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The model which will be used to sculpt the final statue has been on display at Merchistoun Hall, and has received unanimous support and endorsement, including further contributions from members of the public and businesses who wish to support the project. It is hoped that the event will be supported by period vehicles and a Spitfire fly past.

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BT Kiosk: The derelict BT Kiosk on North Road has now been removed.

Joint Core Strategy: The planning inspector has approved the Joint Core Strategy as “Sound”, and the District Council are now progressing with the allocations plan which is hoped to be complete in the next year.

Armed Forced Day: This year Armed Forces Day is on the 28th June and the Parish Council will be holding a service in the village square. Follow www.horndeanmatters.com or the Parish Council newsletter for further details.

New Lighting for London Road: There is a gap in lighting on London Road just south of South Road. This leaves the junction with the A3M and access to the bus stop poorly lit. Following 34 emails between HCC, SSE, EHDC and others I am pleased (and relieved) to confirm that a number of new columns will be installed to make this area of road safer.

Gales Surgery: The Gales development comes with a building dedicated to the new Horndean Surgery and at the moment I am very much involved with Cllr L Evans in finalising the arrangements between the Surgery, Linden Homes and EHDC to get the Doctors into the new building. A key part of this is the current surgery building needs to be sold off with planning permission for redevelopment to fund the move. This is going to take a little while I am told.

Councillor Grants: In the last financial year I was able to support New Blendworth Centre with funds to lay new paving; HPC for funds to plant new trees and install benches to Downs Park; Merchistoun Hall for the Bandstand project and the Horndean car sales people for the SID team for a service and new battery for the car. If you have an idea for a project give me a call and I can try and get some money out of the Highway department.

Benefit Fraud Case: A Horndean couple in Juniper Road have been found guilty of Benefit Fraud over 4 years totalling £35,508. They have been ordered to pay this back or go to Jail. Great job EHDC for catching them.

Horndean Car Sales: What is happening at Horndean Car Sales? Rumour suggest a Tesco Express or housing but this is for updates and there are several articles there about this.

Horndean Housing Consultation: At the end of March the 5 Horndean District Councillors, supported by HPC, organised a Public Consultation to get your view on where housing should go in Horndean and the type of facilities that should go with it. This was very well attended with over 800 visitors. The clear result on where to build is shown on the table with Hazleton Farm the longest bar followed by Pyle Farm. White Dirt Farm had 5 voters supporting development, but was unsurprisingly one of the lowest supported sites. The clear feedback on facilities were: Health, Education, and outdoor open space or green infrastructure. Please visit www.horndeanmatters.com for the article “Housing Consultation Results” for more information on the results.

Our aim with the consultation is to give the planning officers some clear steering when deciding planning applications in the Parish. This will not stop development in other areas we do not wish to see built on, but will add evidence the planners use to assess applications to help consider grounds for refusal. It will also be important in the preparation for the allocations plan which is hoped to be produced within the next 12 months. Thank you to everyone who attended, it will help to make a difference.

White Dirt Farm Update: Taylor Wimpey held their Housing Consultation in March and at this time advised they were looking to submit an application at the end of May or early June. The feedback to them at this event was very negative against development, and again, thank you to everyone who went to see their plans and comment. Taylor Wimpey portrayed an air that the development was a done deal, it was just a case of tweaking and some of the feedback I have received makes it clear the messages given out were very misleading. Their approach was exceptionally bullying (no typo error). See “White Dirt Farm Plans Emerge” and “What a White Dirt Farm Consultation Response” online.

The consultation was also held in the wrong parish and their promise to hold a further one with the correct community and Councillors has so far not been followed up which is disappointing. Local resident Andy Stevens quickly set up a Facebook Group against the development which now has several hundred members and organised a number of local meetings. Thank you also to Parish Councillor Caroline Jacobs and the 22 volunteers who had stepped forward at very short notice to deliver leaflets to make everyone aware of the consultation and give thoughts on how to comment.

In the last month we have seen traffic survey tapes fixed to the road, and surveys on site to look at the ground conditions and plot the overall size. Sadly, it seems Taylor Wimpey are planning to follow this proposal up and submit plans to be assessed. East Hants District Council remains clear this is not a suitable place to build as the landscape damage would be most harmful, so please expect EHDC and all the District Councillors to put up a strong defense based on the plans tabled at consultation.

When an application is reviewed I will post details on www.HorndeanMatters.com and also organise an ‘interested parties meeting’ at a local hall. This will be leafleted to all households in Downs Ward and you will be welcome to attend whether you support or oppose the plans. Keep watching www.HorndeanMatters.com for updates and there are several articles there about this development now.

Banged Up: Over Christmas there was a spate of burglaries to sheds and garages, and this became a focus of the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. They are pleased to advise that they have caught a number of offenders who are now locked up awaiting trial. Other prolific offenders have been moved on to other areas. We have exceptionally little crime in Horndean compared to neighbouring communities, but it still takes place. There is a good article from Inspector Humphries on www.horndeanmatters.com entitled “A Few Less Thieves About!” and suggestions on prevention.

Downwood Way flooding: Regular flooding on Downwood Way has become a nuisance over the last winter and after some discussions with and investigation by the Highways engineers they have identified that the soakaway just can not cope with any more water in flood conditions. They are proposing to install an overflow pipe into a surface water sewer so that this does not occur again. Funds have been secured and this work will take place before this winter. Thank you to the Highways team at HCC for following this up. See the full plans on my website.

Land East Of Horndean: The developer looking at Hazelton and Pyle farms has come forward with a set of plans and held a consultation at Merchistoun Hall to present them. This first consultation held in April was very busy with a lot of support for the scheme. The plans show a care home, cricket pitch with Pavilion, 30 allotments, space for a new School, several parks and woodland areas, football pitches, community building and employment sites. There is too little space here to put in all the detail and proposed facilities, so please visit www.horndeanmatters.com for a full set of the plans presented at the public consultation. There are two main articles; “East Of Horndean Development Plans” and “Land East Of Horndean Plans” Over the next months my intention is to push for as many community facilities as we can get and to support these proposals to ensure we can demonstrate Horndean has sufficient housing being planned to help protect against building out White Dirt Farm and other undesirable locations.

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Horndean Food Bank: A Horndean Food Bank has been set up by “Horndean Churches Together” for local short term free emergency food supply. If you need assistance or know someone who does please call 03092 591972.

Housing Polls: There are 2 polls on www.horndeanmatters.com asking if development should be allowed. Land East Of Horndean (Hazelton, Pyle Farms) 88% Yes. 11% No. 1% Don’t Know. 356 votes. White Dirt Farm 9% Yes. 90% No. 1% Don’t Know. 2,103 votes.