

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 11 November 2008 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, Mrs S Odds, D Powell, Miss S Rogers and Miss F Stimpson.

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte
Rev Steve Davie, St Bartholomew's Church (part mtg)

L 2038 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apology of Cllr S Thomas be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

L 2039 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bethell declared personal interests in the Allotments Charges and Ornamental Gardens Refurbishment items.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2040 Public Forum – Presentation by Rev Steve Davie

Rev Steve Davie gave a brief presentation on recent works carried out at the Old and New Churchyards and requested that the Churchyard Maintenance Grant (paid by the Town Council) be increased by 5% for the Financial Year 2009/10. The Chairman thanked the Rev Davie for his presentation and confirmed that the points raised would be taken into account when draft estimates for 2009/10 were considered later in the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

**L 2041 Approval of Minutes-
Leisure and Amenities Committee 23 September 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 2042 Tennis Courts Development

The Clerk reported that he was expecting a programme of possible improvements from the Lawn Tennis Association's Court Technical Consultant

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2043 Charlesfield Road Entrance, Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that SCAPTC had advised extreme caution, with regard to installing a gate at the Charlesfield Road entrance, and the police believed that the existence of a gate could cause problems and lead to youths congregating on the Charlesfield Road side of the entrance. A summary of associated points is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2044 Court Lodge Football – Additional Parking Facilities

The Clerk told members that he had approached the Borough Council about the possibility of the hard standing by the former scout hut being used for additional parking. He had been informed that, whilst Canons (the Leisure Centre operator) would be keen to take over the area, it was possible that the Borough Council may wish to sell both the hut and its associated parking.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2045 Churchyards Committee

It was noted that the Churchyards Committee had met on 3 November.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2046 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk told members that the contract was proceeding satisfactorily. The main emphasis at present was on the preparatory work in the Memorial Gardens in readiness for the Remembrance services.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2047 Playground Inspections

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

Playground Repairs

L 2048 RESOLVED: that payment of £228 plus VAT to the Contractor ASBIT for repairs to the fence at the Horley Recreation Ground Playground be approved.

L 2049 It was noted that graffiti was an ongoing problem at the skate park and that consideration may need to be given to painting the surrounds to the ramps with a special gloss paint.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2050 New Playground Equipment, Horley Recreation Ground

It was noted that, following concerns expressed by some parents that the new equipment was not as accessible to younger children as the old equipment had been, a meeting had taken place at the playground, attended by the Committee Chairman, the Clerk and some of the residents concerned. The Clerk said that he had suggested that the parents, as a group, might be able to apply for funding for equipment, which the Town Council would then maintain and insure. Cllr Powell suggested that, should the Town Council consider purchasing equipment for the younger age group, then it would be wise to consult with parents.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2051 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

The Clerk told members that there was nothing further to report at present.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2052 Bonfire & Firework Display, Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the recent display had run at a loss, due to the very bad weather on the night. He added that there had been some damage to the park barrier when the event was set up and confirmed that the Round Table had paid for the cost of the repair. (£125).

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2053 Temporary Toilet Facilities, Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that it would cost £25 per week to house a temporary chemical toilet at the park, allowing for once a week cleaning. Members asked the Clerk to obtain the cost of more regular cleaning.

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

L 2054 Refurbishment of Ornamental Gardens

for The Deputy Clerk told members that, to date, two quotations had been received for the work. A third local company had been approached but had been unable to provide a quotation. The Deputy Clerk said that she had now been in contact with another local company who was keen to quote for the work and would be able to provide a quotation within the next few days.

RESOLVED: that the Ornamental Gardens Sub-Committee meet to consider the quotations and its recommendations be considered at the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 25 November 2008.

L 2055 Michael Crescent Scout Hut

The Clerk told members that the Scout Hut was almost ready for handover. He added that suggestions for its future use had been invited in the recent newsletter. The Horley History Society had suggested that the building might be used as a local museum and for archive storage, other residents were keen to see the

- L 2055)** building retained as a community facility. The Clerk added that there might be sources of funding available, if the building was to be retained as a community hall.

RESOLVED: *that the matter be re-considered at a future meeting.*

L 2056 Emlyn Meadows

The Committee Chairman told members that youths had been congregating at the Meadows some evenings and local residents had been clearing up the rubbish which was left behind. He added that these gatherings appeared to have ceased now that the weather was colder. It was noted that the Advisory Committee was due to meet on 25 November.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Horley in Bloom

- L 2057** It was noted that the Horley in Bloom Advisory Committee had met earlier in the evening, when it had been agreed to hold the Awards Evening on Friday 2 October 2009 at the Regent Hall. The Clerk confirmed that the Mayor of Reigate & Banstead would be invited to present the awards. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 2058** Cllr George told members that the Horley in Spring competition was about to be launched. There would, as last year, be two categories (residential and non-residential) with a newcomer's award in both sections. There would be certificates only for the winners and these would be presented at the Town Meeting on 24 April 2009.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2059 Charges for Church Road Allotments

RESOLVED: *that, with effect from 1 February 2009, the charge for a full plot be increased to £18 and the charge for a half plot be increased to £10 (to reflect additional administration costs).*

L 2060 Surrey County Playing Fields Association – Affiliation Fee for 2008/2009

RESOLVED: *that payment of £10 be approved.*

L 2061 Christmas Lights

It was noted that a Christmas tree had been selected and that the Horley & District Chamber of Commerce had provided new lights for the tree, as the existing lights had been damaged. A painting competition was to be held at the Kidzone After School Club and the winners would be invited to switch on the tree lights during the Chamber of Commerce Fun Day, due to be held on 27 November.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2062 Urgent Business – Garden Sharing Scheme

RESOLVED; that the above item be included on the agenda for the next meeting of this Committee. (13 January 2009.)

L 2063 Press Release

RESOLVED: that a press release be issued, giving details of Horley in Spring and the Christmas Lights switch on.

L 2064 *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 2065 Precept 2009/10

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Members agreed this Committee's requirements, for recommendation to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Date of next meeting – 13 January 2008