

L 3829) flattened tyres. There would be two or three sideshows, but not an entire fair. Hoses would be attached ready for use before any potentially hot ash from the fire was disposed of in a skip. Mr Moxley added that he believed that this year's event was likely to raise more money as it could be held on a more appropriate date than last year's event.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3830 Bonfire & Fireworks Display, Horley Recreation Ground, 5 November 2016

RESOLVED: that the staging of the Bonfire & Fireworks Display at Horley Recreation Ground on Saturday 5 November be approved subject to the following:

- i) the Horley Lions to accept the Town Council's terms and conditions for the event (to be detailed in correspondence to be sent to the Horley Lions).**
- ii) the Horley Lions to pay a deposit of £200 to the Town Council to defray the cost of any unforeseen expenditure (the balance to be returned to the Horley Lions by the end of the year).**

L 3831 Approval of Minutes
Leisure and Amenities Committee, 3 November 2015

The minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee were presented for confirmation by Committee members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be approved.

South & South East in Bloom (SSEIB) 2016

L 3832 **RESOLVED: that the Town Council enter the Town Centre and Park of the Year (Horley Recreation Ground) categories in 2016, at a total cost of £140.**

L 3833 The Deputy Clerk advised that, due to the lack of a major sponsor, the SSEIB Blooming Schools competition would not be running in 2016 and would be replaced by a Schools Art Competition.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3834 **Horley in Bloom (HIB)**

The Deputy Clerk advised that a meeting of the HIB Advisory Competition was to be held on 19 January.

L 3834) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 3835 Horley Churchyards

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee was to be held the following day. Members suggested that St Bart's Church be advised to submit a grant application to the Town Council for funding towards the upkeep of the New Churchyard for the financial year 2016/2017.

RESOLVED: noted.

Grounds Maintenance Update

L 3836 The Clerk advised that Burleys had taken over the grounds maintenance of Town Council owned areas from 1 January 2016. To date, no football had been played and litter clearance appeared to be in order. A meeting was to be held with the Burleys Area Manager the following day.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3837 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of notes of recent monthly meetings with Borough Council representatives. (Copies are appended.)*

Playground Inspections and repairs

L 3838 *RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.*

L 3839 The Deputy Clerk updated members on recent repairs totalling £731.50 plus VAT, none of which had been as a result of vandalism.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3840 The Deputy Clerk advised that annual inspections by The Play Inspection Company had been delayed until December.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3841 Possible Provision of Café/Toilet Facilities, Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised that a detailed survey had been carried out at a cost of £575 plus VAT and an outline proposal for the selected site (between the playground and the Ornamental Gardens) was expected shortly.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3842 Refurbishment of Skate Park, Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised that a notice had been posted on the UK Government website, inviting expressions of interest to tender for the skate park contract. Several contractors had expressed interest, one of which he had met with the previous day. A concrete based skate park was proposed on the existing site, for an approximate cost of £80,000. The Clerk added that he planned to attend a meeting of the Oakwood School Council to discuss the matter further and the Facebook Page was being regularly updated. Members were reminded that a grant of £15,000 toward the project had been received from the Surrey County Council Community Improvements Fund.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3843 Winter Planting in Memorial Gardens

It was noted that the planting by Countrywide Grounds Maintenance had totalled £1,450 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: that payment be approved.

L 3844 Court Lodge Fields – Boundary with Raven Housing owned Land

The Clerk advised that he was seeking advice from the Town Council's Solicitor regarding any obligation, or otherwise, upon Raven Housing to reinstate some form of boundary marking, following the removal of the boundary fence by Raven Housing. A response was awaited.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3845 Court Lodge Playground

The Deputy Clerk advised that an application for funding for new playground equipment had been made to the Tesco Local Community Grant Scheme. Applications were to be considered by the local Shortlisting Panel in January.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3846 Emlyn Meadows

Members considered a quotation received to lay Mot pathways at the three (extremely muddy!) entrances to Emlyn Meadows. Members approved the quotation of approximately £800 plus VAT, subject to further information being sought about the pathway specifications.

L 3846) RESOLVED: that the pathways be laid.

(Afternote: after the receipt of further information, the addition of a timber edging was agreed, making the total cost of the work approximately £950 plus VAT.)

