

- L 2574 The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Committee Chairman and Revd Steve Davie, confirming the level of the Churchyards grant for 2011 / 2012. (£13,500)

RESOLVED: noted.

Grounds Maintenance Report

- L 2575 The Clerk reported very few queries. Cllr Simon Marshall remarked that the Memorial Gardens were looking particularly smart.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 2576 **RESOLVED: that a letter be written to the Countrywide Regional Manager, thanking him for his company's work over the past year and confirming the continuation of the Gardens Contract for a further year.**

Playgrounds

- L 2577 **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.**

- L 2578 The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Bennetts were carrying out the minor repairs which had been highlighted in the Annual Playground Inspection Reports.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 2579 Members considered a quotation of £1,740 to supply and install paved areas under the recently installed outdoor fitness equipment. The Deputy Clerk explained that the areas had become very muddy, as the equipment was so well used. She also confirmed that there was no requirement for safety surfacing.

RESOLVED: that further quotations be sought and the matter be re-considered at the Full Council meeting on 15 February.

Devolved Powers

- L 2580 The Clerk told members that the Letter of Intent had been received from the Borough Council's Head of Neighbourhood Services, detailing the timetable for the handover of responsibility of the grounds maintenance of Bay Close Open Space, Yattendon Road Recreation Ground, Church Meadows, Riverside Walk and Riverside Garden Park. He added that the letter also contained confirmation that tree and boundary fencing works would remain the responsibility of the Borough Council, as well as the cost of new signage. It was also noted that the Borough Council would indemnify the Town Council in respect of the works against any public liability claims.

RESOLVED: that the Letter of Intent be approved and the Borough Council's Head of Neighbourhood Services be informed accordingly. (Copies of relevant correspondence are appended to these minutes.)

- L 2581 The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the grounds maintenance of the newly transferred sites would be carried out under the same terms and conditions as for the maintenance of Town Council owned sites (i. e. daily litter

L 2581) collections, detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspections etc.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2582 **RESOLVED: that correspondence sent to A Bennett & Sons regarding inspections at Yattendon Road Playground be noted. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)**

New Leisure Centre

L 2583 It was noted that slides of the works and artist's impressions of the finished centre had been shown at the recent meeting of the Town and Borough Council Liaison meeting. (These were subsequently shown to Leisure Committee members.) The Clerk told members that he had received an update from Tim Prior, the Project Manager, explaining that the new roadway had started to take shape, as well as the excavation of the pool and the pit for the biomass boiler. Mr Prior had added that, although the works were some days behind, Pellikaan Construction Ltd was confident that the project would be back on target within a few months.

RESOLVED: noted

L 2584 Cllr George remarked that the "pinch point" on the roadway into the site was right at the access point from Court Lodge Road and was causing traffic congestion. He suggested that it be moved further into the site. Concern was also raised about the effect of the glazed walls of the pool on particular religious / ethnic groups which might be using the area.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk raise these issues with the Borough Council's Project Manager.

L 2585 **RESOLVED: that the Project Manager be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee.**

L 2586 Youth Matters – Horley Young People's Centre

It was noted that the Centre was no longer opening after school on a Tuesday. It was agreed that any concerns about staffing etc be raised with youth workers once a tour of the building had been arranged.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact youth workers regarding a possible tour of the Young Peoples Centre

L 2587 Horley Bowling Club – Possible Extension Plans

The Clerk told members that more detailed plans had now been received from the Bowling Club. It was agreed that a site visit would be beneficial, before taking any further action.

RESOLVED:

- i) that two or three Councillors plus Town Council Officers attend a site meeting with representatives of Horley Bowling Club.**
- ii) that the matter be considered in greater detail at a future meeting.**

Funfair at Horley Recreation Ground

L 2588 RESOLVED:

- i) that Mr Doug Beach be given permission to bring his funfair to Horley Recreation Ground, on dates to be agreed.*
- ii) that the fee charged to Mr Beach remain unchanged at £1200.*

L 2589 It was noted that Mr Beach may bring some fairground items to the High Street car park for the St George's Day Festival on 23 April.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2590 Circus at Horley Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:

- i) that Mr John Lawson be given permission to bring his circus to Horley Recreation Ground from 29 April until 2 May 2011.*
- ii) that the fee remain unchanged at £600. (Correspondence appended.)*

L 2591 Planting in the Ornamental Gardens

RESOLVED: *that the planting scheme suggested by Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, at a cost of £1,293 plus VAT, be approved.*

L 2592 Repairs to Tennis Courts

RESOLVED: *that the quotation from A Bennett & Sons to reinstate the brick edging and supply and install five new straining wires, for the sum of £483 plus VAT, be approved.*

L 2593 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee

It was noted that the Committee was due to meet on 1 February. Members approved a suggestion from Cllr George that the Community Housing Manager from Raven Housing Trust be invited to attend. Cllr George explained that Raven Housing Trust was looking to enhance certain areas, some of which were soon to become the responsibility of this Council, with bulbs, wild flowers etc. The Deputy Clerk added that a resident from Yattendon Road was also keen to attend.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2594 Horley Saturday Market

It was noted that the trader selling fruit and vegetables was no longer attending the market and that a new supplier was being sought. The Clerk added that the recent mid week market had been very poorly supported. It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the Market Sub-Committee to arrange events for the coming year.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2595 Planting outside Jack Fairman Public House

The Deputy Clerk reported that Peter Boarder, the Horley Regeneration Project Manager, had been in contact regarding possible planting schemes for the newly pedestrianised area outside the Jack Fairman Public House. It was noted that the planters themselves would be funded by the Horley Regeneration Project and that the Town Council would be responsible for the future planting. It was suggested by members that lamp post style posts for hanging baskets might be the most appropriate for the area and the Deputy Clerk added that a tiered planter, something much favoured by South & South East in Bloom judges, could also be hired from Amethyst Horticulture.

RESOLVED: *that quotations be sought, for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.*

L 2596 South & South East in Bloom 2011

RESOLVED: *that the Town Council enter the Town Centre and Park of the Year categories of this year's competition. (Total cost: £140.)*

L 2597 Priorities for Horley

Members considered how a public consultation exercise might be carried out, as suggested by the Leader of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council at a recent Liaison Meeting. After discussion it was agreed that a consultation form could be placed in the next edition of the Horley Highlights, as well as contacting community groups, churches etc.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2598 Horley Carnival

Cllr Bethell reported that, at a recent meeting of the Friends of Horley group, it had been suggested that the Horley Carnival or similar event be reinstated for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Members were of the opinion that a street parade would be difficult and that it would be more appropriate to hold any event within the boundaries of Horley Recreation Ground. Cllr George pointed out that such events required long term preparation. He also reminded members that the Borough Council had provided funding for the Golden Jubilee event, which had been held in the park in 2002. Cllr Stimpson agreed to contact local groups and seek initial responses.

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

L 2599 Perrywood Football Club Tournament

RESOLVED: *that permission be given for the football tournament to be held at Court Lodge Fields on Saturday 11 June. (Subsequently changed to 4 June.)*

L 2600 Diary Dates

RESOLVED: *that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the Mayor's Charity Curry Evening on 19 March.*

L 2601 Urgent Business for Inclusion on Future Agenda

RESOLVED: that a suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce, that the Borough Council offer thirty minutes free parking in Horley town centre car parks, be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Date of next meeting – 8 March 2011