

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 5 July 2011, at 7.30 pm

Present Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)

Celia Austin
Jack Chapman
Kevin Hagerty
Simon Marshall
Richard Olliver
Tony Schofield
Jan Spratt
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Administrative Assistant)

P 3290 Welcome to Co-opted Town Councillor

The Committee Chairman welcomed Cllr Celia Austin to the Planning & Development Committee following her recent co-option to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3291 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Miller be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 3292 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 3293 Public Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

RESOLVED: noted.

**Approval of Minutes
Planning & Development Committee – 7 June 2011**

P 3294 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.

**P 3295 Matters Arising
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Traffic and pedestrian signals on Victoria Road and Consort Way East

The Clerk stated that the Traffic Systems Team Manager, Grahame Bath, had responded to many reported complaints about the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities across Victoria Road and Consort Way East, and stated that the junction had since been modified to resolve the issues. Although there were “walk with traffic” pedestrian facilities put in place by Russells Crescent, there was still no means of crossing at the Consort Way East intersection. To rectify this, appropriate facilities were later installed but because there was inadequate space to install a central refuge and split the crossing in two, this had to operate with an all red period to vehicles. The introduction of these additional pedestrian facilities would unavoidably result in additional delays for drivers but thereby reduce accident risks for pedestrians. The operation of the junction had been closely monitored since the configuration, and the situation would be reviewed again by the Traffic Systems Team in due course. The matter would also be referred to the Regeneration Forum.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3296 Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

The Clerk informed members that he had sent a written request to Gillian Hein of the CPRE to ensure that all future communications by the Committee were submitted promptly to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3297 Deferred Planning Applications

No Planning Applications from previous meetings were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3298 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 1 June – 28 June 2011.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3299 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 7 June 2011.

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

P 3300 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 14 June 2011.

P 3300) RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 3301 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 21 June 2011.

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

P 3302 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 28 June 2011.

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

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 3303 Planning Application: P/11/00729/HHOLD – 8 Churchview Close, Horley

The Clerk informed members that the Borough Council had been contacted for further information on this Planning Application because the online location plan provided was unclear. It was later clarified by the Case Officer that the lack of information provided with the Application along with a subsequent site visit had led to a refusal.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3304 Town Centre Regeneration

The Clerk informed members that the Town Centre Regeneration Forum meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 July, would be followed by a meeting of the Town Centre Management Group (TCMG) on Monday, 11 July.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 3305 GATCOM

The Clerk confirmed receipt of a request from GATCOM for nominated representatives to serve on Gatwick Airport Limited's Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NATMAG) and Ground Noise Committee, by the closing date of 19 July. (Cllr George was subsequently put forward to represent the Town Council, and submitted a completed nomination paper together with a supporting statement to GATCOM.)

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 3306 Horley Subway

The Clerk updated members on the Subway following clarification by Network Rail's Scheme Project Manager, Iain Grant, who had taken charge for the redesign of the pumps. The remaining essential works would commence in approximately two weeks time, and the Subway would only be blocked off in part so that people could still gain access. It was further noted that after final completion of essential repairs to the gullies, this had prevented any further flooding even after recent heavy rainfall.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3307 Installation of Ticketing Gating at Gatwick Station

The Clerk informed members that he had written to Chris Burchell, Managing Director of Southern Railway, regarding the proposed installation of ticket gates at Gatwick Airport and Victoria Station to replace on-board ticket sales. In his letter, the Clerk stated that these plans would have a detrimental impact on Gatwick Express passengers, and many such commuters had opted to use the line because of its flexible, premier service and attentive staff. It was further understood that Gatwick Airport wanted to maintain its un-gated, buy on-board facility for the Gatwick Express ever since the service was introduced. In the absence of any direct consultation, the Town Council felt that the Gatwick Express should be allowed to continue with its existing proven service without any additional charges for on-board ticket sales. It was agreed amongst members that the proposal of ticket gates should also be referred to the Reigate, Redhill & District Rail Users Association.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk refer the proposal by Southern Railway to install ticket gates at Gatwick Airport and Victoria Station to the Reigate Redhill & District Rail Users Association, for comment.

P 3308 Off Track Bulletin

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the May edition of the Off Track Newsletter, and a copy would be placed on the Members' Bulletin.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highway Matters

P 3309 Consultation by Surrey Highways: On-Street Parking Charges

The Clerk stated that a review by Borough Councillor, Graham Knight, on the revised On-Street Parking Charges Consultation had been circulated to members for their comments, prior to the next meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee when a final decision would be made. (A letter was subsequently sent from the Town Council to Cllr Knight in support of the suggested parking tariffs in Horley High Street, Victoria Road, Station Road, Station Approach and Russells Crescent.)

P 3309) *RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the On-Street Parking Tariffs proposed by Cllr Knight, as appended to these minutes, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.*

P 3310 Request to Revise Traffic Light Management at the Longbridge Roundabout, Horley

The Clerk stated that he had been contacted by the Traffic Systems Team Manager, Grahame Bath, regarding the traffic control system at the Longbridge Roundabout. Following an extensive review of the existing traffic signals, Surrey County Council explained that these were originally installed for the Fastway Bus Quality Project and Horley Master Plan, being specifically included as part of the planning agreements. The need for pedestrian and cycle crossings remains and the roundabout is the natural focus for these routes. Any relocation of these crossings would require substantial redirection of the cycle and pedestrian routes and, if crossings were provided on all approaches, but away from the junction, this would have the same affect as signalling the roundabout. The damage caused by vermin had been repaired. However, there were still a number of outstanding loop faults to be rectified with new equipment, and these should be completed by the end of July. Thereafter, the situation would be reassessed, at which time, concerns over the phasing of traffic lights causing substantial backlogs of traffic would also be raised.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk provide a progress report on the Longbridge Roundabout at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 3311 Surrey County Council – Rights of Way Countryside Access

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the Surrey County Council – Rights of Way Countryside Access Annual Report 2010/11, and this would be circulated to members on request.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3312 Consultation by the Department of Communities & Local Government: Planning for Traveller Sites (Closing Date: 6 July 2011)

Cllr Chapman advised that he had reviewed the Consultation on Planning for Traveller Sites and prepared draft responses to the online questionnaire on the Planning Policy Statement. These would now be circulated to members for comment, before submission to the Department of Communities & Local Government by the closing date.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation on Planning for Traveller Sites, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 3313 Surrey Fire & Rescue Authority's Public Safety Plan (PSP)

The Committee Chairman advised members that the draft Surrey Fire & Rescue PSP had been reviewed following concerns raised by the public and Councils such as Horley. As a result, some improvement to night time

P 3313) coverage at Reigate was anticipated and members would be updated on receipt of further information.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3314 Diary Dates

6 July, 10.00 am: South & South East in Bloom - Photo-call, Horley Town Centre Precinct, for sponsors and members.

13 July, 7.30 pm: Horley Local Business Group (a branch of the Chamber of Commerce) – talk and book signing by Author, Dee Blick.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3315 Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on Planning Applications be released to the press and placed on the Town Council website.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Date of next meeting – 2 August 2011