

**HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Leisure & Amenities Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Old Town Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 2 October 2007 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor J Chapman – Chairman  
Councillors R Bethell, Ms J Gall, M George, Ms M Goldsmith,  
S Marshall, Mrs V Marshall, Ms S Odds, D Powell and  
Miss S Rogers

**In Attendance:** A Jones – Town Clerk  
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk  
Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte

**L 1787 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Miss F Stimpson and S Thomas be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register). Cllr P Chapman was absent.***

**L 1788 Declarations of Interest**

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

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 1789 Public Forum**

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

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 1790 Approval of Minutes  
Leisure and Amenities Committee, 31 July 2007**

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

***RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be approved***

**L 1791 Bonfire & Fireworks Display, 3 November 2007**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Fundraiser of the Horley & District Round Table and added that Round Table representatives had been in contact with the local Police.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

### **Gatwick Greenspace Partnership**

- L 1792** Cllr George reported that there was an important Members' Steering Group next week, when the Town Council's support for the proposed new structure of the organisation would be made known.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 1793** **RESOLVED: that payment of £1896, being the Town Council's contribution for 2007 – 2008, be approved.**

### **Churchyards Committee**

- L 1794** It was noted that members had noticed improvements to the Churchyards during the recent tour. Cllr George told members that there were still issues with "illegal graves" and that contact had been made with the Vicar in Ifield who had recently had all the extra decorations removed from graves. There were plans to advertise the new regulations in the local press and contact had been made with local undertakers about the new rules. It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee was planned for 12 November.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 1795** **RESOLVED: that payment of £2,000, being the third instalment of the Churchyards Maintenance Grant, be approved.**

### **L 1796 Youth Matters**

The Clerk confirmed that Marie Rogerson was now the Chairman of Horley Youth Council, as well as being the Vice-Chairman of the Borough wide Youth Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that a letter of congratulations be sent to Marie Rogerson.**
- ii) that Marie Rogerson be invited to future meetings of this Committee.**

### **L 1797 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report**

The Clerk reported that monthly meetings were continuing with the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager and that there were no problems to report.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

### **Playground Inspections**

- L 1798** The Clerk confirmed that Bennetts were now carrying out the weekly playground inspections for the Town Council.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 1799** **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.**

**L 1800** ***RESOLVED: that payment of £1485 plus VAT for playground repairs carried out by Bennetts be approved.***

**L 1801** **Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley**

It was noted that Mr Tim Prior, the Borough Council's Leisure Centres Project Manager, had responded to points made by this Council in a letter to the Borough Council's Head of Leisure Services. Cllr George added that the Governors of Oakwood School had ongoing concerns about the proposals, particularly with regard to access, safety of the schoolchildren, loss of exam space and the impact the leisure centre would have on the ability of the school to grow.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk make Mr Tim Prior aware of the Governors' concerns.***

**L 1802** **Leisure Strategy**

***RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Borough Council's Leisure Strategy.***

**L 1803** **Corporate Plan 2007 – 2011**

***RESOLVED: that the following be considered for inclusion in the Corporate Plan:***

- i) A23 Rec – continuation of footpath improvements.***
- ii) Improvements to Ornamental Gardens.***
- iii) A23 Playground – programme of equipment replacement.***
- iv) Improvements to Skate Park.***
- v) Court Lodge Fields – new recreational equipment (e g multi purpose court).***
- vi) Improvements to Court Lodge football pitches.***
- vii) Michael Crescent – replacement of Scout Hut.***
- viii) Emlyn Meadows – rustic play equipment.***

**L 1804** **Refurbishment of Footpaths – A23 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk confirmed that Maltaward had carried out phase one of the footpaths refurbishment programme.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 1805** **A23 Recreation Ground Car Park**

Cllr George reported that the Access Group had reported that the speed hump at the entrance to the car park was hazardous for wheelchair users to negotiate.

