

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Old Town Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor J Chapman – Chairman
Councillors R Bethell, P Chapman, Ms J Gall, M George,
Ms M Goldsmith, S Marshall, Mrs V Marshall,
Mrs S Odds, D Powell, Miss S Rogers, Miss F
Stimpson and S Thomas.

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte
Cllr M Miller (part meeting)

L 1855 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1856 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in the Prom in the Park item.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1857 Public Forum

A local resident requested an update on developments in the North East and North West Sectors. This was given by Cllr Miller.

RESOLVED: noted.

**L 1858 Approval of Minutes
Leisure and Amenities Committee, 13 November 2007**

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 1859 Horley Bowling Club – Reduction in Height of Hedge

The Clerk reported that the Council's proposals were to be discussed at the Bowling Club's Committee meeting next week.

RESOLVED: noted.

Churchyards Committee

- L 1860** It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee was due to take place on 3 March 2008.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 1861** **RESOLVED:** *that payment of £2,500, being the final instalment of the Churchyards Maintenance Grant, be approved.*

L 1862 Youth Matters

It was noted that Marie Rogerson, the Youth Council Chairman had been unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Clerk added that the Youth Council was keen to be involved with the proposed redevelopment of the Old Fire Station as a youth facility.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 1863** Cllr George stressed the need for the sports facilities at the Keys complex to continue, if at all possible.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 1864 Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

The Clerk reported that there had been problems caused by youths breaking glass in playgrounds. He added that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor was concentrating on ditch clearance and some hedge cutting.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Playground Inspections

- L 1865** **RESOLVED:** *that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.*

- L 1866** **RESOLVED:** *that payment of £1,150 plus VAT to A Bennett & Sons for routine playground repairs be approved.*

- L 1867** **RESOLVED:** *that the attendance of the Deputy Clerk and Cllr S Rogers at a Playgrounds Safety Standards Seminar, for the total sum of £250 plus VAT, be approved.*

L 1868 Charges for the Use of Town Council Facilities

RESOLVED: *that the charges, as appended to these minutes, be approved.*

L 1869 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

The Clerk told members he hoped that a Borough Council Officer would be able to attend the next meeting of this Committee to give an update.

L 1869) **RESOLVED:** *noted.*

L 1870 Prom in the Park 2008

RESOLVED:

- i) *that permission be given to Brambles Respite Care Centre and Horley & District Round Table to hold a "Prom in the Park" in the A23 Recreation Ground on Saturday 14 June 2008.*
- ii) *that any charge be waived.*
- iii) *that a letter, detailing the Town Council's terms and conditions be sent to the organiser.*

L 1871 Funfair, A23 Recreation ground

RESOLVED: *that permission be given to Mr Doug Beach to hold a funfair in the A23 Recreation Ground this summer, dates to be agreed after discussion with the local Police.*

L 1872 Horley Churches – Summer Event

RESOLVED: *that permission be given for the Churches in Horley to hold an event at the A23 Recreation Ground on 5 and possibly 6 July 2008.*

Emlyn Meadows

L 1873 **RESOLVED:** *that receipt be noted of notes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 4 December 2007. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 1874 The Clerk updated members on the young trees which had been offered by the Leader of 1st Horley Scouts. He explained that the Gatwick Greenspace Manager had advised that, of the species available, only the hornbeams and field maples would be suitable for planting at Emlyn Meadows.

RESOLVED: *that the Leader of 1st Horley Scouts be informed accordingly.*

L 1875 Summer Planting

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prepare The Clerk advised that Mr Nigel Fox of Amethyst Horticulture Ltd had visited today to discuss the Town Council's possible requirements for summer planting. He added that Mr Fox had also visited the Ornamental Gardens and would prepare proposals for planting.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 1876 Horley in Spring

The Clerk confirmed that a press release had been issued, launching Horley in Spring and that entry forms were available from the Town Council Offices or from its web site. He added that there were two categories (residential and non-

L 1876) residential) and that the prizes would be presented at the Town Meeting on 25 April 2008.

RESOLVED: noted.

Horley in Bloom (HIB) / South East in Bloom 2007

L 1877 The Clerk confirmed that the e mail flier, seeking sponsorship for hanging baskets from local businesses, had been produced by Mad Ideas and was ready for distribution.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1878 **RESOLVED: that the attendance of the Deputy Clerk and Cllr S Marshall at the South & South East in Bloom Seminar on 11 March 2008, for the total sum of £20, be approved.**

L 1879 **Borough Councillors' Community Award Scheme**

Cllr S Marshall reported that several Borough Councillors had made applications, under the Community Award Scheme, for funding for Horley Town Council projects. He explained that Cllr Hagerty had made an application for £1,000 for the climbing frame at the A23 Recreation Ground, Cllr Banwait had made an application for £1,000 for town centre hanging baskets and Cllr Lynch had made an application for £480, also for hanging baskets. The Clerk added that Cllr Meech had made a personal donation of £80 towards hanging baskets.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1880 **Fallen Tree to the Rear of Court Lodge Fields**

The Clerk told members that he had still to hear from the surveyor at White & Sons, regarding his charges for surveying the remainder of the trees adjacent to the footpath, to ascertain ownership.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1881 **Church Road Allotments**

The Clerk told members that there had recently been problems with broken glass at the allotments site. A glass frame had been deliberately smashed and the glass spread over a number of plots. Borough Council operatives had subsequently removed a large amount of the glass from the area.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1882 **Leisure Strategy for 2008 – 2020**

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Final Draft.

L 1883 **Gatwick Airport Community Trust**

RESOLVED: that an application be made for funding for a shelter and lockable store room at the Church Road Allotments site.

L 1884 Letters Received

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from a local resident who had been concerned to find glass at the A23 Playground. He added that an immediate search had failed to reveal any trace of glass there.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1885 Press Release

RESOLVED: that a press release be issued about South East in Bloom sponsorship and the Prom in the Park.

L 1886 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 1887 Security in Recreation Grounds

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Members were updated on recent actions taken.

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Date of next meeting – 4 March 2008