

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 17 April 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors J Chapman (Chairman)
 R Bethell
 M George
 Samantha Marshall
 Simon Marshall
 Valerie Marshall
 R Olliver
 T Schofield
 J Spratt
 F Stimpson

In Attendance A Jones (Town Clerk)
 C Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)

L 2896 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

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

L 2897 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2898 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted

**L 2899 Approval of Minutes
 Leisure and Amenities Committee, 6 March 2012**

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 2900 Introduction of Dog Control Orders

The Clerk referred to the response from the Borough Council's Parks and Countryside Manager, explaining that it was not proposed to reduce the maximum number of dogs permitted to be walked from six to four. (A copy of the full response is appended to these minutes.)

RESOLVED: that the Town Councils comments, as appended to these

L 2900) *RESOLVED: noted.*

Footpaths at Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk told members that he had requested that Bennetts investigate the flooding of the footpath at the Vicarage Lane end of the park, to see whether they could suggest any remedies. He added that he was also seeking quotations for the refurbishment of the paved footpath in the Memorial Gardens.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2901 Churchyards Committee

Cllr Bethell reported that he had attended a meeting at the Churchyards today with the Manager of the Parish Office and Kevin Lerwill from the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership, to explore alternative ways of managing the areas, such as sowing wild flower meadows. Cllr George said that local residents would express concern if the grass was not being regularly cut. He added that cost savings might be made, simply by seeking tenders for the work, using a similar specification to that currently used. Cllr Simon Marshall suggested that comparisons be made with other churchyards. Cllr Olliver stressed the need to explore all possible options.

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

L 2902 Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk updated members on recent works. (A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2903 Wild Flower Meadows

The Deputy Clerk told members that she had visited Horley Recreation Ground, Church Meadows and Emlyn Meadows with the Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance Operations Manager and representatives from J King & Son, to agree the areas to be rotovated and subsequently seeded by the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

RESOLVED: that payment of £550 to J King & Son for rotovation and strimming, be approved.

L 2904 Gardens Contract

RESOLVED: that the contract with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance be extended from December 2012 until December 2014.

Playgrounds

L 2905 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.*

L 2906 **RESOLVED:** *that recent playground repairs be noted.*

L 2907 **Installation of Drainage under Toddler Climbing Equipment,
Horley Recreation Ground**

RESOLVED: *that the quotation of £1,137 plus VAT by A Bennett & Sons to carry out the work (an extension to works previously carried out by the same Company) be approved.*

L 2908 **Youth Matters**

It was noted that, following a recent tender process, the Horley Young People's Centre was now operated by Raven Housing Trust.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2909 **Visits by Funfair**

The Deputy Clerk informed members that Doug Beach would be bringing his funfair to the park on Monday 16 July and either Monday 3 or Monday 10 September. (Subject to weather conditions being favourable.)

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2910 **Improvements to Skate Park**

The Clerk updated members on progress made. He explained that, to date, quotations between £68,000 and £75,000 had been received. Most members agreed that they had no wish to see the skate park re-located within the Recreation Ground. Cllr George said that only minimal repairs should be carried out to the existing equipment. The Clerk confirmed that, if possible, the existing ramps would be used elsewhere by another organisation.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2911 **Horley Recreation Ground – Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

The Deputy Clerk explained that she had nominated Horley Recreation Ground to become a Queen Elizabeth II Field. She explained that the Challenge was permanently protecting outdoor recreational spaces by way of a Deed of Dedication. She added that there would also be the opportunity to access funding exclusively for QEII sites. A QEII Challenge plaque would also be provided for the site.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 2912 **Horley Recreation Ground – Request to hold Fitness Classes**

The Deputy Clerk reported that a request had been received from Oakwood Sports Centre to hold outdoor fitness classes in the park at a charge of £1 per person, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. She added that she had met on site with a representative of the Sports Centre to discuss the plans further. It had been confirmed that no music would be played and only light equipment used.

L 2912) *RESOLVED: that permission be granted for the classes to go ahead, free of charge for the first month, the position to be reviewed thereafter.*

L 2913 Court Lodge Fields – Horley Lions Charity Dog Show

RESOLVED: that permission be given for the event to take place on 15 July 2012.

