

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 4 March 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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

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

L 1889 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs M George and Ms M Goldsmith be accepted. (For reasons as specified in the attendance register.)

L 1890 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1891 Public Forum

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1892 Approval of Minutes

Leisure and Amenities Committee, 15 January 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.

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

L 1893 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

Members received an update from Sarah Groom, the Borough Council's Head of Leisure Services. She reminded members that the major review of the Borough Council's three leisure centres in Redhill, Horley and Banstead had begun two years ago. She added that, additionally, the management contract with Cannons was due to expire in June this year and the re-tendering process was currently in progress. A decision was to be taken soon between Cannons and Greenwich Leisure for a new fifteen year contract commencing in July, which would include any new leisure facilities. Sarah Groom went on to explain that Oakwood School was still the Borough Council's preferred site for the new Horley leisure facility, however this was

- L 1893)** dependent upon the detailed feasibility studies, which were currently being carried out. She was aware that issues had been raised regarding access, Environment Agency flood plain requirements and the condition of the existing buildings. She confirmed that the Horley Anderson Centre would remain open until the new facility was complete and that any necessary remedial works would be carried out there. She added that the target date for the new pool in Horley was still 2010.

The Committee Chairman thanked Sarah Groom for her useful update and she confirmed that she would be happy to return at a future date to update members further.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1894 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP)

Cllr S Marshall reported that he had attended a meeting earlier today, where the Project Manager had given a presentation on works being carried out. He added that GGP would be joining the Sussex Wildlife Trust from April.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1895 Churchyards Committee

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr George had attended a meeting the previous day, where it had been noted that the Town Council had not increased the maintenance grant for the coming year.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1896 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that grass cutting had commenced and that there had been excessive amounts of broken glass and litter left in the Horley Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager for clearance work carried out by his operatives. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)

L 1897 Grounds Maintenance Contract – Price Increase

The Clerk told members that the cost of the contract was due to increase by 4% from January this year. He added that this was in accordance with item 12 of the Contract Schedule.

RESOLVED: noted.

Playground Inspections

- L 1898 RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.**

- L 1899** The Deputy Clerk and Cllr S Rogers reported on the Playgrounds Safety

- L 1899) Standards Seminar, which they had both recently attended. They explained that there had been much emphasis on inclusive play, which meant providing equipment which could be used by children of all abilities.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1900 New Playground Equipment – Horley Recreation Ground

The Deputy Clerk told members that she was currently seeking quotations for new equipment, for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1901 Annual Playground Inspections

Members were reminded that the annual inspections were due to be carried out in June or July. The Deputy Clerk explained that she had been approached by two companies who were keen to carry out the work.

RESOLVED: that the Deputy Clerk liaise with the Committee Chairman regarding the appointment of a suitable contractor.

L 1902 Funfair, A23 Recreation ground

The Clerk reported that he was still liaising with the local Police and Mr Beach, the fairground owner, regarding suitable June dates for the fair. He added that the fairground owner was keen to have two dates in 2009.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1903 Bowling Club Hedge

The Clerk reminded members that the Club had requested that the hedge surrounding the Club be significantly reduced in height by the Town Council. The Borough Council had quoted £690 plus VAT to carry out the work and the Town Council had initially offered to pay half the cost. The Club had responded that it was not in a position to pay this cost and ascertained that the Town Council had allowed the height of the hedge to significantly increase over recent years.

The Clerk reminded members that the CCTV cameras at this Recreation Ground operated from equipment housed in the Bowling Club Clubhouse. He explained that any decision about the hedge needed to be taken before the nesting season began. He said that he had therefore called a meeting of the Decisions Sub-Committee, who had agreed that the Town Council pay for the cost of the work.

RESOLVED: that the Decisions Sub-Committee's actions be approved.

L 1904 Ornamental Gardens

The Deputy Clerk explained that she planned to meet with a representative of Amethyst Horticulture Ltd to discuss possible planting schemes.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1905 Request for Charity Football Match

RESOLVED: *that use of a pitch at Court Lodge Fields be offered free of charge.*

L 1906 Urgent Tree Works at Court Lodge Fields

The Clerk explained that Advanced Tree Services had carried out work on two oak trees as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED: *that payment of £265 plus VAT to Advanced Tree Services be approved.*

L 1907 Land to the Rear of 2 – 5 Churchview Close

The Clerk told members that he approached the Borough Council's Head of Legal and Property Services regarding the ownership of trees on land to the rear of 2 – 5 Churchview Close.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Emlyn Meadows

L 1908 **RESOLVED:** *that receipt be noted of notes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 26 February 2008. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

L 1909 The Clerk told members that the Environment Agency was about to start clearance work on the Burstow Stream. He added that letters had been sent to all residents living adjacent to Emlyn Meadows, regarding the dumping of green waste there. He said that it was believed that a contractor working for EDF Energy had left some waste but that this would be cleared shortly.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 1910 Summer Planting

Members considered quotations received from Amethyst Horticulture Ltd for hanging baskets and the Summer planting of the Memorial Gardens. The Clerk explained that Amethyst had carried out the winter and summer planting very successfully for the past few years. He added that the prices for this year's planting had been held at the same level as last year.

RESOLVED: *that Financial Regulations be waived and*

- i) the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to remove winter bedding from the Memorial Gardens and replant with summer bedding for the sum of £1495 plus VAT be approved.*
- ii) the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to supply sixty hanging baskets at a cost of £30 per basket and maintain them at a cost of £140 per week be approved.*

L 1911 Horley in Spring

The Clerk told members that a limited number of entries had been received. He reminded members that the awards would be presented at the Town Meeting on 25 April 2008.

RESOLVED: noted.

Horley in Bloom (HIB) / South & South East in Bloom 2007

- L 1912** The Clerk said that there had been a reasonable response to the e mail flier, seeking sponsorship for hanging baskets from local businesses. He added that entries had been made to South & South East in Bloom in the Town Centre and Best Public Park categories

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1913 Church Road Allotments

The Clerk told members that the new gates were now in place. He added that there was still an extremely long waiting list for plots.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1914 Letters Received

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of information about Cleanup UK.

- L 1915** **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 1916 Security in Recreation Grounds
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Members were updated on recent developments.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Date of next meeting – 15 April 2008