

**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 3 November 2009 at 19:30 hours.

**Present**                      Cllrs   Mike George (Chairman)

Paul Avis  
Richard Bethell  
Jack Chapman  
Graham Knight  
Simon Marshall  
Michael Miller  
Richard Olliver  
Veronica Snowball  
Fiona Stimpson

**In Attendance**            Cllr   Mo Goldsmith  
Alan Jones (Town Clerk)  
Joan Walsh

**P 2665   Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Brooke Harte be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.***

**P 2666   Declarations of Interest**

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

**Public Forum – Comments by Mr Simon Court**

**P 2667   Article issued by Philip Circus, former Borough Councillor, regarding the expansion of Gatwick Airport :**

Mr Court noted that the article supported the proposal of a second runway at Gatwick Airport as a planning necessity to maintain the economy and to promote the local area.

***RESOLVED: noted,***

**P 2668**

**Access to the North of Burstow Stream, Langshott:**

Mr Court raised concerns about access by militant dog walkers who were blatantly cutting wire fences to gain entry. He stressed that such individuals should be informed that the area was an open farm, not a public way, and that their actions were causing undue distress to farmers who were losing livestock. Cllr Miller advised that such matters should be escalated to the area NSO/PCSO at Surrey Police.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 2669 Barratts Residential Development, Ladbroke Road, Langshott:**

Mr Court raised concerns regarding the new access road because it may be necessary for a preserved tree to be cut down. Cllr Miller advised that these plans were still in the early stages of consultation, and that the matter would be brought to the attention of the developer.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2670 Approval of Minutes  
Planning and Development Committee - 29 September 2009**

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 2671 Matters Arising – Southern Railway**

Cllr Miller enquired about a follow up from Southern Railway. The Clerk advised that a draft letter to Southern Railway had been prepared requesting a response to the queries raised at the presentation. Their response would be emailed to the Cllrs prior to the next Planning & Development Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2672 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees – Reigate & Banstead Committee:  
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) R&B**

Cllr Jack Chapman reported that he had not received an invitation to previous meetings by this committee or received any minutes for some considerable time. Cllr George suggested a strong protest be made to the CPRE about this fact. Cllr Miller stated that the last set of Minutes produced had had many inaccuracies, and that some issues raised were clearly in the jurisdiction of Surrey County Council.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2673 Determined Applications**

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 23 September – 27 October 2009.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2674 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 29 September 2009**

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

**P 2675** Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 6 October 2009

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

**P 2676** Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 13 October 2009

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

**P 2677** Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 20 October 2009

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

**P 2678** Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 27 October 2009

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

**P 2679** Mercure Hotel, Povey Cross Road, Crawley – Change of Use from Hotel to (Class C1) to Removals Centre

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

#### Ongoing Planning Matters

<b>P 2680</b>	<b>Planning Ref:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Appeal Ref:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
	P/08/00563/F	'Treetops', Peeks Brook Lane, Horley	APP/L3625/A/09/2115070/NWF	Additional comments required no later than 07/12/09
	P/09/00672/F	8 Church Walk, Horley	APP/L3625/A/09/2115261/WF	Additional comments required no later than 03/12/09

*RESOLVED: noted.*

**P 2681** Reigate & Banstead Core Strategy Proposed Submission DPD  
Additional comments required no later than 10/12/09

*RESOLVED: noted.*

**P 2682 North East Sector**

Cllr George reported that discussions are underway at Surrey County Council regarding the venture of a Church School.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2683 North West Sector**

Cllr Miller reported that major developers were in consultation with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council about a consortium in relation to Section 106 Agreements.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Airport Matters**

**P 2684 Sale of Gatwick Airport**

The Clerk provided an update on GATCOM's view of the sale to Global Infrastructure Partners. Cllr Olliver stated that and there would be no formal takeover until the New Year. Members commented that there had been less dialogue with airport representatives over recent years, and that this should be improved as Horley was the closest town to Gatwick. It was proposed that once communication links have been established again, a visit to the Council offices by the new owner should be arranged. Airport officials would be invited to Horley for an informal meeting to build confidence, and perhaps a tour of the town. It was therefore suggested that invitations (to include a buffet) be sent out in due course with all members invited to attend.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 2685 GATCOM Headlines of Meeting: 22 October 2009-11-10**

