

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 23 May 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor S Marshall – Chairman
Councillors E Andrews, Ms D Ashley-Smith, J Chapman,
M George, Ms M Goldsmith, J Kendall, J Meech,
M Miller and R Olliver.

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

L 1507 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr Miller in the Chair)

Cllr Chapman proposed and Cllr Ms Ashley-Smith seconded that Cllr S Marshall be nominated as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr S Marshall be elected Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

Cllr Marshall in the Chair

L 1508 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

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

L 1509 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1510 Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr Meech proposed and Cllr Ms Goldsmith seconded that Cllr J Chapman be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Chapman be elected Vice-Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

L 1511 Public Forum

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1512 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies Reporting to the Leisure & Amenities Committee

RESOLVED: that the appointments be approved (Details are appended to the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2006.)

L 1513 Annual Playground Inspections and Risk Assessments for 2006

The Clerk confirmed that RoSPA would be carrying out the accompanied inspections and risk assessments in June.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1514 Cleaning of War Memorial

The Clerk confirmed that this would take place before the Royal British Legion event in July.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1515 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership

Cllr George reported that there were now other options for the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership to consider, alongside Trust status. He added that all options would be looked at during the meeting on 29 June 2006.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1516 Outside Bodies

There were no reports of attendances at any meetings.

RESOLVED: noted.

Churchyards Committee

L 1517 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the draft Policy for the Future of Horley Churchyards.*

L 1518 The Clerk told members that he had spoken to the new Chairman of the Churchyards Committee, Dr Williamson.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, the Churchyards Committee Chairman and the Town Council representatives on the Churchyards Committee visit the Churchyards together.

L 1519 Youth Matters

It was noted that the meeting between the Youth Council Chairman and Cllr Ms Ashley-Smith was still outstanding.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1520 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reminded members that this was the busiest season for grass cutting. One of the Borough Council's gang mowers had been damaged and was awaiting repair. The Clerk added that he was able to contact the Contract Manager immediately, should there be any problems with the Contract's day to day operation.

Cllr Miller added that it was vital that the Contract Specification for grass cutting was adhered to.

RESOLVED: noted.

Playground Inspections

L 1521 The Deputy Clerk told members that the inspection reports were still arriving a little slowly from Safeplay. She added that she was forwarding the reports to Bennetts Playcare, to enable them to carry out any necessary repairs.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1522 **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.**

L 1523 Review of Leisure Centre Provision – Proposals for Public Meeting

The Clerk reported receipt of an e mail from Graham Cook at the Borough Council, suggesting that the Borough wide public meeting, planned to take place at the Harlequin Theatre on 28 June, should address the concerns of Horley residents, thus removing the need for a separate public meeting in Horley.

Members were adamant that they still wished to hold a meeting in Horley and Cllr Miller gave assurances that the Borough Council's Officers, Leader and Portfolio Holder would all attend a separate Horley meeting.

The Clerk told members that he had been investigating the availability of local venues and believed that St John's Hall would be the one most likely to be available.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Clerk continue with arrangements for the Horley meeting.**
- ii) that the meeting be held in June, if possible.**

L 1524 Football Matters – New Goal Posts

RECOMMEND: that four sets of goal posts be purchased from Harrod UK Ltd for the total sum of £1980.00 plus VAT, the recommendation to be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval. (Horley Town Council to pay £990.00, the remaining £990.00 to be a grant from the Goalpost Safety Scheme.)

L 1525 A23 Recreation Ground – Multi Purpose Court

The Clerk told members that the equipment had now been installed and the court was awaiting a top layer of tarmac and line painting. The Official Opening had been arranged to take place on the 30 June and it was hoped that Faye White, Captain of the England Women's Football Team would be attending. The Clerk added that Security Guards had been employed to patrol the area during the construction period. He reminded members that the cost of the court would be recovered from the Borough Council as part of Section 106 funding.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 1526 Refurbishment of Footpaths – A23 Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that several quotations had now been received for the work, which were of vastly differing amounts.

