

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 Tuesday 1 May 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Kent (Chairman)
Diana Andrews
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Mike George
Graham Larcombe
John Meech
Michael Miller
Richard Olliver

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 2030 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apology of Cllr Andrea Venn be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

P 2031 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2032 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2033 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

No reports were made

RESOLVED: noted

P 2034 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 10 - 27 April 2007.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2035 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 10 April 2007

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

P 2036 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 17 April 2007

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

P 2037 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 24 April 2007

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

P 2038 Airport Matters

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The Committee noted Cllr Olliver's report of the recent meeting, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Reference was made to the changes to the Gatwick Express, and the issue of CO2 emissions, noise maps and unauthorised parking.

RESOLVED: *that receipt of the above report be noted.*

P 2039 **RESOLVED:** *that receipt of the Gatwick Airport Interim Master Plan be noted.*

P 2040 Railway Matters

It was noted that improvements would commence at Horley Railway Station later this year, to enable Fastway buses to access the area behind the station.

RESOLVED: *noted*

P 2041 Highway Matters

The Committee considered the report prepared by Mr Ralf Olesen. There was a great deal of discussion about this report and the draft letter to Nick Skellett, Leader of Surrey County Council was approved.

RESOLVED:

- i)** *that the matter be brought forward from the confidential part of the meeting*
- ii)** *that the letter to Nick Skellett, Leader of Surrey County Council, as appended, be sent, with copies to Peter Ainsworth MP, Leader of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and the Chief Executive of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council*

P 2042 Horley Town Centre Task Group

It was noted that several Committee members had attended a meeting of the above group held on 26 April, when a number of the members had expressed their concern about the perceived lack of progress. It was noted that confidential discussions were taking place with prospective developers and that announcements were expected to be made once these had been satisfactorily completed. Meetings were to take place every three months in

P 2042) future. It was also resolved that a newsletter be produced, to be agreed by all three councils i.e. HTC, SCC and RBBC.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2043 **Flooding Task Group – Identification of Previous Areas of Flooding in Horley**

Members were reminded that information had been sought from Surrey County Council's flooding Task Group about areas of flooding in Horley. A response was agreed, which mentioned in particular problems with Limes Avenue, Victoria Road, Crewdson Road and Lee Street.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2044 **Review of Work of Planning Committee 2003-2007**

Cllr Andrew Kent gave a brief review of the Planning Committee over the past four years. It was noted that during that period there had been:

1,228 resolutions
1,308 planning applications to consider
44 representations by members of the public

Cllr Kent gave his thanks to all the Committee, particularly the Vice Chairman, and to the staff

RESOLVED: that the Committee place on record their sincere thanks to Cllr Kent for his efforts over the past four years

P 2045 **Urgent Business**

Cllr George requested that the next meeting of this Committee should consider the planned closure of the Keys Community Centre.

RESOLVED: that the above matter should be placed on the agenda for 22 May 2007.

P 2046 **Press Release**

RESOLVED: that comments on applications and the letter to the Leader of SCC re highways matters, be released to the press.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting: 22 May 2007