to audiences old and new. Featuring Wilde's famous wit and a stellar cast, The Picture of Dorian Gray is a fast-paced thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seats right up until the final scenes of the play.



[Book now](#)

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Teaching our young people to become Junior Citizens

The Council's annual Junior Citizen Week was attended by over 1,200 Year 6 primary school children last week from 33 different schools across Horsham District.

The event featured several different organisations, delivering talks and interactive demonstrations on various aspects of safety so the children could learn about keeping themselves and others safe, and learn to become good citizens in our community.

[Read more](#)



Captured by Light

**Saturday 13 April - Saturday 6 July,
Horsham Museum & Art Gallery**

Inspired by the Horsham District Year of Culture, a unique event is taking place on 13 April that will see photographers from across the Horsham District working together to create a gallery of over 80 photographs celebrating the culture of the District.

Free admission. With Horsham Photographic Society and Steyning Camera Club.

[Read more](#)

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10.04.2019 Email from NALC Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin



NALC wants more affordable and social housing

NALC is calling for the government to enable more social and affordable housing for those otherwise unable to access this accommodation.

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Dorset get three new local councils

Dorset saw the creation of three new local (parish and town) councils as local government re-organisation in the county went up a gear.

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NALC launches Annual Conference 2019
This year's conference will take place on 28-29 October at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes. Book your place today!

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Member updates

Chief executive's bulletin

10.04.2019 Email from HALC Proposed changes to HDC Planning Committees

Concerns were raised at the last meeting of HALC about the proposed changes to the constitution of HDC's Planning Committee, reducing them from 2 to 1 Single Committee. The recommendations were discussed by the Governance Committee here:

<https://horsham.moderngov.co.uk/mqAi.aspx?ID=6532>

The recommendations will be discussed by the full HDC Council on 24 April 2019. HALC had requested a deferral of this decision, but the Chief Executive of HDC said this is not within his gift, as it is a matter for the local planning authority to determine.

Therefore if your Council has any concerns about the proposed changes to the Planning Committee, we respectfully request that you raise them with your district councillor.

Kind Regards, Beverley Bell

Secretary to HALC

09.04.2019 Email from HDC

Stay Connected email address changing

We're emailing to let you know that our Stay Connected email address is changing.

From this week our email updates will be sent from:

horshamdc@stayconnected.horsham.gov.uk

If you have added our old email address to your email contacts, you may want to add our new address so that you continue to receive Stay Connected emails. Other than that, there is nothing that you need to do.

If you have any questions about the change please get in touch using communications@horsham.gov.uk.

Thank you for subscribing to Stay Connected.

Kind regards,

Horsham District Council's Communications Team

09.04.2019 Email SSALC

HealthWatch/What would you do - Survey

Healthwatch East Sussex, along with the Healthwatch in West Sussex, Brighton and Surrey are launching a series of activities to encourage people to have their say about the future of the NHS in our area.

Healthwatch is the independent health and care champion. Through 'What would you do?' they will seek to reach as many people, groups, and communities as possible to get feedback on how local NHS services should change.

The Government is investing £20 billion a year in the NHS as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

Local organisations have now been asked to work together, to develop their own plans, which will set out how the national plan will work across local areas.

The public are being asked for their views about how health and care services could be improved. They will also be asked to share their ideas on how people can live healthier lives and what improvements they think could be made to help people access services quickly.

Could we please ask that you advertise the survey about the future of the NHS on your websites or notice boards (attached).

For more information and to complete the survey visit: www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do

The deadline for completion of the survey is 30th April 2019.

Spread the word - Help local people have their say on the future of the NHS in East Sussex, Brighton & Hove, West Sussex and East Surrey.

We need your help!

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For more information on and to complete the survey (by 30th April 2019) visit:

www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do

or contact us using one of the methods below:

0333 101 4007

enquiries@healthwatcheastSussex.co.uk

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12.04.2019 Email from CAGNE

Meeting with ICCAN

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We appreciate that councils may have issues with the date due to elections, so we suggest that your council clerk attends. This meeting is unique in meeting the key players behind this new independent aviation noise body set up by government.

Date - 24th April 2019

Time – 8pm – 9.30pm

Venue - Copthorne Community & Sports Association, Jubilee Pavilion, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne, RH10 3JF

ICCAN attendees - Secretariat - Sam Hartley and Head of Commissioners - Robert Light

RSVP cagnetatwick@gmail.com

ICCAN AGENDA

Government Aviation Green Paper

Deadline for airspace section of this paper is 11th April

Deadline for government green paper that will become the aviation white paper is 20th June. Our draft response is online.

We encourage you to participate in the green paper consultation before it is too late.

The Department is keen we use its online form to respond. But it is not essential. You can simply email your comments to AviationStrategy@dft.gov.uk send a letter to Aviation Strategy, Department for Transport, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR.

[See the CAGNE responses here](#)

[Department for Transport Consultation Paper](#)

Gatwick has launched a new noise complaint system from 1st April.

After much lobbying the phone line has returned 01293 311568.

Those that suffer Gatwick's continual noise breaches will also have a new flight tracker website, online form to complain via, and a mobile app for iPhones and Android.

- Flight tracker link <https://webtrak.emsbk.com/lgw2>
- Online web form <https://viewpoint-eu.emsbk.com/lgw3>
- Mobile app <https://viewpoint-app.emsbk.com/lgw3> -

from an iPhone tap the box with vertical arrow and select add to home screen; from an Android tap the 3 menu dots and select save to homepage.

