

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 10 January 2006 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Kent - Chairman
Diana Andrews
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Mo Goldsmith
Bernard Kendall
Graham Larcombe
Simon Marshall
John Meech
Michael Miller
Andrea Venn
Barry Weston

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 1609 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Mike George be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

P 1610 Declarations of Interest

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

P 1611 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted

Outside Bodies

P 1612 Campaign for Rural England – Reigate & Banstead District

Cllr Chapman reported that he attended the meeting and presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 September 2005

RESOLVED: noted

P 1613 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 13 December 2005

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

P 1614 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 20 December 2005

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

P 1615 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 3 January 2006

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

P 1616 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 7 December 2005– 3 January 2006

RESOLVED: noted

P 1617 Airport Matters

It was noted that comments had been received from Cllr Helyn Clack about her own views of the proposals to expand the Gatwick Express rail service.

RESOLVED: noted

P1618 Fastway

No matters were raised

RESOLVED: noted

Highway Matters

P 1619 Presentation from Mr Roger Archer-Reeves

It was noted that Mr Archer Reeves had had to postpone this evening's presentation and that a new date would be arranged.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1620 Public Footbath Court Lodge – P3624B

The Clerk reported that he had met on site with Cllr George and representatives of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and RB Housing Trust. A joint application was to be made so that the footpath would be diverted outside the scouts' hut.

RESOLVED: that the Council be a joint signatory to the application

P 1621 ***RESOLVED: that the Town Council does not commit any expenditure to the application or any subsequent appeal***

P 1622 Railway Matters

No matters were raised

RESOLVED: noted

P 1623 Planning Committee Public Questionnaire

Cllr Denese Brooke-Harte agreed to draft a response on behalf of the Town Council which would be forwarded to the Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and would be ratified at the next Planning Committee Meeting on 31 January 2006

RESOLVED: noted

P 1624 Reigate and Banstead – Issues and Options Consultation

Cllr Kent agreed to draft a response to the above consultation for ratification at the next planning meeting.

RESOLVED: noted

**P 1625 Mole Valley Local Development Framework –
Shaping the Future – Core Strategy Issues and Options**

RESOLVED: that no response be made

P 1626 Horley Anderson Swimming Pool

Members discussed at length the recent press report on the Borough Council's alleged intention to close the Horley Anderson Swimming Pool in 2008 without a new facility in place.

Cllr Miller stated that he sat on a Borough Council committee which reviewed all leisure facilities and he understood that a confidential report would be made available to the Executive Committee on 19 January 2006. Cllr Miller believed that no decision had yet been made but understood that there was pressure to provide both indoor and outdoor leisure facilities in Horley, especially as Horley had an increasing population and was the only town in the Borough which would have section 106 funding available from the Horley Master Plan. Cllr Miller stated that, in his opinion, Horley should have a "head start" over any other area in the Borough. Other members commented that the alleged comments made by Cllr Kay, regarding K2 in Tilgate, Crawley, were not helpful and that we should seek to obtain Cllr Kay's views on the matter directly. Cllr Diana Andrews believed that the facility of a swimming pool in Horley was absolutely vital as it had particular significance for young people in providing safety, confidence and general fitness.

The Clerk reported that the matter had been covered in general detail in our letter to RBBC sent in November 2005. A reply had been received from Graham Cook, Director of Services to the Community which referred to this important project and stated that the Town Council was a key stakeholder and would be involved in the consultation process. It was agreed that a further letter should be written to Graham Cook to emphasise the Town Council's concerns over the recent press speculation and to ensure a seamless change

P 1626) when the Anderson Centre was eventually closed. It was also requested that further reference should be made to the original options for discussion (namely redevelop Horley Anderson, utilise Oakwood School, and seek clarification of the prospects for the new leisure centre in the Court Lodge grounds now occupied by the football club and lastly the Bonehurst Road site).

Members also agreed that a letter be sent to Cllr Allen Kay to clarify that the costs had been quoted correctly.

P 1627 ***RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Graham Cook, Director of Services to the Community to seek clarification on the above matter and to follow up on the Borough Councils' comments as stated in their letter of November 2005. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)***

P 1628 ***RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Cllr Allen Kay seeking clarification of his views on the recent press article regarding the use of K2 (Crawley) and the need, or otherwise, for wet leisure facilities in Horley. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)***

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Date of next meeting: 31 January 2006