

L 3393 Horley Churchyards

The Clerk updated members on the recent Churchyards Committee meeting. He added that he understood from the Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Manager that three cuts per year had now been agreed. Cllr George added that financial contributions had still not been sought from other Churches and, furthermore, graves were no longer continuing to be regularised. Cllr Powell said that he had suggested the purchase of good quality trimmers from the £1,000 grant being provided by County Cllr Kay Hammond. The Clerk confirmed that no grant application had been received from the Church.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Clerk contact the Parish Office Manager to remind her that a grant application and Business Plan for 2014 / 2015 were to be submitted, prior to the Town Council making any further payments to the Church.***
- ii) that the Clerk stress the need for minutes of Churchyard Committee meetings to be provided.***

L 3394 Grounds Maintenance Report

Members were updated on recent monthly meetings, which had been held with the Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance Operations Manager. It was noted that Paul Donoghue had now retired and had been replaced by Emanuel Flecken.

RESOLVED: noted. (Notes of recent meetings are appended.)

Playground Inspections and Repairs

L3395 The Deputy Clerk advised that the Air Skier fitness equipment at Horley Recreation Ground may have to be removed at some point, as it was unlikely to sustain any further repairs.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3396 **RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.**

L 3397 Application to Surrey Legacy Fund

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Town Council's recent application to the Surrey Legacy Fund had been successful and a grant of £8,518 was to be provided for new toddler climbing equipment for the Horley Recreation Ground playground. She added that she was to meet on site with company representatives to discuss possible options. Cllr George suggested that it would be beneficial to seek the views of parents and carers of the age group concerned, regarding equipment choice.

RESOLVED: noted.

Church Road and Langshott Allotments

L 3398 The Clerk advised that, following receipt of annual invoices, three allotments

- L 3398)** had become available at the Church Road site, which had been re-let to new tenants

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3399** The Clerk added that he and the Deputy Clerk had recently met with Matthew King at the Langshott Allotment site and had agreed that the plots be rotoverted, at a cost of £900 plus VAT. Cllr Sherwin suggested that Barratt Homes be approached to meet this cost, rather than it being attributable to Section 106 funding.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3400** The Clerk advised that the Town Council's Solicitor was reviewing documents provided by the Barratt Homes Solicitor, with a view to approving the draft Deed of Transfer.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3401** **Riverside Garden Park**

The Deputy Clerk advised that Reigate & Banstead engineers were considering how the erosion of the river bank alongside the cycle path might be addressed.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3402** **Repairs to Table Tennis Tables**

The Deputy Clerk advised that Peter Chapman was to produce metal supports for the new table tops, using the existing table at Horley Recreation Ground as a template. Cllr Powell added that he would forward the necessary purchase order to Peter Chapman. The Deputy Clerk added that Jerry Hudson had suggested that the third table might be situated in the grounds of the Farmhouse Pub, although it was noted that the Town Council would be unable to fund the costs involved.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3403** **Himalayan Balsam (HB) Action Plan**

Cllr Powell advised that Himalayan Balsam growth was approximately three weeks ahead of last year's growth. Spraying of affected areas with herbicides would commence in Mid-May, with local farmer, Simon Court, assisting when available. He added that the far bank of the River Mole was still extremely badly infested, however the farmer responsible was keen to work with the Town Council and was applying to Natural England for Environmental Stewardship funding. Cllr Powell went on to explain that the HB on the banks of the Burstow Stream was entwined with stinging nettles and would require spraying. It would again be necessary to work with the land-owner responsible for the opposite bank. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Powell and his helpers for all their efforts.

RESOLVED: noted. (Further information is appended.)

L 3404 Clearance of River Banks

Cllr Powell updated members on recent activity by a working party to clear large debris from the River Mole, where it travelled through Church Meadows. He explained that large objects such as tyres, shopping trollies, cycle frames etc had been removed. It was noted that there were also large amounts of rubbish, which appeared to have travelled down-stream from Gatwick Airport.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Gatwick Airport for more information.

Horley Conservation Group

L 3405 It was confirmed that the list of Volunteer tasks provided by Kevin Lerwill of GGP had been circulated to members and the information made available on the Town Council web site. (A copy of the list is appended.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3406 Cllr Powell added that he and Cllr Bethell would be attending a meeting of the Mole Valley Catchment Partnership on 30 April.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3407 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)

Members were updated on the meeting held earlier. It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 3 June.

RESOLVED: noted

L 3408 Wild Flower Meadow Planting

The Deputy Clerk advised that Matthew King had rotovated the areas at Church Meadows, Emlyn Meadows and Horley Recreation Ground for a total cost of £350 plus VAT. Seed had been purchased from Pictorial Meadows (Old Comrades Mix and Candy Mix) at a total cost of £1,127.55 plus VAT. Members were reminded that Cllr Powell had donated £500 from his Borough Council Members' Allowance for the additional planting at Church Meadows and County Cllr Kay Hammond would be donating £500 from her 2014/2015 Members' Allowance for the planting at Emlyn Meadows.

RESOLVED: that the costs of rotovation and seed purchase be ratified. (Total cost of £1,477.55.)

L 3409 Horley Saturday Market

It was noted that no stall holders had been present on the previous Saturday. Cllr Samantha Marshall added that she believed that existing shopkeepers on the Pedestrian Precinct would not oppose the stalls moving there, although it was pointed out that the need for stall holders' vehicles to be close by always proved difficult to overcome.

L 3409) **RESOLVED:** *noted.*

L 3410 **Horley Carnival 2014**

Members were updated on recent meetings. (Meeting notes are appended.)

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 3411 **Horley in Spring / Horley in Bloom**

It was noted that the Spring competition had been judged and that the prizes would be presented at the Town Meeting on 25 April, when it had also been agreed to launch the summer "In Bloom" and Photographic Competitions. (Minutes of a recent meeting are appended.)

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 3412 **South & South East in Bloom**

The Deputy Clerk advised that the judging of the Town Centre and Horley Recreation Ground had been arranged to take place on the afternoon of Thursday 10 July.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Summer Planting – Hanging Baskets and Planters

L 3413 **RESOLVED:** *that the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to provide seasonal planters and hanging baskets, for the total sum of £6,301 plus VAT (watering included) be approved.*

L 3414 **RESOLVED:** *that the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to remove the permanent planters from the Pedestrian Precinct, replenish with new soil and return to site, for the total sum of £450 plus VAT be approved.*

Memorial Gardens

L 3415 **RESOLVED:** *that the request from a local resident to have a rose bush planted in the Memorial Gardens, in memory of her late husband, be approved.*

L 3416 The Deputy Clerk advised that costs for summer planting in the Memorial Gardens would be considered at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

Volunteer Works

L 3417 The Deputy Clerk advised that GGP officer Tom Simpson was due to carry out the work to restore the neglected tiered flower bed on Network Rail land, at the junction of Russells Crescent and The Drive, on 22 April. He would be working with a team of volunteers from Gatwick Airport Ltd (GAL) and all costs were to be funded by GAL.

L 3417) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 3418 It was suggested that volunteers from Southern Gas Networks be invited to paint the railings around the town centre mosaic, as well as the benches in the Pedestrian Precinct.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3419 Letters Received

RESOLVED: that a complaint from a local resident about anti-social behaviour by football players be referred to the team concerned.

L 3420 Diary Dates

RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the Town Meeting on 25 April and St George's Day Fayre on 26 April

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm

Date of next meeting: 20 May 2014