Tree Works at Church Road Allotments

L 3847 The Clerk advised that he had met with a further tree surgeon at the site (Colin Peters), who had previously carried out work on the large oak tree in the resident's adjacent garden. Following the site visit, the following schedule of works had been agreed:

RESOLVED:

- i) that Colin Peters carry out the following works to the large oak tree for the total sum of £270 plus VAT:**
 - **removal of diseased and dead wood above allotments.**
 - **raise crown of tree to approximately 4m.**
 - **reduce back any lateral limbs protruding from the general canopy of the tree on the allotments side, leaving it balanced and aesthetically pleasing.**
- ii) that Green Leaf Tree Care carry out tree works along the Churchyard boundary for the total sum of £1,500 plus VAT.**
- iii) that the works be carried out as soon as weather conditions permit.**

L 3848 Members questioned whether St Bart's Church should be asked to make a contribution towards the work, although the Clerk pointed out that there was no legal obligation upon the Church to do so, as the trees were overhanging Town Council land.

RESOLVED: noted.

Langshott Allotments

L 3849 The Deputy Clerk advised that a Mot pathway had been laid at the allotments for the approximate sum of £440 plus VAT, however further work was likely due to recent inclement weather.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3850 The Clerk advised that work on the permanent toilet building was to start imminently and, once again, Barratts had been requested to rectify the low water pressure at the standpipes on the site.

RESOLVED: that the toilet and building be fully DDA compliant.

- L 3851** The Clerk added that there had been a number of occasions when Barratts had sought access to and from their land via the allotment site, without giving reasonable notice to the Town Council, as specified in the terms of Transfer. Legal action may need to be taken if the problems persisted.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3852** The Deputy Clerk advised that, following the publication of a recent newspaper article, she had been contacted by a member of the Reigate Beekeepers Association who was based in Horley, offering to meet with allotment holders to discuss the keeping of bees and everything that it entailed.

RESOLVED: that a meeting be held in due course.

L 3853 Horley Conservation Group (HCG)

Members were updated on recent activities. It was noted that the AGM of HCG was to be held at Trinity Oaks School on the evening of 22 February.

RESOLVED: noted.

Environment Matters

- L 3854** Cllr Powell advised that two of the three serious blockages in the Burstow Stream (caused by fallen trees etc) had now been cleared by the Environment Agency (EA) and a third larger blockage had been cleared by Specialist Group International (SGI). Thanks had been recorded for SGI's considerable efforts. Responding to comments made by some members, Cllr Powell stressed that he currently had a very good working relationship with the EA, which he had no wish to jeopardise.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3855** Cllr Powell told members that funding had been secured from County Cllr Kay Hammond for the purchase of a second knapsack spraying unit, to enable Cllr Baker (now fully trained) to assist with the spraying of Himalayan Balsam, (HB), where this was necessary. The appropriate permits would be sought from the EA, which had confirmed that it had no issues with last year's actions.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3856 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)

Members were updated on the meeting held recently, notes of which are appended.

L 3856) *RESOLVED: noted*

L 3857 **Horley Saturday Market**

It was noted that a new stall holder may soon start trading, selling vintage clothes.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3858 **Horley Carnival, 18 June 2016**

Cllr George updated members on recent meetings. It was noted that funding had been received from two Borough Councillors. The fancy dress competition was to be judged alongside the floats, prior to the start of the procession and there would also be a prize for the best themed stall (“Through the ages and beyond!”).

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3859 **Her Majesty The Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations**

Members considered information received about the lighting of beacons to celebrate HM the Queen’s 90th birthday on 21 April 2016. Members were keen to be involved.

RESOLVED: that the involvement of the Horley Lions be sought to assist with the event.

(Afternote: the Horley Lions were unable to assist however it is believed that the Horley Cricket, Hockey & Squash Club may become involved.)

L 3860 **Members considered details of “Clean for the Queen”, a campaign to encourage local groups to clear litter from their neighbourhoods.**

RESOLVED: that details of the campaign be included in the next e newsletter.

L 3861 **Neighbourhood Panel Meetings**

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Panel meeting planned for 21 January was likely to be the last one attended by local Police.

RESOLVED: that the following item be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, planned for 19 January:

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings – to consider the way forward.

L 3862 Diary Dates

RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23 February 2016