

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 17 July 2012, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)
Celia Austin
Jack Chapman
Mike Miller
Richard Olliver
Tony Schofield
Jan Spratt
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Carol Fenton (Deputy Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Administration Officer)

P 3693 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Hagerty, Marshall and Powell be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register, as well as the apology of the Town Clerk, Alan Jones.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3694 Declarations of Interest

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

P 3695 Public Forum

No member of the public was in attendance during the Public Forum part of the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 3696 Approval of Minutes
Planning & Development Committee – 19 June 2012**

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 3697 Matters Arising
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No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 3698 Gatwick Diamond Business Association

Members considered the Town Council representatives for the Gatwick Diamond Business Association. Cllr Austin was appointed as the main representative, and Cllr Stimpson as the substitute. (These appointments were later confirmed by the Town Council to the Chief Executive, Jeremy Taylor).

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3699 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3700 Deferred Planning Applications

No Planning Applications from previous meetings had been deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3701 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 13 June to 10 July 2012.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3702 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 June 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be noted.

P 3703 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 26 June 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be noted.

P 3704 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 3 July 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be noted.

P 3705 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 10 July 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be noted.

Planning Appeals

P 3706 Planning Appeals Received

The list of planning appeals received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3707 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of planning appeals determined by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 3708 Events Licence Application - Edolphs Farm, Norwood Hill

The Deputy Clerk reported on a recent press article regarding the above application to host events, which had been resubmitted to Mole Valley District Council, requesting a three-year licence starting from September 2012. The new proposal would be for events on a smaller scale for up to 5,000 visitors instead of 60,000 visitors as originally stated. The application was open for comment by email up until 30 July 2012, at: licensing@molevalley.gov.uk

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3709 Planning Application: CR/2012/0273/FUL – Norfolk House, Perimeter Road East, Gatwick, Crawley

The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Crawley Borough Council, stating that the above Planning Application had been approved. It was noted that the Town Council had submitted a comment of 'No Objections' following the Committee meeting on 19 June.

RESOLVED: noted.

North East Sector

P 3710 Riverside Green Chain

The Committee Chairman updated members on the recent visit to Tanyard Meadows (part of the Riverside Green Chain) which had been arranged by Pete Crawford of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP). He added that it had been a very informative tour, which was well attended by

P 3710) Borough and County Councillors and other interested parties.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3711 North West Sector

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3712 Town Centre Regeneration

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum would be held at the Albert Rooms, on 31 July, commencing at 5.30pm.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 3713 Thameslink Southern and Great Northern Rail Franchise

The Deputy Clerk updated members on the new Thameslink Southern and Great Northern rail franchise. The rail operator, Govia, in partnership with a UK transport operator and international transport provider, had pre-qualified to bid for the rail franchise.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3714 Consultation by GAL – on Thameslink Rail Franchise for the South East

The Deputy Clerk advised that the breakfast briefing by GAL would be held on 20 July at Jubilee House, Gatwick Airport. The Town Council would be represented by Cllr Miller, and he would provide an update at the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3715 GATCOM

The Deputy Clerk advised that the next GATCOM meeting would be held at the Hilton Hotel, on 19 July, and would be preceded by a luncheon for members and representatives at 12.30pm.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 3716 Horley Railway Subway

Cllr Austin expressed concern about the poor condition of the subway and stated that the unsightly appearance was unappealing for visitors to the town. Members agreed and discussed the possibility of engaging a Community Payback Team to clean-up the site. Cllr Miller reminded

P 3716) members that the subway belonged to Network Rail. It was decided that the Regeneration Manager, Peter Boarder, be requested to arrange a site meeting with representatives of Network Rail to discuss improvements. The Borough Portfolio holders, Cllrs Natalie Bramhall and Michael Miller would also be invited to attend, along with Town Cllrs Mike George and Celia Austin.

RESOLVED: that the Regeneration Manager be requested to arrange a site meeting at the Railway Subway and an update be provided at the next meeting of this Committee.

Highway Matters

P 3717 Highways Bulletin

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the latest Highways Bulletin had been circulated to members. It was noted that it contained little reference to works in Horley.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3718 Blocked Drain at Air Balloon Junction

The Deputy Clerk updated members on the difficulties which had been encountered attempting to resolve this issue, as a result of reduced Surrey County Council ad hoc jetting resource funding. It was noted that SCC officer, Terry O'Neill, was currently attempting to source funding to solve the problem. Cllr Miller added that he believed the problem to be more serious, possibly the result of a collapsed drain.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3719 Disruption to Fastway Bus Services

The Deputy Clerk advised that Cllr Furey, SCC Cabinet member for Transport and Environment, was looking into the problems of disruption to Fastway Bus Services, caused by road repairs. The Committee Chairman reminded members that the lack of any advanced warning of scheduled repairs meant that the bus company was unable to provide information at bus stops regarding cancellations and delays to services. The Deputy Clerk added that the delayed response from Cllr Furey was because the original letter from the Town Council had apparently gone astray in the post.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3720 West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (WSFRS) – Consultation on Savings Proposals

The Committee Chairman updated members on the WSFRS Consultation. Members were reminded that Horley Fire Station was within this service. It was noted that there were no plans to close any fire stations, however the proposals included a possible change to the response arrangements in the Horley and Crawley area, with the fire engine and crew at Horley being coordinated more closely with crews at Crawley. The consultation was

P 3720) open for comment until 21 September 2012, and could be viewed on line with supporting information at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire

RESOLVED: that a response to the Consultation be approved at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 3721 Letters Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
RBBC	Horley New Leaf Newsletter	02.07.12	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted

P 3722 Diary Dates

24 July 2012:

Tour of Town Council Open Spaces, meet 6.00pm at the Albert Rooms.

22 August 2012:

Members' Tour of Churchyards: meet 6.00pm at the New Churchyard.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3723 Urgent Business

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3724 Press Release

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

P3725 Confidential Business

RESOLVED: that, "in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw."

P3726 West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service CONFIDENTIAL

The Committee Chairman updated members on further discussions.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Date of next meeting – 14 August 2012