

**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 13 January 2009 at 7.30 pm.

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

**In Attendance:** A Jones – Town Clerk  
C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk  
Cllr D Brooke-Harte  
K Hetherington, Head of Housing & Leisure at  
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

**L 2066 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

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

**L 2067 Declarations of Interest**

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

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 2068 Public Forum – Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley**

Mr Kevin Hetherington, Head of Housing & Leisure at Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, updated Town Councillors and members of the public on the Borough Council's plans for leisure facilities in Horley. He explained that the Borough Council was negotiating property deals with Surrey County Council, with a view to developing the former Court Lodge infant and secondary school sites. He added that a confidential report was due to be considered by the Borough Council's Executive on 22 January and said that a joint press release would be issued by the Borough Council and Surrey County Council the day after. (A copy of the press release is appended to these minutes.)

Members thanked Mr Hetherington for his presentation and he agreed to update Town Councillors and members of the public at an informal meeting on 27 January.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 2069 Approval of Minutes-  
Leisure and Amenities Committee 11 November 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 2070 Temporary Toilet Facilities, Horley Recreation Ground**

The Clerk told members that only weekly cleaning was offered by this particular company.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2071 Christmas Lights**

The Clerk said that a meeting was planned with representatives of the Horley Chamber of Commerce to discuss future arrangements for Christmas lights.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2072 Court Lodge Football – Additional Parking Facilities**

The Clerk told members that the Borough Council was unwilling to allow car parking on the hard standing by the former scout hut as the hut was in a dangerous condition and was not fenced off from the car park.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Churchyards Committee**

**L 2073** It was noted that the Churchyards Committee was due to meet on 26 January.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2074** **RESOLVED: that payment of £2,500, being the fourth instalment of the Churchyards Maintenance Grant, be approved.**

**L 2075 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report**

The Clerk told members that the contract was proceeding satisfactorily. He added that the monthly meeting with the Area Manager was due to take place this week.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Playground Inspections and Repairs**

**L 2076** **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.**

**L 2077** The Deputy Clerk explained that A Bennett & Sons was continuing to carry out playground repairs, as they arose. She added that a broken plastic seat on a toddler bench at the Court Lodge playground was to be replaced with a wooden one and the surrounds to the skate park were to be painted to obscure graffiti.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2078 John Lawson's Circus**

The Clerk confirmed that John Lawson's all human circus would be performing at Horley Recreation Ground from Friday 17 April until Sunday 19 April. A hire charge of £600 had been agreed, as well as a deposit of £200, to defray the cost of repairs, if necessary. It was noted that Mr Lawson had returned a signed copy of the letter, detailing the Town Council's terms and conditions. A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.

**L 2079 Refurbishment of Ornamental Gardens**

The Deputy Clerk reminded members that Horley Garden Design & Landscaping, a local company, had been appointed to carry out the work. She explained that the work was due to start in late February and added that the contractor was keen to meet on site with interested members, prior to the work commencing.

***RESOLVED: that a site meeting be arranged and members informed accordingly.***

**L 2080 Speed Hump at Entrance to Horley Recreation Ground**

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk meet on site with a contractor, to discuss modifications which might be made to the speed hump, to allow easier access to the park by the disabled.***

**L 2081 Tennis Courts Development**

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the programme of possible improvements from Lee West Associates, the Lawn Tennis Association's Court Technical Consultant. He explained that three possible schemes had been suggested, ranging in cost from approximately £24,000 plus VAT to approximately £58,000 plus VAT. Members questioned whether the courts needed to be refurbished to such a high standard.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk investigate sources of funding, which might be available from the Tennis Foundation and the matter be re-considered at a future meeting.***

**L 2082 Charlesfield Road Entrance, Horley Recreation Ground**

Members were told that some residents from Charlesfield Road were still extremely keen to have a gate installed at the Charlesfield Road entrance to the park, which the residents were prepared to lock at night and unlock in the morning. The residents also wanted to have a notice posted by the entrance, outlining their wishes. The Clerk told members that the footpath was not legally determined as a Public Right of Way, although it might be possible to achieve this.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek further advice from Surrey County Council's Countryside Legal Officer and the matter be re-considered at a future meeting. (A copy of the letter sent is appended to these minutes.)***

**L 2083 Michael Crescent Scout Hut**

Members were reminded that the Scouts Association Trust Corporation still had to approve the terms of the Deed of Surrender. The Clerk confirmed that, at present, the Scouts were still responsible for all bills associated with the building. He added that, with the Scouts permission, the building was currently being used to store Christmas lights and plastic matting.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2084 Fencing to the rear of Delta Bungalows**

The Clerk told members that a fence had been installed by a local builder, however it had not been erected on the boundary line between the bungalows and Michael Crescent Centenary Park, creating maintenance and health & safety issues.

**RESOLVED; that the matter be considered in more detail at a future meeting.**

**Emlyn Meadows**

**L 2085 RESOLVED: that one new litter bin and one new dog bin be installed at Emlyn Meadows, the items to be purchased from Emlyn Meadows for the total sum of £441.65 plus VAT.**

**L 2086 RESOLVED; that receipt be noted of minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 25 November 2008. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)**

**L 2087 Horley in Spring**

The Clerk told members that the Horley in Spring competition had been launched. An entry form had been placed in the latest newsletter, a press release had been issued and full details were available on the Town Council web site. (A copy of the press release is appended to these minutes.)

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2088 Church Road Allotments**

Members were told that there were still over fifty people on the waiting list for allotments.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 2089 Garden Sharing Scheme**

Cllr Bethell confirmed that the scheme had been launched in the recent newsletter, although there had been no response to date.

**RESOLVED; noted.**

**L 2090 Memorial to Doug Simpson**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr Doug Cox of the Meath Green Protection Society, suggesting that the Town Council might be able to assist the Society with the provision of a memorial to Mr Doug Simpson, the former Society Chairman who had recently died.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Chairman of the Council meet with Mr Doug Cox to discuss the matter further.***

**L 2091 Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation**

***RESOLVED: that Cllr Jack Chapman attend the seminar at Reigate Town Hall on 21 January 2009.***

**L 2092 Surrey Strategic Partnership**

***RESOLVED: that Cllr Richard Bethell attend the workshop on 15 January 2009.***

**The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.**

**Date of next meeting – 3 March 2009**