

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 13 January 2015, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)
Jack Chapman
David Jackson
Simon Marshall
Richard Olliver
Tony Schofield
Jan Spratt
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Cllr Samantha Marshall
Cllr Richard Bethell
Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Administrative Officer)

P 4759 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Hagerty and Miller be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 4760 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 4761 Public Forum

Cllr Samantha Marshall was in attendance during the Public Forum part of the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4762 Planning Application : 14/024261/F - 56 Avenue Gardens, Horley

Cllr Samantha Marshall gave verbal representations on the above Planning Application for a new detached two storey house to replace the existing dwelling damaged by fire. She explained that she had contacted the residents of the adjoining properties directly and, having reviewed the revised plans, they had no concerns and were in full support of the proposal. Cllr George also commented that there were no apparent objections from neighbours on the Borough's website.

The Committee Chairman thanked Cllr Marshall for her comments, and Standing Orders were then resumed so that a formal response by the Town Council could be made.

**P4762) *RESOLVED: that the following comments be made regarding Planning Application - 14/024261/F - 56 Avenue Gardens, Horley:
No objections.***

**P 4763 *Approval of Minutes
Planning & Development Committee – 9 December 2014***

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: noted.

**P 4764 *Matters Arising
Planning & Development Committee – 9 December 2014***

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 4765 *Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)*

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4766 *Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)*

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4767 *Deferred Planning Applications*

No Planning Applications from previous meetings had been deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4768 *Determined Planning Applications*

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 3 December 2014 to 6 January 2015.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4769 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 9 December 2014.

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 4770 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 16 December 2014.

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 4771 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 6 January 2015.

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 4772 Planning Appeals Received

The list of Planning Appeals received by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4773 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of Planning Appeals determined was reviewed

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 4774 CBC Planning Application: CR/2014/0667/FUL – Land at Longbridge Way, Gatwick, Crawley

The Clerk reported receipt of the above repeat Application for a McDonalds Restaurant, by the A23, North Terminal, Gatwick. It was noted that, as the Town Council had previously raised no objections to the said Planning Application, the same comments be made.

***RESOLVED: that the following comments be made regarding CBC Planning Application: CR/2014/0667/FUL – Land at Longbridge Way, Gatwick, Crawley:
No objections.***

P 4775 North East Sector

There was no update

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4776 North West Sector

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4777 Town Centre Regeneration

There was no update

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 4778 Network Rail Consultation: South East Route, Sussex Area Route Study – Draft for Consultation (Closing Date: 13 January 2015)

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to Network Rail's 'South East Route, Sussex Area Route Study- Draft for Consultation', as appended to these minutes, be ratified.

P 4779 Govia Thameslink Railway Consultation – December 2015 Timetable (Closing Date : 30 January 2015)

The Chairman reminded Cllrs Spratt and Jackson to provide their respective evaluations on the proposed off-peak timetable changes on routes into London via Horley, so that replies to the *Govia Thameslink December 2015 Timetable* questionnaire, may be submitted by the Town Council prior to the closing date.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's replies to the Govia Thameslink Railway Consultation – December 2015 Timetable, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 4780 Reigate, Redhill & District Rail Users' Association (RRDRUA)

The Clerk gave details of the RRDRUA Annual Meeting to be held on 12 March 2015, at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill, from 7.30 pm. He added that it would be worthwhile for members to be given a separate briefing by a RRDRUA representative, and this would be arranged at the Town Council offices in due course.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highways Matters

P 4781 SCC Consultations: Local Transport Review Extended Deadline: 2 February 2015

Members discussed the proposals contained in the SCC Local Transport Review to reduce its expenditure on local bus services, community transport/concessionary travel, and the following suggestions were made:

- *To restrict the issue of a Bus Pass to senior citizens and disabled passengers.*
- *To assess a Bus Pass application for travelling companions individually, as many disabled passengers may commute unaccompanied.*
- *To restrict concessionary fares for travelling companions to a set number of trips per year and manage through a voucher system.*
- *To offer a reduced rate for travelling companions (similar to child or student fares).*
- *To curtail the frequency of off-peak services, depending on demand.*
- *To introduce concessionary fares to attract workers from outlying employment areas into the town centre, at lunch times, to support the regeneration of the town centre, particularly food outlets.*

The Chairman advised he would prepare a draft response on the Town Council's cost saving recommendations prior to the closing date, for ratification at the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Surrey County Council Consultation – Local Transport Review, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4782 Surrey Highways Bulletin

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the latest SCC Highways Bulletin (already circulated to members).

Local Flooding Issues

P 4783 National Flood Forum Roadshow

The Clerk reported notification from the Clerk of Burstow Parish Council of a forthcoming National Flood Forum Roadshow in Smallfield, with a variety of experts attending, as well as representatives from the Environment Agency (EA), Surrey County Council and Thames Water. The event would be held on 7 February, from 11.00am to 3.00pm, at *Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane, Smallfield RH6 9PT* – admission free of charge.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 4784 Airports Commission Consultation: Proposed Second Runway at Gatwick Airport (Closing Date: 3 February 2015)

The Committee Chairman gave an overview of the preliminary draft response by the Town Council to the **Airports Commission Consultation – Proposed Second Runway at Gatwick Airport**, with reference to the following key issues:

- Surface Access;
- Flooding;
- Water Quality;
- Noise;
- Air Quality;
- Community Analysis;
- Local Economy; and
- Quality of Life.

In summary, the Town Council accepted that a second runway would bring economic prosperity for many who live and work in the South East. However, based on the results received from the extensive questionnaire, the majority view of local residents who were against the proposal for a second runway, had been endorsed.

The submission from the Town Council would (subject to final amendments) be forwarded to the Airports Commission prior the closing date, and ratified at the next Committee meeting.

Cllr Olliver expressed his sincere gratitude to Cllr George, on behalf of members, for his tremendous work and dedication in his review and preparation of the Town Council's response to the Consultation.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Airports Commission Consultation – Proposed Second Runway at Gatwick Airport, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 4785 CAA Consultation: Post Implementation Review (PIR) –RNAV Departure Routes (Closing Date: 5 January 2015)

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the CAA Consultation – Post Implementation Review (PIR) – RNAV Departure Routes be ratified. (A copy is appended.)

P 4786 Other Airport Communications

From	Subject	Received	Action
Wealden District Council	E-Newsletter: Second Runway at Gatwick	11.12.14	Noted.
GATCOM	Weekly Newsletters & Updates	Various	Noted

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4787 RBBC Consultation: Community Infrastructure Levy – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (Closing Date: 12 January 2015)

RESOLVED: *that the Town Council's responses to the RBBC Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, be ratified. (A copy is appended.)*

P 4788 Local Design Characteristics and Car Parking

A request by Borough Cllr Schofield made at a previous meeting, for opinions on future development and design standards in Horley, was discussed. As part of an initial information gathering exercise, members were asked to evaluate existing design characteristics, gated/back garden developments, car parking as well areas for more housing.

It was further suggested that specific guidelines be given to form views on possible locations, as input to the Local Plan and help determine if existing policies were fit for purpose. An advisory sub-committee would be formed at a later date to review areas of interest.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 4789 Letters Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
GACC	Annual Subscription	5.1.15	Noted.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 4790 Diary Dates

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting (East), 27 January 2015, Albert Rooms

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 4791 Urgent Business

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 4792 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting: 10 February 2015