

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 3 April 2007.

Present: Councillor M Miller, Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Councillors Mrs D Andrews, E Andrews, Ms D Ashley-Smith,
T Breen, Mrs D Brooke-Harte, J Chapman, Ms M Goldsmith,
J Kendall, A Kent, G Larcombe, J Meech and R Olliver.

Also present: Mr A Jones Clerk to the Council
Mrs C Fenton Deputy Clerk to the Council

C 1929 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs M George, S Marshall, Mrs A Venn and B Weston be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

C 1930 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest, specific to the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1931 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1932 Incident at Court Lodge Fields

The Clerk confirmed that the invoice for the tree work had been forwarded to the resident concerned.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1933 Horley Scouts – St George’s Day Parade and Fun Day, 21 & 22 April 2007

The Clerk told members that the risk assessment for the event had been received and was satisfactory.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1934 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 13 February 2007

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13 February 2007, including all confidential items, be confirmed and adopted.

C 1935 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 27 February 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 27 February 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

C 1936 Planning & Development Committee, 20 February 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 20 February 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

C 1937 Planning & Development Committee, 20 March 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 20 March 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

C 1938 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 13 March 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 13 March 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

C 1939 Relocation Sub-Committee, 27 February 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Relocation Sub-Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Relocation Sub-Committee held on 27 February 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

C 1940 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had represented the Town Council at the Poppy Appeal Cadet Competition in Woking and at the St Patrick's Day Parade in Crawley.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1941 National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

The Clerk told members that no new information had been received.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1942 Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Councils (SCAPTC)

The Clerk told members that a representative was being sought from SCAPTC to join a newly formed Steering Group to liaise on traveller issues. It was noted that the Chairman of the Council had volunteered to join the Group.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1943 Town Meeting 2007

Members reviewed the recently held meeting. They remarked that the lack of a speaker had not affected attendance figures. Several members felt that Friday was not a good night for the meeting. It was agreed that the advertising profile be raised next year.

RESOLVED: noted.

Borough and Town Council Elections, 3 May 2007

C 1944 It was noted that the Town Council Offices would be closed for normal business on 3 May, as the premises would be used as a polling station.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1945 The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Borough Council's Chief Executive, explaining that the counts for both elections were to take place on Friday 4 May at Donyngs Recreation Centre.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1946 The Clerk reported receipt of further correspondence from the Borough Council's Chief Executive regarding election expenses, in which he explained that the charges were the minimum that the Borough Council could levy and "reflected a significant level of hidden subsidy".

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1947 Lyon's Report

It was noted that the Lyon's Report had been published at the end of March and that a response from NALC to the report had been received.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1948 Revised External Audit Fees

The Clerk told members that the revised fee was £1050, an increase of £150, for the income/expenditure band £300,000 - £400,000.

C 1948) *RESOLVED: noted.*

C 1949 Annual Audit for Year Ending 31 March 2007

The Clerk told members that the audit date had been set as 24 August 2007.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1950 Funfair, A23 Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that arrangements had been confirmed for the funfair, which was due to take place at the A23 Recreation Ground from 7 – 10 June 2007. It was noted that Mr Beach would pay a fee of £1200, a deposit of £500 and had agreed to the usual Town Council terms and conditions.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1951 Horley Learning Partnership

RESOLVED: that, with effect from the new Municipal Year, the Horley Learning Partnership become an Outside Body of Horley Town Council.

C 1952 Filming, A23 Recreation Ground

It was noted that a production company had recently filmed part of a documentary at the A23 Recreation Ground and, as payment, had made a donation of £50 to Comic Relief.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1953 Precept for 2007/2008

It was noted that the Precept would be received in two equal instalments of £134688 on 5 April 2007 and 6 September 2007.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 1954 Relocation of Town Council Offices

It was noted that the two planning applications had been submitted to the Borough Council, one for the erection of a Portakabin to the rear of the Albert Rooms and one for Change of Use of the CAB offices. It was expected that that these would be considered by the Borough Council's Planning Committee in mid April. Plans had been received from Brewer Jewel Architects for possible modifications to the Albert Rooms and these would be considered by the Relocation Sub-Committee once the outcome of the planning applications was known.

RESOLVED: noted.

Prior to the meeting closing, the Chairman thanked all members of the Town Council individually for their help and assistance over the past four years.

Meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

Date of Next Meeting – 15 May 2007 (Annual Meeting)