

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 14 April 2009 at 7.30 pm.

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

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

L 2138 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

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

L 2139 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2140 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

**L 2141 Approval of Minutes-
Leisure and Amenities Committee 3 March 2009**

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 2142 St George's Day Event, 25 April 2009

It was noted that a rota of Councillors to man the Town Council's stall had been drawn up and that John Fisher of Brambles had donated some display boards to the Council free of charge.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to John Fisher.

L 2143 Churchyards Committee

Cllr George reported that he had recently met with the Churchyards Committee Chairman and the grounds maintenance contractor at the old and new Churchyards, to discuss outstanding maintenance issues. It was noted that the

- L 2143) contractor was starting to clear the “illegal” graves and it was hoped that the work would form part of the normal grounds maintenance contract. The need for a health & safety audit of all the trees in the Churchyards was again emphasised. Cllr George added that the next meeting of the Churchyards Committee was due to take place on 11 May.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2144 Clerk’s Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk told members that the routine monthly meeting with the Contractor was due to take place tomorrow. He added that these meetings were now taking place with Mr Robin Davis, the Senior Manager, as the Area Parks Manager had been dismissed.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2145 New Grounds Maintenance Contract – (2010 – 2014)

The Clerk told members that the Sub-Committee had recently met and that it was planned to write to the long list of potential contractors, inviting expressions of interest, by mid May. The Clerk added that the weekly playground inspections would remain outside the contract and would continue to be carried out by A Bennett and Sons. (Subject to review after two years.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2146 Playground Inspections and Repairs

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

L 2147 New Leisure Facilities in Horley

Members reviewed the earlier presentation by Mr Kevin Hetherington, the Borough Council’s Head of Housing & Leisure. (A copy is appended to these minutes.) It was agreed to invite Mr Hetherington to update members further in September or October.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Hetherington.

L 2148 Refurbishment of Ornamental Gardens

The Clerk told members that Horley Garden Design & Landscaping had started work in the Ornamental Gardens.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2149 Signage – Horley Recreation Ground

Members considered designs for signs for the Recreation Ground, prepared by KM Vinyl Graphics. The Clerk reminded members that three quotations had been sought for the signs at the Albert Rooms and that KM Vinyl Graphics was the

company that had been selected to carry out the work. Subject to a few minor modifications (change of font etc), the designs were approved.

L 2149) *RESOLVED: that KM Vinyl Graphics supply and install four signs for Horley Recreation Ground for the total sum of £2,290.*

L 2150 Drainage Proposals for Playground at Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk explained that, following the approval of the quotation from A Bennett & sons at the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, a site meeting had been held with the contractor, following which the specifications for the work had been amended. It was now planned to install a series of pipes which would allow the water to drain into the existing ditch, rather than excavate a soakaway. The Clerk added that the cost for the work would remain unchanged (£3,468 plus VAT).

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2151 Horley Recreation Ground - Footpath Improvements & Modifications to Speed Hump at Entrance

The Clerk told members that quotations for the work were still outstanding.

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

L 2152 John Lawson's Circus

Members were reminded that the Circus would be performing at the Recreation Ground from Thursday until Sunday, this week.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2153 Fun Fair

The Clerk told members that Doug Beach's Fun Fair would start arriving on 15 June and that the Town Council would receive payment of £1200.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2154 Memorial Gardens

Members learned that a number of plants had been pulled up in the Memorial Gardens. They recorded their thanks to Roy Martin for speedily re-planting the flowers.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2155 Parking Issues at Horley Recreation Ground

It was noted that a Ramblers' Association was believed to be leaving cars in the Recreation Ground car park, before going off walking.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek further information.

L 2156 Court Lodge Fields – Cricket

It was noted that the Horley Sports (Social) Club had made a request to play cricket at Court Lodge Fields. Members were reminded that, in the past, the Club had always been responsible for the cricket square. Members agreed that a charge may need to be made to keep the outfield cut and that any permission, if granted, would be for the current season only.

RESOLVED: that a meeting be held with representatives of the Sports (Social) Club.

L 2157 Michael Crescent Scout Building

It was noted that another contractor had quoted over £65,000 to refurbish the building. The Clerk told members that it would be necessary to seek grant funding to carry out the substantial renovations required.

RESOLVED: noted.

Emlyn Meadows

L 2158 It was noted that the Advisory Committee had met earlier in the evening, when there had been discussion about the possibility of providing a “natural play” area at the Meadows. The Clerk told members that he had spoken to a representative of the Environment Agency and had been told that the Agency planned to carry out further work to the Burstow Stream as part of its autumn programme.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2159 ***RESOLVED: that payment of approximately £250 be approved for the rotovating and seeding of the wild flower areas at Emlyn Meadows.***

L 2160 Summer Planting

The Deputy Clerk told members that seventy one baskets would be hung in the town centre, sixty provided by the Town Council and eleven provided by the Borough Council. The fixed planters were also due to be planted up by the Borough Council. The Memorial Gardens were due to be planted with summer flowers during the first week in June. The Deputy Clerk added that it was hoped to hire some seasonal planters, dependant upon the level of sponsorship received from local businesses.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2161 Charity Event in aid of Brambles Respite Care Centre

The Clerk told members that he had met with John Fisher of Brambles and that it was possible that a sponsored bike ride might take place in September. The route still had to be worked out and it was hoped to involve wheelchair users as well.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2162 Horley in Spring

It was noted that Cllr Richard Bethell and Dr Jim Williamson had recently judged the entries and that the awards would be presented at the Town Meeting. Thanks were recorded to the judges for their efforts.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2163 Tree Works

The Clerk told members that dates had been arranged to carry out the necessary tree works at Horley Recreation Ground, Court Lodge Fields and Emlyn Meadows. He added that tree surveys had now been carried out at the Albert Rooms, Michael Crescent Centenary Park and the Church Road Allotments. It was noted that the trees requiring work at the allotments were not within the ownership of the Town Council and that it would be necessary to contact the landowners concerned.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2164 Press Release

RESOLVED: that a press release be issued with details of the Horley in Spring results. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)

Prior to the close of the meeting, the Committee Chairman thanked members and staff for their assistance during the past municipal year.

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

Date of next meeting – 2 June 2009