

**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 24 April 2012, 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 (Administration Officer)

Members of the Public Mrs E Hayes Worham  
Mr B J Worham

**P 3597 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

There were no apologies. (Cllr Miller was absent.)

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3598 Declarations of Interest**

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

**Public Forum**

**P 3599 Planning Application: P/12/00447/HOLD – Buckland, 1 The Avenue**

Mrs Worham raised concerns about the above Planning Application on the grounds that the proposed development exceeded the size of the original footprint; overlapped the building line; encroached on the privacy of neighbouring properties with single and double balconies throughout and was out-of character. She further claimed that the plan submitted with the current application was misleading as it did not show the boundary of the neighbouring property. The Chairman thanked Mrs Worham for her comments. He advised that the Committee had already raised no objections to the Planning Application which was based purely on the information provided by the planning authority at that time.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3600 Local Bus – Disruption to Fastway Services**

Cllr George addressed the Committee in his capacity as Chairman of the Court Lodge Residents Association (CLRA). He informed members that current road patching in the area was causing disruptions to Fastway services on a daily basis, and often during peak times. The road repairs usually blocked up to half the width of a road, and thereby prevented buses and other large vehicles from getting through. It was accepted that some disruption was inevitable to facilitate road resurfacing, however that some prior notification with timescales by the contractor, May Gurney, would enable the bus company to adjust their schedules and to keep their passengers informed in advance of any likely disruptions or cancellations to daily Fastway services. Cllr George had been in discussion with the bus company about the matter, and advised he would consult this Committee as the problems had become much more frequent.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3601 Approval of Minutes  
Planning & Development Committee – 27 March 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.**

**Matters Arising  
Planning & Development Committee – 27 March 2012**

**P 3602 Proposed Development – Haroldslea Drive**

The Clerk reported that he sent a reply to the letter from Rey Construction regarding the proposed development of fifty houses in Haroldslea Drive, stating that a formal comment by the Town Council would only be made if and when a Planning Application had been registered with the Borough Council. A letter was also subsequently sent by the Clerk to the local press, stating that a recent article published on the matter was misleading because the proposed development was not a public consultation but an informal exercise undertaken by the property consultants.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3603 Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies**

**Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

There was no update.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3604 Seminar - The Localism Act: New Rights on Powers for Communities**

Cllr Olliver updated members on the recent seminar about proposed new powers under the Localism Act to be granted to Councils, community groups and individuals to promote real change in local areas, encourage neighbourhood forums and support funding to deliver a variety of projects. The new plans would affect the environment and consider the best ways to create economic growth. The neighbourhood plans could easily be adopted by established Parish and Town Councils but these were not so amenable for individuals or smaller groups. It was noted that Horley Town Council could become involved in the neighbourhood forums when these had been formed, in order to include the views of local residents.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3605 Deferred Planning Applications**

No Planning Applications from previous meetings had been deferred.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3606 Determined Planning Applications**

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 21 March – 17 April 2012.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 3607 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 27 March 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 3608 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 3 April 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 3609 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 10 April 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 3610 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 17 April 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 3611 Planning Appeals Received**

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

***RESOLVED: noted.***

### **P 3612 Planning Appeals Determined**

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

***RESOLVED: noted.***

### **P 3613 Ongoing Planning Matters**

No matters were raised.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

## **North East Sector**

### **P 3614 New Allotment Site – New Acres, Langshott**

The Clerk reported that the final groundwork for the new allotment site was moving along swiftly, and the plots would soon be marked out. It was noted that up to twelve extra plots might now be made available. This exceeded the total number originally anticipated, and would be very encouraging for residents currently on the waiting list.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

### **P 3615 Town Centre Regeneration**

No matters were raised.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

## **Airport Matters**

### **P 3616 GAL: Improvements to Gatwick Airport Rail Links**

The Chairman referred to the recommendations made on the Gatwick Airport Link study. It was felt that the initial suggested improvements to rail links to and from Gatwick as well as new proposals for regional connectivity, such as links into Thames Valley and Kent, would all be very beneficial. Cllr George suggested to members that the main thrust of the GAL Vision Statement be supported by the Town Council at this stage whilst reserving the option to make further representations as new plans were announced.

***RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the initial recommendations on the Gatwick Airport Link study, be approved.***

**P 3617 Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) Newsletter**

The Clerk provided details on the renewal subscription of the GAAC Newsletter. It was agreed that the annual subscription of £10, for emailed releases, be submitted by the Town Council.