L 2914 The Deputy Clerk added that the Horley Lions had been in contact with the Borough Council, regarding an educational day for dog owners being held on the same day.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2915 Tree Works at Court Lodge Fields

The Clerk reported that, following a fire, an oak tree had been felled by Broadleaf Tree Services. (Invoice still outstanding.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2916 Junior Football (9 v 9)

It was noted that 9 v 9 football was to become compulsory for under 11s from the 2013/2014 season. The pitch size and goal size was smaller than adult pitches and the Mid Sussex League was looking to start the initiative one year early. The Deputy Clerk said that Perrywood Football Club had asked whether the Town Council would be able to make a pitch available. Members felt that it would not be possible to reduce the size of an existing pitch, as demand from adult teams was too great, however it was agreed to investigate whether a junior pitch might be laid out on another area of Court Lodge Fields.

RESOLVED: that Perrywood Football Club be informed accordingly

L 2917 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2918 Horley in Bloom (HIB)

It was noted that a new Orchid Class was to be introduced for this year, as well as a one off prize for the best Jubilee themed entry.

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of notes of the meeting held on 20 March 2012. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)

L 2919 Horley in Spring

It was noted that the judging had taken place and that the certificates would be presented to the winning entries at the Town Meeting on 27 April.

L 2919) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 2920 Prohibition on Use of Water

It was noted that, following the introduction of water usage restrictions, only thirty hanging baskets had been requested and additional planters ordered in their place, as the planters required less water than the baskets. The Deputy Clerk explained that the supplier, Amethyst Horticulture, had its own borehole and was also able to use grey and abstracted water to maintain the town centre flowers. She added that Reigate & Banstead Borough Council would maintain the flowers in the Memorial Gardens using grey water collected from the roof of their Earlswood Depot. It was also noted that, should supplies of suitable water come to an end, timescales for the displays would be adjusted accordingly.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2921 The Clerk told members that signs were in place at Church Road allotments, prohibiting the use of hosepipes.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2922 Planting in the Memorial and Ornamental Gardens

The Clerk reminded members that this planting formed part of the Gardens Contract with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance.

RESOLVED: that the following quotations from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance be approved:

- i) Planting of Pieris shrubs in the Ornamental Gardens for the sum of £180 plus VAT.***
- ii) Turfing in the Memorial Gardens for the sum of £140 plus VAT.***
- iii) Summer planting in the Memorial Gardens for the sum of £1,625 plus VAT.***

L 2923 Horley Saturday Market

The Clerk reported that only two or three stallholders had recently been in attendance. He added that the Borough Council might be prepared to offer the use of the car park to another market operator free of charge.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2924 North East Sector Allotments

The Clerk reported that he had met on site with a representative of Barratt Homes and the Borough Council's Regeneration Project Manager. He explained that gates were to be installed to allow the Borough Council vehicular access to the Riverside Green Chain. The large plots would be sub-divided to provide at least sixty smaller plots, which would be laid out by J King & Son. The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council would be responsible for the operation of the site toilet.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2925 Horley Jubilee Fun Day, 4 June 2012 (“A Right Royal Knees Up!”)

It was noted that the Jubilee Committee had met last week. (Notes of the meeting are appended.) Cllr George reported that the meetings were now more frequent. The parade would include two marching bands and the Borough Council had confirmed that no Licence would be required. Cllr Roy Sherwin was now overseeing the accounts and it had been agreed that entry to the event would be free. It had not been possible to have a Dog Show. County Cllr Kay Hammond had arranged for the new Youth Bus to be present. Cllr Samantha Marshall agreed to assist with the scheduling of the arena events.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2926 Bonfire & Firework Display, Horley Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: that the request by the Horley & District Round Table to hold their annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display on Saturday 3 November be approved. (A letter to be sent, detailing the Town Council's terms and conditions for the event.)

L 2927 Security in Recreation Grounds

The Clerk told members that there had been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour, concerning youths at Horley Recreation Ground, and CCTV footage was currently being checked.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2928 Letters

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of a letter complementing the Town Council on the excellent appearance of the Memorial Gardens.

L 2929 Diary Dates

RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the St George's Day Fayre on 21 April, the Horley Expo on 27 April, the Town Meeting on 27 April and Charity Swimathon on 28 April.

L 2930 Urgent Business for Inclusion on Future Agenda

RESOLVED: that the following be included on future agenda:

- i) The entry of a Town Council team in the Horley Lions Skittles Tournament.**
- ii) Action to take regarding dogs in playgrounds.**

Prior to the closing of the meeting, the Chairman of the Council thanked the Committee Chairman for his hard work over the past five years. The Chairman in turn thanked the Vice-Chairman and staff for their help and also thanked the members who were now assisting with weekly parks inspections.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm Date of Next Meeting: 29 May 2012