

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 25 May 2010 at 7.30 pm.

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

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr D Brooke-Harte
Cllr R Olliver
T Prior – Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
M Sale – Horley Town Football Club
Plus four members of the public

L 2414 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr S Marshall in the Chair)

Cllr M George proposed and Cllr F Stimpson seconded that Cllr J Chapman be nominated as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations for the post.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Chapman be elected Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Cllr J Chapman in the Chair

L 2415 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs D Powell, M Robinson and S Rogers be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

L 2416 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2417 Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr J Chapman proposed and Cllr V Marshall seconded that Cllr D Powell be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr D Powell be elected Vice-Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

L 2418 New Leisure Facilities in Horley

An update on the new Horley Leisure Centre was provided by the Project Manager, Mr Tim Prior. He explained that the demolition of the former Court Lodge Secondary School was due to start at the end of August and the new building was

due to open in December 2011, with the Horley Anderson Centre being demolished in March 2012. (Notes of the update are appended to these minutes.)

L 2418) RESOLVED: noted.

Public Forum

L 2419 Mark Sale, Chairman of Horley Town Football Club asked whether the Town Council would consider creating a junior (under 12) pitch at Court Lodge Fields. He added that the Football Club would be prepared to donate nets and posts. Cllr George said that he would support this proposal, but added that space would need to remain to allow a multi use games area to be installed at some future time. Cllr George also said that it should be made clear that, although the Horley Anderson Centre was being demolished, the Innes Pavilion (which included changing rooms) would remain. The Clerk added that he planned to meet on site with a specialist company to discuss ideas for additional pitches and would invite Mr Sale to attend.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2420 Wendy Peters, a Court Lodge resident, spoke to members about the ongoing problem of dog fouling at Court Lodge Fields and at other areas around the town. She added that, although the mess was generally cleared up by Borough Council staff, the problem just continued, even though the perpetrators were known to a number of local residents. Mrs Peters also stated that further problems were being caused by unruly dogs, which were being let off their leads and were attacking other dogs. The Committee Chairman stressed that the Dog Wardens needed to be more visible in Horley and Police Officers needed to speak with irresponsible dog owners. The Clerk added that he and the Chairman of the Council were due to meet Cllr Ellacott, the Borough Council Portfolio Holder for the Environment the next day, and would raise these issues with him.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2421 RESOLVED: that an item about Dog Control Orders be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of this Committee.

**L 2422 Approval of Minutes
Leisure and Amenities Committee 20 April 2010**

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 2423 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 11 May 2010.)

L 2424 Environmental Sub-Committee

It was noted that this Sub-Committee would in future be reporting to the Planning & Development Committee, rather than to this Committee.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2425 Horley Market Sub-Committee

It was noted that this Sub-Committee would in future be reporting to this Committee, rather than to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED; noted.

L 2426 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

had Cllr George reported that there had recently been a meeting of the Horley Learning Partnership Extended Confederation Development Group, where there had been an update on the new Horley Young People's Centre. It was also noted that the Group might get absorbed into the larger East Surrey Group and concerns had been raised about possible loss of identity, although no further details were available at present.

RESOLVED: noted.

Churchyards Committee

L 2427 It was noted that the last meeting of the Churchyards Committee had clashed with the Town Council's Annual Meeting. Members expressed concern that the handover to the new Chairman appeared not to have been very smooth, as there were no briefings or minutes of meetings forthcoming. The Clerk agreed to contact the Chairman about these matters, once he had settled into his post.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2428 The Clerk said that discussion was continuing about the handover of the Old Churchyard to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. He added that it was understood that the maintenance of all the trees would also be taken over by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2429 Churchyards Maintenance Grant

RESOLVED; that four instalments be paid, each of £3,250, in July, September, December and March.

L 2430 Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that there were no outstanding issues.

RESOLVED: noted.

Playgrounds

L 2431 **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.**

L 2432 Cllr Olliver reported that his family was very impressed with the playground at Horley Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2433 **Devolved Powers**

The Clerk reported that he and the Council Chairman were due to meet Borough Councillor Julian Ellacott (Portfolio Holder for the Environment) for a photo call to accompany the joint press release on devolved powers. (A copy of the press release is appended to these minutes.) The Clerk reminded members that the Town Council had already taken over responsibility for the town centre planting and that there would be a phased handover of the remaining areas (Yattendon Road, Bay Close, Riverside Park, Riverside Walk and Church Meadows) once all remaining legal issues had been resolved.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2434 **Youth Matters – Horley Young People's Centre**

Cllr George reported work on the sewers outside the building had further delayed the opening of the Young People's Centre.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2435 **Horley Recreation Ground – New Playground Equipment**

The Deputy Clerk told members that the newly installed Wicksteed playground equipment was proving to be very popular.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2436 **Horley Recreation Ground – Charlesfield Road Entrance**

The Committee Chairman told members that County Cllr Kay Hammond was still very keen to see a gate installed at the Charlesfield Road entrance to the Recreation Ground and planned to raise the matter at a Local Community Action Plan (LCAP) meeting. The Chairman added that he also planned to attend the meeting to put forward the Town Council's views. Cllr Olliver added that any works would need to be funded by an outside organisation.