**RESOLVED: that the paper by GATCOM, as appended to these Minutes, be noted.**

**Railway Matters**

**P 2686 Subway under Railway**

The Clerk reported that the first phase of improvements to Horley Subway were now underway. It was noted that some complaints of flooding that were reported to Horley Town Council had been escalated to the Contractor, Network Rail. Cllr Miller stated that the excessive speed of cyclists was still unacceptable, and that the existing notices to prohibit cyclists were not a suitable deterrent. Cllr Graham Knight raised concerns about poor access for mothers with pushchairs and mobility users. The Clerk added that lighting issues at the footbridge would need to be addressed in due course.

**RESOLVED: that the notification from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council regarding the first phase of improvements to Horley Subway, as appended to these Minutes, be noted.**

**P 2687 Highway Matters Street Lighting in Meath Green Lane**

The Clerk advised that the significant lack of lighting had already been reported before, however no action had been taken to date. Cllr Knight mentioned that many tree branches were covering the street lights, and therefore needed to be trimmed.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk refer the issues raised to Surrey County Council.***

**P 2688 Other Highway Matters**

It was noted that, following Cllr Powell's letter of complaint sent to Graham Cook, Director of Services at Reigate & Banstead Borough Council about litter accumulating in the town centre, the area had now much improved with more efficiency on cleanliness.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 2689 Compass Bus Travel**

The Clerk reported on an urgent request from Compass Bus to increase the number of bus stops as part of necessary improvements to maintain the service. Members agreed with the comments raised to include better signage at the bus stops.

***RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Surrey County Council in support of the improvements required, and copy letter to Compass Bus.***

**P 2690 Passenger Transport Assembly**

***RESOLVED: that the invitation to the Assembly on 13 November be noted.***

**P 2691 Surrey County Council Bus Review**

***RESOLVED: that the proposals contained in the Surrey County Council Bus Review be noted.***

**P 2692 Tandridge District Council – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – 1<sup>st</sup> Revision Draft**

***RESOLVED: that a letter from Tandridge District Council, stating how it will involve the community and other bodies in planning applications contained in the draft SCI, be noted.***

**P 2693 Gambling Act 2005**

***RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response, as appended to these Minutes, be ratified.***

**P 2694 Planning Appeals Seminar**

Cllr George reported that the Seminar attended on 7th October 2009 was very informative.

***RESOLVED: that Cllr George's report, as appended to these Minutes, be noted.***

**P 2695 Precept Requirements 2010/11**

**RESOLVED:** *that no specific requirements be budgeted for the Planning & Development Committee.*

**P 2696 Recycling and Environmental Issues**

No issues were raised.

**RESOLVED:** *noted.*

**P 2697 Devolved Powers to Horley Town Council**

The Town Clerk reported that three further meetings with senior Borough Council Officers to discuss the Yattendon Park and Town Centre Cleaning Projects were now in place, and that he would provide an update in due course.

**RESOLVED:** *noted.*

**P 2698 Letters Received**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Action</b>
Fisher German	Esso Petroleum: Fawley – Seisdon Pipeline	16 October 2009	Noted
Mole Valley District Council	Local Development Framework: Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document	30 October 2009	Noted
Mole Valley District Council	Local Development Framework: Built up areas character appraisal Supplementary Planning Document	30 October 2009	Noted
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	Changes to Customer Services Planning Desk and Planning History Searches	23 October 2009	Noted

**P 2699 Diary Dates**

**RESOLVED:** *that items raised be noted.*

**P 2700 Urgent Business**

No issues were raised.

**RESOLVED:** *noted.*

## **Press Release**

- P 2701** Cllr George suggested that a separate Press Release be issued on objections raised regarding the planning application for change of use to the former Mercure Hotel, Povey Cross Road, Horley.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- P 2702** ***RESOLVED: that comments on planning applications be released to the press.***

**Standing Order no 4 was suspended at 9.30 pm and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.**

**Date of next Meeting – 1 December 2009**