

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 15 April 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor J Chapman – Chairman
Councillors R Bethell, P Chapman, Ms J Gall, M George,
Ms M Goldsmith, Mrs S Odds and D Powell.

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte

L 1918 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs S Marshall, Mrs V Marshall, Miss S Rogers, Miss F Stimpson and S Thomas be accepted. (For reasons as specified in the attendance register.)

L 1919 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1920 Public Forum

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1921 Approval of Minutes

Leisure and Amenities Committee, 4 March 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 1922 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP)

The Clerk reported receipt of a copy of the Sussex Wildlife Trust Contract for Services for Strategic Partners.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1923 Churchyards Committee

It was noted that, at a recent meeting of the Committee, there had been discussion about the need for work to be carried out on the tall trees at the west end of the Churchyard.

L 1923) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 1924 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that the grass cutting programme was underway and that there was a continuing problem with excessive amounts of broken glass and litter at the Horley Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1925 Playground Inspections

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

L 1926 Annual Playground Inspections

It was noted that the Playground Inspection Company would be carrying out the annual inspections on Monday 30 June, for the total sum of £255 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: that payment of £255 plus VAT to the Playground Inspection Company be approved.

L 1927 Drainage Proposals – Horley Recreation Ground Playground

The Clerk reported that a number of residents had complained about the very wet and muddy conditions at the playground, following recent rainfall. The Clerk explained that he planned to meet on site with representatives of suitable local companies to discuss the matter further.

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

L 1928 New Playground Equipment – Horley Recreation Ground

Members considered quotations and pictures, which had been received from several playground manufacturers.

RESOLVED: that the views of local schoolchildren be sought and the matter be re-considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

L 1929 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Head of Leisure hoped to attend a summer meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1930 Funfair, A23 Recreation ground

- L 1930)** The Clerk reported that, following discussion with the local Police and Mr Beach, the fairground owner, it had been agreed that the funfair would take place from Thursday 19 June until Sunday 22 June. Subject to there being suitable ground conditions, the fairground vehicles would start to arrive on Monday 16 June and would leave on the following Monday. The Clerk added that Mr Beach had signed and returned a copy of the letter, detailing the Town Council's standard terms and conditions and had agreed the hire charge of £1200, which was unchanged from last year. (A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1931 Ornamental Gardens

The Deputy Clerk reported that initial plans had been received from Amethyst Horticulture Ltd and that it was planned to earmark the £3000 in this year's estimates, for use next autumn.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1932 Prom in the Park, 14 June 2008

It was noted that arrangements were well in hand for the event and that tickets were on sale at a number of outlets, including the Town Council Offices.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1933 Horley Bowling Club – Request for Additional Parking

RESOLVED: that the Bowling Club be given permission to park cars adjacent to the tennis courts on 16 June, 25 July and 4 August. (The Town Council's normal terms and conditions to apply.)

L 1934 Tree Works at Memorial Gardens

RESOLVED: that the quotation of £260 plus VAT from Advanced Tree Services to fell and grind the fallen cypress be approved.

L 1935 Dog Show at Court Lodge Fields, 6 July 2008

RESOLVED:

- i) that the request from the Horley Lions Club be approved.**
- ii) that a letter be sent to the Horley Lions, detailing the Town Council's terms and conditions. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)**
- iii) that the Horley Lions be requested to liaise with the Horley Sports (Social) Club, regarding the event.**

L 1936 Children's Football Training at Court Lodge Fields

It was noted that SEN Sports had been given permission to offer football training on the five-a-side pitch at Court Lodge Fields, for a three week trial period.

RESOLVED: noted.

Emlyn Meadows

L 1937 ***RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of notes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 8 April 2008. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)***

L 1938 ***RESOLVED: that a replacement dog bin be purchased from Earth Anchors Ltd for the approximate sum of £180 plus VAT.***

L 1939 ***RESOLVED: that the request from Horley Baptist Church to use Emlyn Meadows for a picnic and games afternoon on 21 June be approved in principle.***

L 1940 The Clerk told members that the Environment Agency planned to dredge the Burstow Stream from Bonehurst Road to Meath Green Lane

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1941 ***RESOLVED: that payment of £142 plus VAT to the Contractor ASBIT for the emergency replacement of a manhole cover be approved.***

L 1942 **Horley in Spring**

It was noted that judging of the Horley in Spring competition had recently taken place and that the prizes would be presented at the Town meeting on 25 April. Cllr George added that the closing date for entries would be earlier next year, to allow greater flexibility for the judging date.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1943 **Horley in Bloom**

It was noted that the competition had been launched and that entry forms were now available. The Clerk added that the form explained that the judges would be keen to see evidence of gardens being watered with recycled water, as well as the composting of green waste. (A copy of the press release launching the competition is appended to these minutes.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1944 **Church Road Allotments**

some The Clerk told members that there had been some vandalism to one plot and damage to one of the new gates. He added that there was still an extremely long waiting list for plots.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1945 **Councillors' Community Awards**

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from the Borough Council's Chief Executive, confirming that Cllr Banwait's allocation of £1,000 (for hanging baskets), Cllr Lynch's allocation of £480 (for hanging baskets) and Cllr Hagerty's allocation of £1,000 (for playground equipment) had all been approved. The Clerk confirmed that letters of thanks had been sent to the Borough Councillors concerned.

L 1945) RESOLVED: noted.

L 1946 Letters Received

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the following:

- i) The Borough Council's Leisure Strategy.**
- ii) Letter of thanks for the good standard of the Court Lodge football pitches and assistance of Town Council staff.**

Urgent Business

L 1947 RESOLVED: that Recycling and Environment Issues become a standing item on future agenda of this Committee:

L 1948 RESOLVED: that residents' concerns about parking issues that may arise from additional Court Lodge football pitches, be placed on the next agenda of this Committee.

L 1949 RESOLVED: that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

L 1950 Security in Recreation Grounds CONFIDENTIAL

Members were updated on recent activities.

L 1951 Proposals for Leisure Facilities CONFIDENTIAL

Members were updated on recent developments.

The Committee Chairman thanked members and staff for their assistance during the past Municipal year.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Date of next meeting – 3 June 2008