

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 30 August 2011, at 7.30 pm

Present Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)

Celia Austin
Jack Chapman
Kevin Hagerty
Simon Marshall
Michael Miller
Richard Olliver
Tony Schofield
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Carol Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)
H Woodhouse (member of the public)

P 3346 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apology of Cllr Spratt be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register, as well as the apology of Administrative Assistant, Joan Walsh.

P 3347 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were made.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3348 Public Forum

Planning Application: P/11/01132/F – Hutchins Farm, Horley Row

A member of the public, Ms H Woodhouse, requested that the Town Council re-consider comments previously made regarding the above Application. It was noted that the Town Council had raised no objections, subject to there being no adverse comments from neighbours. As a resident of a neighbouring property, she felt that the proposed raised roof would be out of keeping with nearby properties and the planned windows on the eastern side would have an impact on the privacy of her own property. She also thought that the Application was contrary to Local Plan Policies, which were designed to protect the amenities of adjoining properties, maintain privacy and protect the character of the area. There were several other matters which were covered by a supporting document. The Chairman thanked the resident for her input. He added that, with the additional information produced by the resident, the Town Council was now in a position to make further comments on the Application.

- P 3348) **RESOLVED: that the following additional comments be made, regarding Planning Application P/11/01132/F:**
- i) that the height of the building should not exceed that of any previous Application.*
 - ii) that objections be raised to the windows on the eastern side.*
 - iii) that any external decoration be in keeping with existing buildings.*
- (after note: the Application was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant)

- P 3349 Cllr Miller suggested that future similar Applications would benefit from site visits, prior to any comments being submitted.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3350 **Approval of Minutes
Planning & Development Committee – 2 August 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.

- P 3351 **Matters Arising
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No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3352 **Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies**

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3353 **Deferred Planning Applications**

No Planning Applications from the previous meeting were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3354 **Determined Planning Applications**

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 27 July – 23 August 2011.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3355 **Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 2 August 2011.**

P 3355) *RESOLVED: that the Town Council's comments, as appended to these minutes, be noted.*

P 3356 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 9 August 2011.

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

P 3357 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 16 August 2011.

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

P 3358 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 23 August 2011.

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

Planning Appeals

P 3359 Planning Appeals Received

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

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3360 Planning Appeals Determined

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

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 3361 Cllr Jack Chapman expressed his concerns about some apparent inconsistencies in Planning Application decisions made by the Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority, in particular with reference to the granting of Certificates of Lawfulness. Cllr Richard Olliver explained that there were specific reasons why a Certificate of Lawfulness may be granted, usually to confirm that an extension was permissible and had not required planning permission. He referred members to The Planning Portal which, amongst other things, specified which elements of extensions were allowed without planning permission.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3362 The Clerk reported receipt of preliminary information from Waldon Telecom Ltd, regarding a proposed Telecoms Mast in Hevers Avenue, to increase and improve mobile phone coverage in the Horley Row and Meath Green areas.

P 3362) RESOLVED: noted.

P 3363 North East Sector

The Chairman referred to recent concerns about campers in fields adjacent to land where houses were being built by Barratts Homes. The fields were believed to be under the ownership of Barratts. It was noted that the matter was currently being investigated by the Police, and that the Borough Council had sent officers to check for any damage to trees. Members were also informed that BT Open World would shortly be updating broadband in the area.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3364 Town Centre Regeneration

It was noted that some repairs to the paving outside the Jack Fairman Public House had been made, following concerns raised at the last meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum. There had also been some repairs to paving in the pedestrian area, although the overall standard there was far from satisfactory.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3365 Airport Matters

Cllr Richard Olliver informed members that that the Communications Director, Andrew McCallum, had resigned from his post at Gatwick Airport. Cllr Fiona Stimpson added that a "fly on the wall" documentary about Gatwick Airport was currently being televised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 3366 Horley Subway

It was noted that there was no further update available on the Subway, however the problem of flooding still persisted after heavy rainfall.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3367 Gatwick Express route via Clapham Junction

Following a preliminary discussion by members, it was felt that it would be inappropriate for the Town Council to comment on the recommendation by Gatwick Express to introduce a stop service at Clapham Junction, as the matter did not directly affect the Horley train service.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highway Matters

P 3368 On Street Parking Charges – Consultation for Horley and Salfords

RESOLVED: that the recommendations, as appended to these minutes, be supported.

P 3369 Traffic congestion at Consort Way East and Victoria Road

Members discussed the on-going problem of congestion at the junction of Consort Way East and Victoria Road. The Clerk advised that he had received a response from Surrey County Council advising that no further enhancements were planned. It was also noted that a number of the traffic light bulbs were not working.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3370 Highways Bulletins from Surrey County Council

It was agreed that the Clerk investigate whether the Highway Bulletins sent fortnightly to the Council Office, could also be emailed to members on request.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk enquire whether future Highways Bulletins could be distributed to members, for information.

P 3371 National Planning Policy Framework & Traveller Site Planning Policy

The Clerk reported receipt of a Consultation on National Planning Policy Framework & Traveller Site Planning Policy which was open for comment until 17 October. Cllr Chapman agreed to respond on behalf of the Town Council. Cllr Miller added that the Borough Council's response was now available and would provide further information.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3372 Surrey Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document (DPD)

The Clerk reported receipt of a Consultation from Surrey County Council on the Surrey Minerals and Waste Development Framework which was open for comment until 7 October.

RESOLVED: that no comment be made.

P 3373 Letters Received

| From | Subject | Received | Action |
|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Peter Long – Housing & Pollution Team, RBBC | Bonfires at Station Road, Horley | 4.8.11 | Noted. |
| Horley Resident | Flooding at Bonehurst Road, Horley | 5.8.11 | Passed to Peter Russell, Drainage Engineer, RBBC, for attention. |

RESOLVED: noted

P 3374 Diary Dates

15 September 2011: Invitation: Surrey Camp, University of Surrey

17 September 2011: Autumn Fayre, Town Centre Precinct

30 September 2011: Horley in Bloom Awards Evening, Regent Hall

RESOLVED: noted.

Urgent Business

P 3375 Localism Bill

Cllr Miller explained to the Committee that he was arranging presentations on Localism Bill proposals and the effect on individual communities. He said that he would be happy to make the presentation to the Town Council in due course, alongside Borough Council Officers, if they were available.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3376 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Date of next meeting – 4 October 2011