

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk

L 1952 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr S Marshall in the Chair)

Cllr Miss F Stimpson proposed and Cllr M George seconded that Cllr J Chapman be nominated as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Chapman be elected Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

Cllr J Chapman in the Chair

L 1953 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Ms J Gall and S Thomas be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

L 1954 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1955 Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr S Marshall proposed and Cllr D Powell seconded that Cllr Miss S Rogers be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Miss S Rogers be elected Vice-Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

L 1956 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

**L 1957 Approval of Minutes
Leisure and Amenities Committee 15 April 2008**

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.

L 1957) *RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee be approved*

L 1958 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies Reporting to the Leisure & Amenities Committee

RESOLVED: that the appointments be approved (Details are appended to the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 2008.)

L 1959 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

Cllr Powell reported that he had attended a meeting of the Horley Learning Partnership Extended Confederation Development Group, where concern had been expressed that government funding for the groups was coming to an end. He added that Simon Bland of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council had also made a presentation to the Group and had explained that it was likely that the additional houses would be built in Horley before any new schools were available.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1960 Churchyards Committee

It was noted that the Committee was due to meet on 9 June. Cllr George told members that a tree surgeon had declared the lime trees at the west end of the Churchyard unsafe and in need of remedial works. The Clerk added that a local resident had complained about the overgrown condition of the Old Churchyard and
and that the Churchyards Committee Chairman had spoken to the resident concerned and was liaising with the maintenance contractor.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1961 Youth Matters

The Clerk reported that the Chairman of the Council, following his attendance at the Oakwood School Awards Evening last year, had been keen to purchase a cup, which the school could present for "Services to the Community".

RESOLVED: that payment of £70 plus VAT for the cup be approved. (The cost to be allocated to the Chairman's Allowance.)

L 1962 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that there had been some delays with the grass cutting programme, as well as ditch clearance and hedge cutting. Members stressed the need for the grass to be properly cut for the forthcoming Prom in the Park and for the grounds and flower beds to be looking their best for the South East in Bloom judging on 9 July. It was agreed that a members' working party carry out final preparations for the judging of the Memorial Gardens during the first weekend in July.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1963 Playground Inspections

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.

L 1964 Drainage Proposals – Horley Recreation Ground Playground

The Clerk reported that he had met with a number of representatives of suitable local companies to discuss possible solutions. One company had suggested a 2.5 metre deep soak-away with a gully and pipe, at a cost of £4459 plus VAT. Another contractor had proposed a very expensive solution. Cllr Powell suggested employing a specialist to ensure that a good result was achieved.

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

L 1965 New Playground Equipment – Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk explained that consultation was continuing with local schools.

RESOLVED: that the matter be re-considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

L 1966 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

The Clerk explained that the Borough Council's Head of Leisure planned to give a presentation on the proposals, prior to the next meeting of this Committee and that interested local residents would be invited to attend.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1967 Criminal Damage to Pathway – Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk explained that a section of the pathway leading to the Charlesfield Road entrance of the Recreation Ground had recently been broken up by youths and had been repaired by the Contractor ASBIT as a matter of urgency. The Clerk added that the matter had been reported to the Police and CCTV footage would be viewed by local Police Officers.

RESOLVED:: that payment of £250 plus VAT to the Contractor ASBIT be approved.

L 1968 Bonfire & Firework Display 2008

The Clerk told members that the Horley & District Round Table had made a preliminary request to hold their annual Bonfire and Firework Display on 8 November. He pointed out that this was the day before the Remembrance Day Parade and Service were due to take place. He added that the Police were not in favour of the two events taking place on consecutive days and members added L their concerns about possible damage to the plastic matting etc. They also stressed the need for the bonfire site to be properly seeded this year.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman of the Horley & District Round Table be advised accordingly. (A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.)

L 1969 Fun Day 2009

The Clerk explained that he had received a request from a local resident to hold a Fun Day in the Horley Recreation Ground next year. He explained that he had made the resident aware of what would be required by this Council and had suggested that he contact the Brambles Fund Raiser for further advice.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1970 Memorial Gardens

Members approved a suggestion that, following recent tree works, two small flower beds in the Memorial gardens be turfed over by Amethyst Horticulture. The Clerk added that the flagpole was now in place and that it was planned to fly the Union flag.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1971 Court Lodge Football – Proposals for Additional Pitch and Drainage Works

The Clerk told members that he had been in contact with a representative of STRI and was expecting a Pitch Development Action Plan shortly.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1972 Court Lodge Football – Residents' Parking Concerns

Members discussed the problems posed by the large number of football players attempting to park near Court Lodge Fields. Cllr George said that the problem would be exacerbated if a fifth pitch were to be installed, although it was pointed out that it was unlikely that all five pitches would be in use at any one time. It was noted that the Scout Hut in the Horley Anderson car park was about to close and members suggested that the hard standing surrounding by hut might be made available for parking.

RESOLVED: that a request, to allow car parking on the hard standing by the Scout Hut, be made to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

Emlyn Meadows

L 1973 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of notes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 13 May 2008. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

L 1974 Members were told that the broken bench had now been replaced by the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership. It was noted that the wild flower seeding had not been carried out this year, due to faulty equipment. The Committee Chairman explained that a questionnaire was to be delivered to residents living near Emlyn Meadows, asking what facilities they would like to see there, and members would be at the L Meadows to collect the replies on Sunday 29 June. The Clerk added that the re-siting of part of the bund was due to be carried this week.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1975 Summer Planting

It was noted that Amethyst Horticulture had planted up the Memorial Gardens for the Summer and had hung the hanging baskets in the town centre, all as previously approved and that, thanks to additional sponsorship, three additional planters had been ordered, two to be placed in Consort Way East and one to be placed in the Memorial Gardens.

RESOLVED: that payment of £580 plus VAT to Amethyst Horticulture Ltd be approved.

L 1976 Horley and South & South East in Bloom

It was noted that judging for Horley in Bloom was due to take place on Monday 7 July and judging for South & South East in Bloom was due to take place on Wednesday 9 July.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1977 Church Road Allotments

It was noted that the Town Council's application to the Gatwick Airport Community Trust for funding for a new shelter at the allotments site had been successful.

RESOLVED: that payment of £750 to Tom Humphrey for the supply and installation of the shelter be approved. (£500 from the Gatwick Trust and £250 from the allotments budget.)

Recycling and Environment Issues

L 1978 RESOLVED: that information about recycling facilities be placed in the next edition of the Horley Highlights and on the website.

L 1979 RESOLVED: that the Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for the Environment be invited to a future Council meeting.

L 1980 RESOLVED: that a press release be issued, giving details of summer planting, the new allotments shelter and the Emlyn Meadows consultation.

L 1981 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 1982 Security in Recreation Grounds

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Members were updated on recent activities.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting – 22 July 2008