[Noise Line Details](#)

Talk on the Impact of Aviation on Local Communities and the Planet

Date - Wednesday 12th June 2019

Time - 7.30-9pm

At Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6AB
Lingfield Parish Council is hosting an environmental talk concerning aviation. Organised by CAGNE, Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions, in conjunction with CPRE, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Surrey and Kent branches.

Talk subject - The Impact of Aviation Growth on Local Communities and Climate Change by Tim Johnson Director of Aviation Environment Federation.

This is not purely a Forum event but it is kindly hosted by a Forum member.

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Operation Watershed

Since its inception in January 2013, Operation Watershed has invested over £3million in community projects from a budget derived of Reserve and Revenue funding.

During 2018/19 WSCC, Operation Watershed funded a further 21 community projects across West Sussex. Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund is making a further £300k *Capital funding* for this financial year 2019/20.

We are aware a number of community groups are already preparing applications so it looks like the demand will continue.

The required demonstrable criteria for applications to be successful from April 2018 include:

- Tackle a recognised surface or ground water flood risk
- Meet at least one of the following elements in its technical scope:-
 - Provide new infrastructure installations or build
 - Make material change improvements to existing infrastructure
 - Increase the drainage capacity of existing infrastructure
 - Provision of assets for community groups usage to protect their local area
- Evidence 'Community Commitment' to deliver the project including all and any future maintenance

Full details are available on the county council [website here](#).

WSCC officers will continue to work closely with communities as and when they come forward with their applications.

WSCC Member support for community groups applying for project funding continues to be a prerequisite for approval of applications.

For further information:

Web: www.westsussex.gov.uk/watershed

Email: operation.watershed@westsussex.gov.uk

11.04.2019 Email from WSCC
Date of next CLC

YOUR VOICE

— COUNTY LOCAL COMMITTEE —

Save the date of your next local meeting:

Monday 17 June 2019 @ 7pm
County Hall North, Main Conference Room,
Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1XH



**Do you have a question for your local councillor?
Questions can be submitted in advance to:
talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk**

Pitch for Community Initiative Funding by **28 May 2019**

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Larger Councils' Committee Meeting – 9 April 2019

The NALC Larger Councils' Committee met at the LGA's London offices on Tuesday 9 April. In advance of the draft minutes being available on our website, highlights included:

- agreement to explore further how a share of business rates could be allocated for councils to support local businesses either through a hypothecated share for economic development activity or inclusion in the next wave of business rates retention pilots.
- a breakout discussion on media relations identified the importance of good relations with the media of all kinds including newspapers, radio and social media; it was also important for councils and councillors to relate directly with residents including through attending events held by others; and consideration should be given to every larger council appointing a councillor to be its lead media spokesperson.
- the Committee also fed its views into the NALC response to the MHCLG Select Committee Inquiry into local government finance.

Publications

Legal briefings

Following on from last week's bulletin our Legal team has now updated a [briefing on data protection fees](#) (please log into the members' area of the NALC website to access this briefing).

A briefing paper on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has also been produced, following requests from county associations, and is available [here](#).

LCR renewals

It's that time of year again when we ask you to renew your subscription to *LCR*. I'm pleased to say that once again prices have been frozen for 2019/20. Information on how to renew your

subscription will be sent out shortly, so keep an eye out for it. If you don't already subscribe, [click here](#) for more information.

Parliamentary lobbying and consultations

House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities

I was delighted to see the brilliant work of councillors in Cornwall featured in the House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities report into *The future of seaside towns*. The report also picks up many of the points we made in our submission to the call for evidence, including the need for provision of high quality affordable housing, enhanced transport and digital connectivity and a mixed local economy in coastal areas. [You can read more about the report here.](#)

MHCLG Select Committee Report On "Brexit & Local Government"

The House of Commons. Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee published its report on "Brexit and Local Government" on April 3. NALC's vice-chairman (finance) - Keith Stevens - had given evidence on 23 July. You can read his evidence and their report [here](#), which helpfully calls on the Government to "urgently make clear its plans for the further devolution of powers to local authorities post-Brexit."

Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Oral Questions

MHCLG oral questions this week saw government ministers answer three questions regarding powers for local (parish and town) councils. Minister of State for Housing, Kit Malthouse, responded to a [question from Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods](#) regarding whether local councils should be given additional powers to support neighbourhood planning in deprived areas.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Jake Berry), answered [two questions from Antoinette Sandbach](#) on support for local councils and

powers for local councils to enable them to ensure that affordable housing development is met. To view the video recording of the session please [click here](#).

A reminder to let us know your views on the [consultation on the new Code of Audit Practice](#) which is due to come into force by 1 April 2020 by emailing chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Tuesday 30 April, 2019.

NALC has also recently responded to consultations on the Affordable Housing Commission, improving water management and flood defences. Please [click here](#) to view the responses (you will need to be logged in to the members' area of the website to access these documents).

And finally...

A number of you may have read the article in the home section of last week's Sunday Times asking what is the role of parish councils? We have written to them pointing out all the positive work you do on behalf of your communities and will be contacting the journalist concerned to point out the inaccuracies in the piece and inviting her to visit some other councils. If you are on Twitter you can read the whole article on @TheSTHome. But have a strong cup of tea with you.

Jonathan Owen