

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 19 February 2008.

Present: Councillor S Marshall, Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Councillors P Avis, R Bethell, J Chapman, P Chapman,
Ms J Gall, M George, Mrs V Marshall, M Miller, Mrs S Odds,
R Olliver, Miss S Rogers, Ms V Snowball and
Miss F Stimpson.

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

C 2140 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Mrs D Brooke-Harte, Ms M Goldsmith, D Powell and S Thomas be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

C 2141 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2142 Public Forum

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

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2143 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 11 December 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 11 December 2007, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 2144 Relocation Sub-Committee, 18 December 2007

The minutes of the above 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 18 December 2007, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 2145 Relocation Sub-Committee, 3 January 2008

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

C 2145) Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Relocation Sub-Committee held on 3 January 2008, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 2146 Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, 15 January 2008

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 Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15 January 2008, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 2147 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 13 November 2007

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 13 November 2007, including all confidential items, be received.

C 2148 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 27 November 2007

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27 November 2007, including all confidential items, be received.

C 2149 Planning & Development Committee, 23 October 2007

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 23 October 2007 be received.

C 2150 Planning & Development Committee, 18 December 2007

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 18 December 2007 be received.

C 2151 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended the following:

Carol Concert and Hospitality
Horley Singers Carol Concert
Royal British Legion Conference
Visit to Brambles Respite Care Centre
Chinese New Year celebrations at New China Restaurant

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2152 Liaison Meetings with Surrey Police

Members were told that two Liaison meetings had taken place, one in December and the other in February. It was noted that a new Chief Constable for Surrey was about to be appointed. Cllr J Chapman remarked that the meetings were very productive.

C 2152) *RESOLVED: noted.*

C 2153 National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

The Clerk reported that no new information had been received. It was noted that, last month, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council had attended the NALC conference in London.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2154 Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Councils (SCAPTC)

Cllr Olliver reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the SCAPTC Management Committee. He added that work was continuing on the revised SCAPTC Constitution.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2155 Corporate Plan

Members were reminded that the company, Mad Ideas, was currently re-designing the Town Council's Corporate Plan. It was noted that the Plan would be reviewed by the Corporate Plan Sub-Committee, prior to its approval by Full Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2156 Horley Sports (Social) Club

It was noted that a meeting with Club representatives was due to take place on 22 February at the Innes Pavilion. The Town Council was to be represented by Cllrs George and Miller, as well as the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2157 Appointment of External Auditor

RESOLVED: that the appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as external auditor to Horley Town Council for the financial years 2007/2008 to 2011/2012 be noted.

C 2158 Draft Charter Between Reigate & Banstead Borough Council & Horley Town Council

The Clerk told members that discussion about the Charter was continuing at the regular Horley Town Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Liaison Meetings. It was hoped that the Charter would soon be ready to be presented to both Councils. He added that preliminary discussions were also taking place about the possible transfer of some services or assets to the management of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 2159 Press Complaints Commission

The Clerk told members that the Press Complaints Commission had now made an assessment of the Town Council's complaint, following a misleading article about the switching on of the Christmas Lights, which had appeared in the Horley Mirror. Commission members had decided that the remedial action taken by the editor in publishing an edited version of the Town Council's letter, subsequently sent to the Surrey Mirror, was a sufficient response to the complaint under the Editors' Code of Practice.

RESOLVED: noted

C 2160 Dog Control Orders

The Clerk reported receipt of information from the Borough Council, concerning plans to introduce Dog Control Orders, as part of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. He explained that it was proposed that dogs be excluded from all the Town Council's play areas, the Memorial Gardens and the Multi Purpose Court. Members approved these proposals and, in addition, agreed that dogs be excluded from the entire Michael Crescent Centenary Park.

RESOLVED: that the Borough Council be informed accordingly.

C 2161 Donation to Surrey Air Ambulance Fund

The Clerk confirmed that it was in order for the Town Council to make a donation to the Fund.

RESOLVED: that this Council, using its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, make a donation of £500 to the Surrey Air Ambulance Fund.

C 2162 Bund at Emlyn Meadows

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Maltaward Ltd, to relocate a section of the existing bund for the sum of £940 plus VAT, be approved. (The amount to be taken from the Community Action Fund.)

C 2163 Land to the Rear of 2 – 3 Churchview Close

Members considered a scale of charges from a local firm of Surveyors for ascertaining ownership of trees on land to the rear of 2 – 5 Churchview Close. Members considered the costs to be excessive and requested the Clerk to seek alternative quotations for the work.

RESOLVED: that the matter be re-considered at a future meeting.

C 2164 RESOLVED: that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

C 2165 Relocation of Town Council Offices CONFIDENTIAL

Members were updated on recent developments.

C 2166 Rental of Old Town Council Offices CONFIDENTIAL

Members were updated on recent developments.

C 2167 Estate of Cyril Edmonds CONFIDENTIAL

Members received an update and considered the way forward.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Date of Next Meeting: 8 April 2008