***RESOLVED: that payment of £10.00, for the annual subscription for emailed GACC Newsletters, be approved.***

**P 3618 GATCOM Meeting**

The Clerk advised that the next GATCOM meeting would be held on 26 April, and an update would be provided at the next meeting of this Committee.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Railway Matters**

**P 3619 Flooding – Railway Bridge, Ladbroke Road**

Cllr Schofield reported some heavy flooding under the railway bridge at Ladbroke Road that seemed to be caused by blocked drainage after recent heavy rainfall. The Clerk advised that an online report would be logged accordingly with Surrey Highways. (Another report of heavy flooding under the railway bridge was later made by a resident, and action was taken to unblock the drain.)

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 3620 Flooding – A23 Brighton Road & Victoria Road Junction**

Cllr Austin expressed concern about severe flooding at the junction of Brighton Road and Victoria Road, near the Air Balloon Public House, as well as the pedestrian crossing. The area had already been reported to Surrey Highways because the drains had become blocked over time, causing a large build-up of water. The Town Council office had been informed by Highways Officers that a job had been raised to clear the blocked drain shortly, and this would now be monitored.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 3621 Local Bus: Disruption to Fastway Services**

It was agreed that the Chairman would consult the Surrey Highways department and County Councillors on disruptions to Fastway services arising from road repairs, and liaise with the bus company to achieve a satisfactory solution to the reported problems.

***RESOLVED: that the Chairman provide an update on disruption to Fastway Services arising from road works, at the next meeting of this Committee.***

**P 3622 Usage of Disabled Bays and Taxi Ranks in Horley High Street and Victoria Road**

Members discussed the current usage of disabled bays and taxi ranks in Horley High Street and Victoria Road. It was generally felt that many disabled bays remained vacant a lot of the time whilst other parking spaces were still very limited. The same applied to taxi ranks but it had also been noted that these bays were often used by cab drivers to park up for long periods rather than as a drop-off or a pick-up point. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Local Committee at the Borough Council with a request for a review by Highways and Enforcement Officers, and to consider change of usage of parking facilities in both locations.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk liaise with the Secretary of the Local Committee regarding change of usage of parking facilities in Horley High Street and Victoria Road.***

**Highway Matters**

**P 3623 Highways Bulletin**

The Clerk advised that the latest Highways Bulletin by Surrey County Council had been circulated to members for information, and a number of essential works by various utility companies were now underway in Horley.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 3624 Traffic Light Management at Consort Way East and Victoria Road**

The problems of traffic light management at this busy junction had been referred to the new portfolio holder, Cllr John Furey, and he subsequently sent a reply to Cllr Marshall. In his letter, Cllr Furey stated that meetings had taken place to review the situation and to seek solutions. The Senior Project Manager, Dave Taylor, contacted the Town Council and a site visit was subsequently arranged. In attendance with him were Cllrs Marshall and Olliver as well as the Regeneration Manager, Peter Boarder, and the Clerk. Preliminary site observations confirmed the persistent backlog of traffic at the junction in both directions. This was intensified by the new pedestrian phase to the traffic lights and build-up of motorists queuing to enter and exit the Waitrose car park. Mr Taylor acknowledged that traffic light phasing could be much improved, perhaps by a technically enhanced configuration, as well as better signage with directions, and the yellow box junction needed to be remarked. He would follow-up all of these issues with officials, including the possibility of reversing the one way system around Consort Way, and he would provide a further update in due course.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk prepare a Press Release on developments made by the Town Council and Surrey Highways on traffic light management.***

**P 3625 Consultation: Reigate & Banstead Borough Council –  
Core Strategy, Proposed Submission Document  
(Closing Date: 16 April 2012)**

The Chairman stated that he had reviewed the Proposed Submission Document by the Borough Council to be submitted to the Inspectorate for approval in line with the Core Strategy. A response had been sent before the closing date with a request that the Town Council be added to the list of stakeholders.

***RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council on the Proposed Submission Document - Core Strategy, as appended to these minutes, be ratified.***

**P 3626 Diary Dates**

**27 April 2012: Town Meeting**

**27 April 2012: Horley Business Expo, Holiday Inn, Gatwick, 9am-5pm**  
(Local businesses invited to exhibit a stand – further details available at:  
[www.horleybusinessexpo.co.uk](http://www.horleybusinessexpo.co.uk))

**28 April 2012: Swimathon in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care,**  
at Horley Leisure Centre. To support the event, visit online fundraising at:  
<http://my.artezglobal.com/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=47177&langPref=en-CA> and select "support this event"

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 3627 Urgent Business**

No matters were raised.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 3628 Press Release**

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

***Meeting closed at 8:55 pm***

***Date of next meeting – 22 May 2012***