

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 October 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Cllr Eddie Andrews (part)

P 1861 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Diana Andrews and Andrea Venn be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

P 1862 Declarations of Interest

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

Public Forum

Three members of the public attended the meeting and spoke at the Public Forum.

P 1863 A representative of the Horley Sports (Social) Club referred to the proposal by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council to redevelop the Horley Anderson swimming pool and the possible demolition of the Innes Pavilion. It was stated that the Club had not been consulted at any time and did not want to be homeless. The representative was concerned because, despite the lack of any consultation, some of the Club may have to be made redundant which could involve substantial claims. He added that the proposal to transfer leisure facilities to Oakwood School would not suit the Club as there would be licensing issues. The representative also stated that they wanted to work with the Town Council and Borough Council and would look at ways of improving the possible new site as an excellent community facility making full use of environmentally friendly materials.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1864 A second representative of the Horley Sports (Social) Club stated her concern at the placing of the leisure facilities at Oakwood School. She was concerned that there would be child protection issues with so many members of the public close to the school grounds. She noted that very few residents

P 1864) had replied to the questionnaire and was of the view that no notice had been taken of their petition.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1865 A resident of Balcombe Road stated his dissatisfaction at the proposed siting of the leisure centre at Oakwood School. In his opinion there would be considerable problems because of traffic turning off the Balcombe Road. He was also concerned at the increased level of road noise. He referred to flooding issues in that area most notably January 2000 when surrounding areas flooded and the fire brigade had to attend to flooding at Oakwood School. He also referred to the Environment Agency's website which stated that the Oakwood School site was in a high risk area. He added that he failed to understand why the Bonehurst Site had not been selected.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1866 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

No reports were made

RESOLVED: noted

P 1867 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 6 September – 3 October 2006

RESOLVED: noted

P 1868 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the weeks ending 12 September 2006

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

P 1869 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 September 2006

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

P 1870 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 26 September 2006

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

P 1871 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 3 October 2006

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

Ongoing Planning

P 1872 The following notices of planning appeals were received:

Planning Ref. No	Location	Appeal Ref.	Deadline for additional comments
P/06/0662/OUT	Rear 54 Massetts Road	APP/L3625/A/06/2023801/WF	26.10.06
P/06/00289/F	4-8 Limes Avenue	APP/L3625/A/06/2020329/NWF	21.11.06

The Town Council's previous comments will be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED: noted

P1873 Three Cooks Bakery, 18 High Street

Following previous discussions that the above establishment had placed chairs and tables in an opening between the shop and the adjacent charity shop to the left, the Clerk was requested to refer the matter to the Enforcement and Monitoring Manager who had replied as follows:

"We did investigate this matter of outside tables and chairs earlier in the summer. They have been placed on a private forecourt area that is not part of the highway. This is a private matter. We have checked that the use of the shop is still primarily for the sale of bread and cakes by retail, and only very limited food to consume on the premises, at the tables. At this stage we do not think that there has been a material change of use to a cafe, which requires the benefit of planning permission. If circumstances change we will reconsider the matter, and will keep monitoring the premises."

RESOLVED: noted

P1874 Qube Bar, 167 Victoria Road

Following concerns about the above establishment breaching planning regulations, it was noted that the Enforcement and Monitoring Manager had replied as follows:

"We are currently progressing the authorisation and service of an Enforcement Notice, as they do not appear to have lodged any appeal against the refusal of planning permission and are continuing to trade."

It was understood that an appeal had since been lodged.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1875 Railway Matters

The Clerk reported that, following complaints made by local residents, he had been in touch with Surrey County Council regarding the areas of land to the

- P 1875)** rear of Horley Rail Station. Surrey County Council had stated that these areas were in need of improvement and that a programme to be funded by the County Council would significantly improve the areas in question. Plans were still at an early stage but it was hoped that an SCC officer would be able to address the Town Council towards the end of this year.

RESOLVED: noted

Highway Matters

- P 1876** **Surrey County Council's Diversion Order for the Public Bridleway 373 (Horley)**

It was noted that Surrey County Council had served notice on the Town Council with regard to the above diversion. Representations or objections would have to be made no later than 23 October 2006.

RESOLVED: that no objections be made to the above Notice

- P 1877** **Letter to Surrey Council – Highway Concerns**

It was noted that a reply had been received from Nick Skellett, Leader of Surrey County Council in response to our letter of 31 August, expressing our dissatisfaction with highway matters.

RESOLVED: that the response, as appended to these minutes, be noted

- P 1878** **Other Highway Matters**

The Clerk reported that he had liaised with a resident from Smallmead regarding the state of the footway. He added that this matter had been referred to Surrey County Council for action.

RESOLVED: noted

- P 1879** **Air Quality Presentation**

The Committee reviewed the presentation made earlier that evening by the Borough Council's Air Quality Officer, Leon Hibbs. Members commented that the presentation made, what is a complex subject, seem relatively comprehensible.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to Leon Hibbs

- P 1880** **Review of Leisure Centre Provision**

Members considered the informal briefing given by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on 3 October and the recommendation being made to the Executive Committee on 11 October. There were various comments made on the proposals, some members considered that the Bonehurst Road site, the Town Council's preferred location, was still the best option. Although the Borough Council had dismissed this option because of planning and highways concerns, members believed that these issues were not insurmountable. Some members commented on the Oakwood School recommendation and expressed concerns about access and safety because of the potentially

P 1880) increased traffic. Other members also commented that the amount of Section 106 funding appeared to be insufficient. Standing Order 16 (d) was invoked to allow members of the public to clarify specific matters

After further discussion a vote was taken to follow an agreed course of action.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be authorised to write to the Borough Council to seek clarification:

i) on the financial analysis

ii) on flood risk concerns at Oakwood School

iii) on SCC's ability to fully commit to the Oakwood project

P 1881 Horley Town Centre Task Group

It was noted that the Group had met on 3 October. Members who were present at the meeting commented that progress appeared slow. Concerns were expressed about Surrey County Council's possible change of strategy on the location of the library. The Clerk added that it was anticipated that the Town Centre plan would be adopted next month.

RESOLVED: noted

**P 1882 Partial Review of South East Plan –
Provision for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites**

It was noted that the date for the receipt of the Town Council's response was now 20 October. Cllr Chapman stated that he would prepare a draft response by this date, for ratification at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: noted

**P 1883 Minerals and Waste Development Statement of
Community Involvement**

RESOLVED: that receipt of the above Statement be noted

P 1884 West and North West of Crawley – Joint Area Action Plan

RESOLVED: that receipt of the consultation documents be noted

P 1885 Letters Received

From	Topic	Date Received	Response sent
Home Office	Police Mergers	20.9.06	n/a
SCC	Annual Passenger Transport Assembly	22.9.06	n/a
RBBC	Examinations into Surrey Waste Development Plans	21.9.06	n/a
Mole Valley DC	LDF	2.10.06	n/a
Southern Railway	Southern Stakeholder Brief	30.9.06	n/a
Gatwick Greenspace Partnership	Tanyard Pond Update	29.9.06	n/a
Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd	Land owner briefing 2006	29.9.06	n/a
Gatwick Airport Conservation Campaign	Notice of AGM on 15.11.06	22.9.06	n/a

RESOLVED: noted

P 1886 Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on all recent planning applications be announced in the next press release

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting: 31 October 2006