RESOLVED:

- i) that a precise specification be drawn up for the work.*
- ii) that the matter be re-considered at a future meeting of this Committee.*

Additional Litter Bins, A23 Recreation Ground

L 1527 **RECOMMEND:** *that two larger litter bins (with lids) be purchased from Earth Anchors Ltd for the total sum of £573.55 plus VAT (including carriage).*

L 1528 **RESOLVED:** *that one bin be sited adjacent to the car park and the other bin be sited close to the multi purpose court.*

L 1529 Fencing to the Rear of Delta Bungalows

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The Clerk reported that he and the Committee Chairman had attended a site meeting with the Delta Scheme Manager to discuss fencing issues. He had also examined CCTV camera footage and had found no evidence of crime, nor any evidence of footballs being kicked over garden fences. He reminded members that the residents of Delta House Bungalows now wanted a close boarded fence to rear of their gardens. The Clerk said that he was seeking quotations for such a fence, but that it was likely to cost up to £2,000 to supply and install. He reminded members that there was no provision for this fencing in the Town Council Estimates as members had believed that the Delta Bungalow residents no longer wanted this type of fence.

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Cllr Kendall said that, should any boarded fence be installed, then it should be placed behind the existing chainlink fence for protection. Cllrs George and said that they might have access to an alternative source of funding for the fencing.

The Clerk added that residents of nos 1 and 2 Delta Bungalows were still concerned about a tree close to their rear gardens. Dead branches had been

would removed from the tree earlier in the year and a Health and Safety Inspection be carried out soon.

After further discussion the following was resolved:

L 1529) *RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the Delta Scheme Residents Association, updating him accordingly. (A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.)*

L 1530 Emlyn Meadows Nature Trail

It was noted that a meeting of the Advisory Committee would be held in June. Cllr George added that the photoshoot highlighting the benches was still outstanding. The Clerk confirmed that an application had now been submitted to the Awards for All Scheme for a grant of £1765.00.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1531 Emlyn Meadows – Earth Bund

The Clerk confirmed that Maltaward had now completed the bund. Some youngsters had been throwing earth and mud about so Lion Security had been asked to patrol the area for a few nights. Maltaward had now removed most of the stones but some reinstatement of the bund might be required at the Kingsley Road side.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1532 Emlyn Meadows – Bench Donation

The Clerk told members that he had identified a company called Surrey Oakleaf who might be able to supply a suitable bench for Emlyn Meadows, for the local resident who wished to place a bench there in memory of his Grandfather. He added that he had updated the resident accordingly.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1533 Horley in Bloom

The Clerk explained that the Presentation Evening had been arranged to take place at Regent House on 22 September. Entry forms for the competition had appeared in the press and were available on the web site. The closing date for entries was 3 July. It was noted that the Horley in Bloom Committee was due to meet again on 31 May.

RESOLVED: noted.

Tree Works

L 1534 The Clerk confirmed that Advanced Tree Services had carried out the Health and Safety Surveys of trees at the A23 Recreation Ground and Court Lodge Fields. Remedial work had already been carried out at the A23 Recreation Ground and no urgent work had been identified at Court Lodge Fields.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1535 RECOMMEND: that payment of £590.00 to Harry Edwards for tree work at the A23 Recreation Ground be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval.

L 1536 Green Campaign

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Horley Observer, giving details of the Green Campaign, which it was running for the last week in May. It was explained that the Campaign was encouraging the people of Horley to “go green” for the week and avoid using their cars wherever possible. Horley Town Council had been invited to take part.

RESOLVED:

- i) that Horley Town Council support the Green Campaign.**
- ii) that members decide individually whether or not they wish to participate.**

L 1537 Community Safety Action Day

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from the Borough Council’s Community Safety Manager to hold a Community Safety Action Day at Michael Crescent Centenary Park on 2 August 2006. Members felt that the area was too small for such an event and suggested that the A23 Recreation Ground would be more appropriate.

RESOLVED: that the Community Safety Manager be informed accordingly.

L 1538 Urgent Business

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

The provision of 5-a-side goal posts at Court Lodge Fields.

L 1539 Press Release

RESOLVED: that a press release be issued, giving details of Horley Town Council’s participation in the Horley Observer’s Green Campaign.

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

Date of next meeting – 11 July 2006