

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 9 January 2007 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Councillor S Marshall – Chairman
Councillors E Andrews, Ms D Ashley-Smith, J Chapman,
M George, J Kendall, J Meech,
M Miller and R Olliver.

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

L 1637 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Mrs S Branwhite and Ms M Goldsmith be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

L 1638 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1639 Michael Crescent Centenary Park

The Clerk told members that he had contacted the District Commissioner about the damaged dividing fence, as it had been highlighted as a hazard in the recent Playground Inspection Reports.

RESOLVED: noted.

(Afternote: the fence was subsequently repaired on the weekend of 27/28 January 2007.)

L 1640 St George's Day Service and Parade

The Clerk told members that he was still awaiting further information from Mr John Freebody, the Scouts Assistant District Commissioner.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1641 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GPP)

Receipt was noted of a paper from the Partnership Manager of GPP, outlining the future of the organisation, as he saw it, for consideration at the next meeting of the Members' Steering Group. Cllr Miller remarked that he believed that, longer term, funding from Surrey partners might prove difficult if the merger with the Sussex Wildlife Trust goes ahead.

RESOLVED: noted.

Churchyards Committee

- L 1642** It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee was due to take place on 17 January.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 1643** **RECOMMEND:** *that payment of £2000, being the fifth instalment of the Churchyards Maintenance Grant, be referred for approval by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.*

- L 1644** **Youth Matters**

The Clerk said that he had recently met with Jason Walters, Chairman of the Youth Council, as he had been keen to view the Old Fire Station. The Clerk added that he believed that a County Officer was acting as Secretary for Youth Council meetings.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk seek further information from the Area Manager of the County Council's Youth Development Service about the current status of the Horley Youth Council.*

Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

- L 1645** The Clerk reported that he had recently met with a senior Borough Officer to inspect the condition of the ditch by Vicarage Lane. This had revealed that some clearance work was required. He added that, due to adverse weather conditions, no football had been played since before Christmas.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 1646** The Clerk told members that he and the Committee Chairman would be meeting with Senior Borough Officers in mid February for a full contract review, in the light of a break clause being available at this time.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Playground Inspections

- L 1647** The Clerk reported that the inspection reports had now been fully updated and were in a format which could be e mailed to members. He added that the only serious problem currently outstanding was ongoing damage to the railings of the skate park ramps and quotations for their repair would be available for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 1648** It was noted that Bennetts Playcare had recently carried out the following repairs:

- i) New picnic table seat supplied and fitted at Court Lodge Playground.
- ii) Repairs to skate park ramps.
- iii) Repairs to fencing at Michael Crescent Playground.

- iv) Repairs to rear gate at Court Lodge Playground.
 - v) Repairs to fencing at A23 Playground.
- L 1648) *RECOMMEND: that payment of £630 plus VAT for playground repairs carried out by Bennetts Playcare be referred for approval by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.***

L 1649 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.*

L 1650 *RESOLVED: that RoSPA be appointed to carry out accompanied playground inspections in June 2007.*

L 1651 *RECOMMEND: that payment of approximately £400 plus VAT to RoSPA for playground inspections be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval.*

L 1652 Refurbishment of Footpaths – A23 Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that he was still waiting for two quotations to come back from contractors.

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

L 1653 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) – Funding Bid, 2006/2007

It was noted that further information had been requested and that a revised application would be submitted to the CDRP.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1654 Perimeter Fencing, Court Lodge Fields

It was noted that the site meeting between the Director of Operations at Raven Housing Trust and the Clerk and Committee Chairman was due to take place on 29 January.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1655 Emlyn Meadows – Memorial Bench

The Clerk said that he had agreed a site for the bench with the local resident. He had also been informed that it would cost approximately £100 for the GGP to install the bench and had informed the resident accordingly.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1656 Emlyn Meadows Advisory Committee

It was noted that the Committee was due to meet on 16 January.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1657 Bund at Emlyn Meadows

The Clerk told members that consideration would need to be given to improving the entry points into Emlyn Meadows along the bund.

RESOLVED: that the matter be referred for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

Charges for Church Road Allotments 2007

L 1658 RESOLVED: that the annual charge for allotments be increased to £16 for a five rod plot and £32 for a ten rod plot.

L 1659 RESOLVED: that a ten yard skip be provided twice a year, for use by allotment holders.

L 1660 Charges for use of Court Lodge Football Pitches 2007/2008

RESOLVED: that consideration of the charges be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee, to enable comparisons with other authorities' charges to be made.

Town Centre Hanging Baskets

L 1661 The Deputy Clerk told members that the Borough Council would be providing hanging baskets in the Town Centre Precinct and some barrier baskets at various points around the town. It was noted that these were to be supplied and watered by Amethyst Horticulture Ltd.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1662 RESOLVED: that the Town Council provide hanging baskets in the town centre and that sponsorship be sought from local businesses.

L 1663 RECOMMEND: that forty hanging baskets be ordered from Amethyst Horticulture Ltd at a cost of £30 plus VAT per basket and £120 plus VAT per week to water, the recommendation to be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval.

L 1664 RESOLVED: that, dependant upon the level of sponsorship received, further hanging baskets be ordered as necessary.

**L 1665 Local Government White Paper – “Strong and Prosperous Communities”
RESOLVED: that the matter be re-considered once the Members' Briefing has taken place on 16 January.**

L 1666 Letters

It was noted that a letter of congratulations had been sent to Faye White, following her recent award of an MBE.

RESOLVED: noted.
L 1667 Urgent Business for Inclusion on Future Agenda

RESOLVED: that, at the request of Cllr Kendall, the following item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

“To consider the installation of CCTV cameras at Town Council owned buildings.”

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Date of next meeting – 27 February 2007