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

L 2437 **Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Horley Recreation Ground**

The Clerk told members that the Town Council's application for funding to the Gatwick Airport Community Trust had been successful and a grant of £1,000 had been awarded. As the presence of such equipment was likely to be beneficial to our South & South East in Bloom entry, an order needed to be placed urgently, therefore a meeting of the Decisions Sub-Committee had been called to select a supplier. A company called Fresh Air Fitness was able to supply and install two items of equipment for £2,292.14 plus VAT. Two other companies had been approached, however, their equipment was a great deal more expensive. Therefore Fresh Air Fitness had been selected to carry out the work. Cllr Stimpson stressed the need for suitable signage to be in place regarding usage of the equipment.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the actions of the Decision Sub-Committee be ratified and Fresh Air Fitness be appointed to supply and install two items of fitness equipment at Horley Recreation Ground for the total cost of £2,292.14 plus VAT.**
- ii) that the items be installed near to the teenage Meeting Point.**
- iii) that the balance of the cost (£1,292.14) be taken from the earmarked fund for leisure and play equipment.**

L 2438 Horley Recreation Ground – Sundry Boundary Repairs

It was noted that A Bennett & Sons were to carry out sundry repairs to fences and hedges at various points on the park's boundary for the total sum of £682 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2439 Horley Recreation Ground – Refurbishment of Footpaths

RESOLVED: that quotations be sought for a new section of pathway running from the "roundabout" to the Ornamental Gardens and playground.

L 2440 Ornamental Gardens – Damage to Rear Hedge

The Clerk reported that a section of the hedge to the rear of the Gardens had been damaged by fire and A Bennett & Sons had quoted £215 to cut out the damaged section and make good the area.

RESOLVED: that the quotation from A Bennett & Sons be approved.

L 2441 Damage to Picnic Bench

It was noted that a picnic bench at Horley Recreation Ground had been vandalised and damaged beyond repair, and was now the subject of an insurance claim.

L 2442 Perrywood Six-a-Side Football Tournament

It was noted that a meeting had taken place with the organisers of the football tournament to agree which areas of Court Lodge Fields could be used for the event.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2443 Councillors' Community Awards

RESOLVED: that the award of £1,000 from Borough Councillor Imran Khan be used to purchase benches at Court Lodge Fields.

L 2444 Additional Football Pitches at Court Lodge Fields

The Clerk said that he planned to meet with some specialist companies to investigate whether further pitches (one senior and one junior) could be created at Court Lodge Fields. The Clerk suggested that consideration could be given to using the earmarked fund for drainage for the works. It was noted that there might be some old drainage at Court Lodge Fields which could be re-used.

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

L 2445 Court Lodge Fields – Redundant Fence Posts

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Raven Housing Trust, explaining that any fallen or potentially dangerous posts would be removed immediately and the rest of the posts soon afterwards.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2446 Emlyn Meadows (Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee)

It was noted that the Committee was due to meet on 15 June.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2447 Horley in Bloom (HIB)

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the summer competition had been launched and that entrants were to be asked whether they grew their plants and vegetables from seed. (Minutes of the last meeting of the HIB Advisory Committee are appended to these minutes.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2448 South & South East in Bloom

Members were reminded that the Town Centre and Horley Recreation Ground were due to be judged on 8 July. The Deputy Clerk added that she was exploring the possibility of having lamp post banners made, as well as vinyl stickers for some shop windows.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2449 Summer Planting

The Deputy Clerk explained that 70 hanging baskets had been ordered from Amethyst Horticulture and that the town centre planters and Memorial Gardens were to be planted up with begonias and geraniums.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2450 Flower Sponsorship

The Deputy Clerk explained that local businesses had been approached to sponsor hanging baskets and planters and added that, to date, over £1,100 had been pledged.

RESOLVED; *noted.*

L 2451 Security in Recreation Grounds

It was noted that some cameras at Horley Recreation Ground had been adjusted. The Clerk added that there had recently been two thefts at the Recreation Ground, evidence of which had been captured on CCTV. The Clerk told members that there would be extra security patrols during the summer months.

L 2452 Diary Dates

Members noted forthcoming events.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Standing Order no 4 was suspended at 9.30 pm and the meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

Date of next meeting – 13 July 2010