***RESOLVED: that the Committee Chairman meet on site with a concerned resident.***

**L 1806** **Improvements to the Ornamental Gardens**

The Clerk reported that the local Police had expressed concern about raising the height of the rear hedge. It was noted that no response had been received to date **L 1806**) from Horley Gardening Club about possible improvements. It was suggested that Amethyst Horticulture Ltd may also be able to give advice.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 1807 Horley Bowling Club**

The Clerk reported that the Bowling Club Secretary had expressed concern about the height of the surrounding hedge and damage to the fence between the tennis courts and the Club, allowing intruders to gain access to the Club at night.

**RESOLVED: that the Clerk meet on site with a Club representative to agree the way forward.**

**L 1808 Memorial Gardens – Winter Planting**

Members considered a quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to plant pansies in the Memorial Gardens and to prune the recently planted roses. The Clerk explained that Amethyst were regularly used for all Summer and Winter planting by the Town Council and advised that it would be in order to waive Financial Regulations in this instance.

**RESOLVED: that Financial Regulations be waived and Amethyst Horticulture Ltd be appointed to remove summer bedding, prepare the beds, supply and plant winter pansies and prune the roses, for the total sum of £1502 plus VAT.**

**L 1809 Court Lodge Football Fields – Feasibility Study**

The Clerk told members that STRI Ltd had carried out the feasibility study for the agreed sum of £1200 plus VAT and had submitted their report. STRI had now been asked to recommend a company who would be able to submit a bid for funding to the Football Foundation, on behalf of this Council. The Clerk reminded members that there was currently an earmarked fund of £15,000 for football pitch improvements and that total project costs were likely to be in the order of £120,000. Funding from the Football Foundation, if forthcoming, would be between 30% and 70%

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Emlyn Meadows**

**L 1810** Members were told that arrangements were in hand for the Environmental Art Day, due to take place at Emlyn Meadows on 13 October and funded by a grant from the Awards for All scheme. The Town Council had arranged for toilets to be provided at a cost of £170 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 1811 RESOLVED: that Meath Green School be given permission to use Emlyn Meadows for orienteering.**

**L 1812** ***RESOLVED: that consideration be given to the installation of a rope swing.***

**Horley in Bloom / South East in Bloom 2007**

**L 1813** It was noted that the recent Presentation Evening had been well attended and that the Horley Flower Club was keen to become involved with next year's competition. Members agreed that, if possible, the event would need to start earlier next year to enable the presentation of awards for additional competitions, such as the Sunflower Competition, to take place on the same evening.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 1814** ***RESOLVED: that thanks be recorded to members and officers for their assistance with the event.***

**L 1815** Members were reminded that Horley had won a silver award in this year's South East in Bloom competition. It was noted that Paul Donoghue of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council had suggested that Horley may wish to make an individual entry in next year's competition.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 1816** It was noted that there had been a certain amount of interest for a Horley in Spring competition. Cllr George suggested that the event should have a very simple format. The Clerk added that the Horley Observer was keen to get involved with sponsorship.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Dog Bins and Litter Bins**

**L 1817** ***RESOLVED: that the damaged dog bin at the Kingsley Road entrance to Emlyn Meadows be removed.***

**L 1818** ***RESOLVED: that four new litter bins be purchased from Earth Anchors Ltd, for installation at the A23 Recreation Ground and Court Lodge Fields, for the sum of £217 each plus VAT, including carriage.***

**L 1819** **Security in Recreation Grounds**

***RESOLVED: that consideration be given to employing Lion Security on an annual basis, the cost to be included in next year's estimates.***

**L 1820** **Press Release**

***RESOLVED: that a press release be issued, giving information about Horley in Spring and the Environmental Art Day at Emlyn Meadows.***

**L 1821** ***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.***

**L 1822 Emlyn Meadows Bund**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent information received.

**L 1823 Michael Crescent Playground – Decoration of Equipment**

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Members considered quotations received and agreed the appointment of A Bennett & Sons to carry out the work.

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**

**Date of next meeting – 13 November 2007**