

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 17 April 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor J Chapman – in the Chair
Councillors E Andrews, M George, Ms M Goldsmith, J Meech,
M Miller and R Olliver.

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

L 1699 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Ms Ashley-Smith, J Kendall and S Marshall be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

L 1700 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1701 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1702 Perimeter Fencing, Court Lodge Fields

The Clerk told members that he had informed the Director of Operations at Raven Housing Trust that the Town Council took the view that a bund would be inappropriate at this site. A response was still awaited from the Housing Trust.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek a response from the Director of Operations at Raven Housing Trust.

L 1703 Refurbishment of Footpaths – A23 Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that a further quotation was being sought for the work.

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

L 1704 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP)

Cllr George reported on the recent Members Steering Group meeting. A copy of his report is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: noted.

Churchyards Committee

- L 1705** Cllr George reported on the recent meeting of the Committee. A report of the meeting is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 1706** The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council had no responsibility for any aspects of the Churchyards and that it was the responsibility of the Church to ensure that adequate public liability insurance was in place. He agreed to make the Churchyards Committee Chairman aware of this.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1707 Youth Matters

The Clerk had nothing to report.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1708 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that grass cutting was proceeding in a satisfactory manner. He added that he requested that the litter collections be made earlier in the day.

RESOLVED: noted.

Playground Inspections

- L 1709** **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.**

- L 1710** **RESOLVED: that payment of £280 plus VAT to A Bennett & Sons for repairs carried out at the Michael Crescent Playground be approved.**

L 1711 Skate Park, A23 Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had recently met with a group of youngsters and a representative from GBH Engineering, the skate park manufacturer, to discuss improvements, which might be made to the skate park. The representative had subsequently forwarded details of funding, which might be accessible via the Youth Council. He had also identified a number of repairs and would be forwarding further details to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that quotations be sought for the repairs, for consideration at a future meeting.

L 1712 "Prom in the Park", A23 Recreation Ground, 21 July 2007

The Clerk confirmed that the organiser had received assurances that the event would be adequately policed. He added that the licence for the event had been approved by the Borough Council and the Horley & District Round Table would

be providing marshals on the day.

L 1712) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 1713 St George's Day Service and Fun Day

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements were in place for the Scouts' event, due to take place in the A23 Recreation Ground on 21 & 22 April 2007.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1714 Improvements to the Ornamental Gardens

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

L 1715 Horley Bowling Club

RESOLVED: that the Club be given permission to park cars beyond the A23 Recreation Ground barrier on 27 July and 6 & 8 August 2007. (Normal terms and conditions to apply.)

Emlyn Meadows Nature Trail

L 1716 Cllr George confirmed that the bird boxes had been installed in the wooded area. Turf had been dug up in some areas to enable wild flower seeds to be planted. Shrubs had been planted around part of the bund to soften the landscape. Cllr Chapman reported that he had recently found some newly planted trees uprooted, however these had now been replanted by the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP).

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1717 The Clerk reported that he had recently received a telephone call from a local resident who was concerned that the uncut area of the meadow encouraged adders in the summer. Members stressed that the aim of this area was to encourage wildlife, however they were not aware of adders being present. The Clerk added that he had informed GGP of the resident's concern and members agreed that consideration may need to be given to displaying signs about the possibility.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1718 Emergency Tree Works to the Rear of Churchview Close

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the resident concerned, disputing ownership of the fallen tree and questioning the cost of the remedial work involved. The Clerk added that it may be necessary for the Town Council to pay the invoice, which had been submitted by Advanced Tree Services (£750 plus VAT) and then seek reimbursement from the resident concerned.

RESOLVED: that members be updated at a future meeting.

L 1719 Horley in Bloom (HIB) / South & South East in Bloom 2007

The Clerk reported that a further meeting of the HIB Advisory Committee had recently taken place and that arrangements were in hand for this year's competition. He added that Paul Donoghue of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council had entered Horley for the South & South East in Bloom Town/City Awards, at no cost to this Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1720 Incident at A23 Recreation Ground, 4 November 2006

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Zurich Municipal, accepting liability on behalf of the Town Council for injuries caused when a Police Community Support Officer tripped over a tree stump at the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1721 Football Pitch Drainage

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with the County Development Manager of the Surrey County Football Association, where it had been established that the Town Council would need to employ the services of an Agronomist to study the soil and best configuration of the football pitches at Court Lodge Fields, prior to any further applications being made for funding.

RESOLVED: that the matter be reconsidered at a future meeting.

Security in Recreation Grounds

L 1722 The Clerk reported that he was in contact with the company who had installed the CCTV cameras in the recreation grounds to ascertain the best way of accessing the recorded information from the desk top.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1723 **RESOLVED: that the Clerk liaise with the Council and L & A Committee Chairmen, regarding the frequency of security patrols at the recreation grounds.**

L 1724 Letters

The Vice-Chairman read out a letter from the Committee Chairman, thanking Committee members and staff for their hard work and commitment over the past four years.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1725 Press Release

RESOLVED: that a press release be issued, giving information about Horley in Bloom and Emlyn Meadows improvements.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm. Date of next meeting – 12 June 2007