HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL Planning & Development Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Town Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on 1 March 2011, at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)

Richard Bethell
Dense Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Simon Marshall
Richard Olliver
Veronica Snowball
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

Joan Walsh (Administrative Assistant)

P 3162 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Avis, Knight, Marshall & Powell be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 3163 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3164 Public Forum

No member of the public was in attendance.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3165 Approval of Minutes

Planning & Development Committee - 1 February 2011

The minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by Committee members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be approved.

Matters Arising: Planning & Development Committee held on 1 February 2011

P 3166 Consultation: London and South East Route Utilisation Strategy

Further to review of the draft London and South East 'Route Utilisation Strategy' (RUS) Consultation by Network Rail, it was decided that a response would not be made by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3167 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3168 Deferred Planning Applications

No Planning Applications from previous meetings were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3169 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 26 January – 22 February 2011.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3170 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 1 February 2011.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 3171 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 8 February 2011.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 3172 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 15 February 2011.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 3173 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 22 February 2011.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 3174 Planning Application: RE10/02056 – Revised Acoustic Fencing by Blockade Services Ltd: Perrylands Lane

The Clerk informed members that the Town Council had raised no objections to the amended plans submitted with this Planning Application.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to Surrey County Council, as appended to these minutes, be approved.

P 3175 Appeal by Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd and Beazer Homes (Reigate) Ltd Land at North East Sector, Crawley Application: REF CR/98/0039/OUT

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government, stating that the Secretary of State had decided the Appeal should be allowed and planning permission granted, subject to conditions. It was further noted that Phase 2 of the development would be implemented to include the provision of a community centre and other amenities.

RESOLVED: noted.

Town Centre Regeneration

P 3176 Horley Regeneration Forum

The Committee Chairman reported on the last meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum when an informative presentation was given by Barratts Ltd on the North East Sector. It was clarified during the meeting that the developer was in the process of finalising a deal on the land sale to include a Section 106 Agreement. Further updates were also provided on Phase 2 of the Town Centre Works, and the Local Development Framework to which comments by the Town Council to the Consultation had been well received by the Borough Council. It was noted that the Horley Regeneration Forum Newsletter would be published shortly.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 3177 Department for Transport: Noise Exposure Contours 2009 for Gatwick Airport

Cllr Olliver stated that at the last meeting of GATCOM, it was reported that the Department for Transport had published the annual noise exposure contours for Gatwick Airport, and there were no significant changes to previous years.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 3178 Train Services by Southern Railway at Horley Station

The Clerk informed members he had contacted the Reigate, Redhill & District Railway Users' Association to ascertain the reason for the reduction in service by Southern Railway over recent months. An informative reply was later received from Robin Grant who had attended the recent Southern Stakeholders Forum when this matter was raised. It was clarified that following heavy snow, there was a considerable amount of damage to rolling stock requiring essential repairs, and this resulted in a number of trains having to run with less coaches than normal. However, repairs to the fleet were completed by the end of January, allowing all normal train lengths to then be fully restored. A note of appreciation would be sent to Robin Grant for all his assistance on this matter.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3179 Reigate, Redhill & District Railway Users' Association – AGM & Annual Subscription

The Clerk gave details of the Annual Meeting to be held on 24 March 2011. It was agreed that the annual subscription would be submitted by the Town Council to the Association.

RESOLVED: that payment of £3.00, being the annual subscription to the Association, be approved.

Highway Matters

P 3180 Proposed On-Street Parking Charges in Horley

The Clerk advised that Surrey Highways had decided to conduct a public Consultation on the introduction of on-street parking charges in Horley, and a Press Release would be published. (The Consultation was later formally announced by Surrey County Council and circulated to members - closing date for responses: 24 March 2011.)

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation on Proposed On-Street Parking Charges in Horley, be submitted for ratification at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 3181 Proposed changes by Surrey County Council to Street Lighting

The Clerk reported receipt of a copy letter from Cllr Powell to Surrey County Council about the proposed changes to the lighting in a walkway off Fairfield Avenue leading into Upfield Close. On behalf of local residents, Cllr Powell requested the County Council not to diminish the lighting in that vicinity in view of the persistent problem of antisocial behaviour. A response was later received from Surrey Lighting Services, confirming that because the lighting was being upgraded, all existing columns would only be replaced and not removed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3182 Highway Problems reported to Surrey County Council

The Clerk informed members that the County Council's contract with Carillion Ltd would terminate on 31 March 2011, and that there had still been a major backlog of repairs to be actioned, mainly pot holes. Therefore, any further reports logged with the Highways Department would have to be referred to the new contractor unless classified as an emergency and requiring immediate attention. The new contract would be taken over by May Gurney Construction Ltd on 1 April, and it was anticipated that all outstanding repairs would commence in the middle of the month.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3183 Local Bus Services: Fastway Route 20

The Clerk reported receipt of a concern from a local resident about the proposed changes to the frequency of Number 20 Bus Service serving "the Acres" development in Langshott. It was agreed that the matter should be closely monitored to ensure that the frequency of the Bus Service would remain at 20 minute intervals during the day, Mondays – Saturdays inclusively. The Committee Chairman therefore requested that this item remain on future Agenda until further notice.

RESOLVED: that the item of "Local Bus Services: Fastway Route 20" be included on future Agenda of this Committee.

P 3184 Environmental Sub-Committee

Cllr Bethell updated members on the last meeting of the Environmental Sub-Committee, and on preliminary discussions with the Borough Council. It had been agreed that Cllr Powell would be the overall coordinator of the Community Environment Week, and he would liaise with Borough and Town Councillors on specific projects in due course.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3185 Consultation: Surrey Fire and Rescue Public Safety Plan 2011-2020

The Committee Chairman stated that the draft response to the Consultation had been circulated to members, and would be submitted on behalf of the Town Council before the closing date of 4 March 2011. The Clerk added that the response would be made available to view on the Town Council website.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation on the Surrey Fire and Rescue Public Safety Plan 2011-2020, as appended to these minutes, be approved.

P 3186 Consultation: Reigate & Banstead Development Management and Site Allocations DPD

The Committee Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Bethell for his extensive work on this comprehensive Issues & Options Consultation, and added that the views of the Town Council had been submitted before the

P 3186) closing date of 11 February 2011. An acknowledgement was later received from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation on Reigate & Banstead Development Management and Site Allocations DPD, as appended to the signed minutes, be ratified.

P 3187 Consultation on Planning Applications & Planning Appeals

The Clerk reported notification from Mark Harbottle, Head of Building & Development Services, that following legal consultation it has been deemed appropriate for the Borough Council to send future weekly planning lists and accompanying plans electronically, however appeals would have to remain in paper form. The Town Council had given full cooperation to the Borough, and a significant reduction in the amount of paperwork had already become evident.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3188 Diary Dates

19 March – 7.00pm: Mayor's Charitable Curry Evening, Regent Hall

15 April – 7.30pm: Mayor's Quiz Evening, Brambles Respite Care Centre

18 May – 12.45 pm: Surrey Rural Conference, Cranleigh Arts Centre

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3189 Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on planning applications be released to the press

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of Next Meeting - 5 April 2011