

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 27 March 2012, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)

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

In Attendance

Cllr James Baird
Cllr Samantha Marshall
Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Administration Officer)

Members of the Public Mr Ian Preddy
Mrs Julie Preddy

P 3568 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Austin be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register. (Cllr Miller was absent.)

P 3569 Declarations of Interest

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

P 3570 Public Forum

North East Sector: Riverside Green Chain – Grazing Consultation

Mr Preddy commented on the Grazing Consultation by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council in conjunction with the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP) on the 70 acres of land at the Acres, Langshott, to form part of the Riverside Green Chain. He raised concerns about cattle grazing in an area which in the past had predominantly been used by dog walkers, and the implications on access to the area with mobility aids once the fields had been fenced off. He added that existing access routes were already well utilised and the public footpaths were also being used as a bridle path for horses. There was also concern about cattle fouling.

The Chairman thanked Mr Preddy accordingly, and agreed with members to move the Agenda item on the North East Sector forward at that juncture of the meeting, so that the matter could be discussed further. Following the public meeting, Cllr George clarified that the proposal was still within the consultation period and open for comment by statutory stakeholders,

P 3570) access groups and the public. The details had been summarised in a briefing paper (subsequently distributed to all members) and in a PowerPoint presentation by Pete Crawford of GGP. Cllr George added that the Borough Council had stated the intention was to create an accessible green space for everyone to enjoy whilst enhancing wildlife value. Gatwick Greenspace had advised that the best way to manage wet grasslands, such as in this area, would be to graze them and this was also in keeping with the traditional landscape of the area.

Cllr Olliver stated that Cllr Knight and Cllr Ross-Tomlin were given a tour of the site with Pete Crawford, and a number of issues were addressed. It was clarified the site would be grazed in rotation, so only 3 or 4 fields would be used at any one time between May and November (weather permitting). There would be up to 20 cattle (no bulls) in the herd, and only 5-6 cows per field. The fields would be mapped to take account of the most popular routes for walkers, and they would be fenced along existing hedge-lines with appropriate gates installed to facilitate dog walkers and mobility access. It was further noted that an area for car parking was recommended, and the suggestion to apply all weather surfaces to the grass verges had already been supported by some officials. There would be a further opportunity to see the presentation by Pete Crawford at the Full Council meeting on 3 April 2012.

RESOLVED: that the comments by Mr & Mrs Preddy on the Grazing Consultation be passed on to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

**P 3571 Approval of Minutes
Planning & Development Committee – 28 February 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
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P 3572 Committee Training Requirements: Presentation on Tree Matters

The confidential briefing on Tree Matters preceded the main meeting, and was well attended by members. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Senior Tree Officer, Malcolm James, on his very informative presentation with accompanying photographs, and that he be invited back for future updates and perhaps an informal workshop.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Planning & Development Committee to Malcolm James at Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

P 3573 Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3574 Deferred Planning Applications

No Planning Applications from previous meetings were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3575 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 22 February – 20 March 2012.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3576 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 28 February 2012.

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

P 3577 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 6 March 2012.

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

P 3578 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 13 March 2012.

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

P 3579 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 20 March 2012.

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

Planning Appeals

P 3580 Planning Appeals Received

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

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3581 Planning Appeals Determined

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

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 3582 The Localism Act: New Rights and Powers for Communities

The Clerk reported that some members had attended a preliminary presentation by the Borough Council on New Rights and Powers for Communities under the Localism Act. It was noted that Parish and Town Councils would be given powers to create real change in their local areas. Further information would be given at a Localism Act seminar to be held in East Grinstead on 20 April 2012.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3583 North West Sector

The Clerk reported that the outstanding issues with the remaining landowner had yet to be finalised, and the outcome would be announced in due course.

RESOLVED: noted.

Town Centre Regeneration

P 3584 Town Centre Management Group (TCMG)

The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the TCMG would convene during mid-April (date to be confirmed). Cllr Schofield commented that, in view of plans to enclose the demolished site at Newman House with appropriate hoardings to remain in keeping with the local street scene, such provisions should apply to the whole of the town centre where buildings were under reconstruction.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 3585 GATCOM

The Clerk reported receipt of the unconfirmed minutes of the last GATCOM meeting. The next meeting would be held on 26 April 2012.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3586 GAL – Improvements to Gatwick Airport Rail Links

The Committee Chairman reported that GAL had hosted briefings on rail links to and from Gatwick and the results would be announced at the next GATCOM meeting on 26 April 2012. The intention was to keep all members informed of recent developments on national rail policy, the results of GAL's rail study and progress that has been made. The rail study documents were available to view on GAL's website:

<http://www.gatwickairport.com/rail/>

RESOLVED: that the results of the study by GAL on Gatwick Airport Link be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee to determine if the recommendations made would be supported by the Town Council.

P 3587 Railway Matters

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highway Matters

P 3588 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 3589 Traffic Light Management at Consort Way East and Victoria Road

Cllr Marshall stated that the problems of traffic light management at this busy junction had not been resolved despite an exchange of correspondence between the Town Council, the Cabinet Member, Ian Lake, and the Highways Project Manager. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk write to the new portfolio holder and attach previous correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to new portfolio holder regarding the persistent problems of traffic light management at Consort Way East and Victoria Road.

**P 3590 Surrey County Council – Flood Alleviation Measures
Closing Date for submission of Survey: 31 March 2012**

The Chairman stated that he had prepared replies to the paper survey on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, however the format and numbering on that questionnaire was not compatible with the website version. Cllr George had made additional comments to the questions which were approved by the Committee, and it was agreed that these would accompany the questionnaire to be returned to Surrey County Council with a covering letter.

P 3590) RESOLVED: that the Town Council's replies to the Local Flood Risk Management survey and additional comments, be approved.

P 3591 Consultation: Reigate & Banstead Borough Council – Proposed Submission Document

The Clerk reported receipt of the Consultation on the Proposed Submission Document, forming part of the Core Strategy, which was open for comment. The Chairman advised that he would prepare a draft response and distribute to members for consideration before the closing date on 16 April 2012. The details could also be reviewed online at: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/corestrategy

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council on the Proposed Submission Document - Core Strategy, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 3592 Corporate Plan 2012-16

The Chairman requested that the introduction of the Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework be included in the Corporate Plan 2012-16, as both would have a major impact on the planning process.

RESOLVED: that the Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework be included in the Town Council's Corporate Plan 2012-16.

P 3593 Letters Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
Rey Construction	Haroldslea Drive, Horley	24.02.12	The Clerk to send a reply letter.
DCLG	New Planning Policy for Traveller Sites	26.03.12	Noted.
Government Press Release	Changes to planning policies in England	27.03.12	Noted.
RBBC Press Release	Olympic Flame street route revealed through the borough	19.03.12	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted

P 3594 Diary Dates

**3 April 2012: Full Council Meeting:
Presentation on Riverside Green Chain by Pete Crawford, GGP**

**20 April 2012: Seminar at East Grinstead:
The Localism Act: New Rights and Powers for Communities**

21 April 2012: St George's Day Celebrations – Town Centre

P 3594) 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)

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 3595 Urgent Business

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3596 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 – 24 April 2012