

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 10 January 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor M Miller, Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Councillors Mrs D Andrews, Ms D Ashley-Smith,
T Breen, Mrs D Brooke-Hart, J Chapman,
Ms M Goldsmith, J Kendall, A Kent, G Larcombe, S Marshall,
J Meech, Mrs A Venn and B Weston.

In Attendance: Mr A Jones Clerk to the Council
Mrs C Fenton Deputy Clerk to the Council

C 1613 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs E Andrews and M George be accepted (for reasons as specified in the attendance register.)

C 1614 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest, specific to the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1615 Public Forum

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1616 Casual Vacancy

The Clerk told members that he had received a letter from the Borough Council's Electoral Services Officer explaining that, as no request for an election had been received, it was now for this Council to co-opt a person to serve "as soon as practicable".

Several members expressed surprise that this course of action had to be followed, as they thought that it would be possible to hold an election at a later date, to coincide with Borough Council elections, thus reducing costs. The Clerk replied that he believed he had made the procedure clear in recent e mails and notes to members. Cllr Mrs Andrews said that she had sought advice and had been informed that, once the notice period had passed, then co-optation was the only available course of action.

After further discussion the following was approved:

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Clerk seek further legal advice about the way forward.***
- ii) that a further Extraordinary Council Meeting be held on Tuesday 17 January 2006 at 7.30 pm.***

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm. Date of Extraordinary Meeting: 17 January 06