

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 16 May 2006 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
Andrea Venn

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Cllr Maureen Goldsmith

P 1727 Appointment of Committee Chairman (Cllr Miller in the Chair)

Cllr Denese Brooke Harte proposed and Cllr Mike George seconded that Andrew Kent be nominated as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Andrew Kent be elected Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

Cllr Kent in the Chair

P 1728 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1729 Declarations of Interest

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

P 1730 Appointment of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr Larcombe proposed and Cllr Miller seconded that Cllr Diana Andrews be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Diana Andrews be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

P 1731 Public Forum

Limes Avenue A representative of the Limes Avenue Action Group presented a petition from local residents, urging the Town Council to object to planning application P/06/00029/F (4-8 Limes Avenue – demolition of three dwellings and erection of two apartment buildings). The representative referred to the new development as being out of character and highlighted the lack of flood risk assessment and inadequate car parking. He also questioned the need for retirement homes in that location. The Chairman thanked the nominated speaker and said that his views would be taken into account when the council considered their comments.

Court Lodge Infants School A representative of Horley Baptist Church requested that Horley Town Council object to planning application P/06/000657/OUT (demolition of existing school buildings and residential redevelopment). It was explained that the application was from the Horley Baptist Church and that they were seeking a refusal, to enable the area to be protected for future community use. The representative said that, in his opinion, the decision would be a deterrent to any future developers and it would support the Community provision in the Local Plan. The Chairman thanked the contributor and said his views would be taken into account when considering the application. Residents from Court Lodge also spoke against the application and advised that a petition was currently being drawn up.

Green Week A spokesman for the Crawley Observer requested that Horley Town Council enter into the spirit of the Green Week, which the newspaper was promoting from 24 - 31 May. It was noted that a letter would be forwarded to the Town Council so they could consider the matter in more detail at next week's Leisure & Amenities Committee.

RESOLVED: noted

Matters Arising

P 1732 Footpath Diversion - Horley Anderson Centre P1716 18 April 2006

It was noted that a letter of consent to the above diversion was submitted to Reigate & Banstead on 5 April 2006.

P 1733 Surrey Police Merger with Sussex Police P1721 18 April 2006

Cllr Mike George said that he understood that responses to the Consultation to the merger could now be made by Town and Parish Councils. The committee agreed to make a response by August 2006 (Cllr George agreed to prepare a draft response).

RESOLVED: noted

P 1734 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies Reporting to the Planning & Development Committee

**RESOLVED: that the appointments be approved
(Details are appended to the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2006)**

P 1735 Outside Bodies

No reports were submitted

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1736 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 18 April 2006

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

P 1737 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 25 April 2006

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

P 1738 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 2 May 2006

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

P 1739 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 9 May 2006

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

P 1740 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 12 April – 9 May 2006

RESOLVED: noted

P 1741 Ongoing Planning Matters

Town Council's responses to planning applications

Following earlier comments at the Full Council meeting of the 9 May 2006, the committee agreed that the Town Council's responses to planning applications would, in future, be e-mailed to those Borough Councillors representing Horley wards.

RESOLVED: that planning comments be forwarded to all Borough Councillors with an accompanying explanation.

P 1742 Green Issues Presentation

The Committee considered the presentation given by the Green Issues Consortium on 9 May 2006. It was noted that Green Issues Communications were working with the Horley North West consortium - Persimmon Homes, David Wilson Homes, Miller Homes and George Wimpey. Members of the Committee generally thought the Consortium had not listened to a number of requests made earlier. Further comments were made about the inadequate transport provisions, the unsatisfactory design of roads above the flood plain and the inadequate access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Kent agreed to draft a letter to DEFRA to expressing concerns regarding the volume of water usage, etc.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to DEFRA, with a copy to Peter Ainsworth MP, expressing this council's concerns

P 1743 Fastway Bus System (North West Sector)

The Committee expressed various concerns about the proposal in particular the width and access of the roads used.

RESOLVED that the Fastway Liaison Group meet with Surrey County Council

Airport Matters

P 1744 *RESOLVED: that Cllr Kendall's report of the meeting with the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee be noted. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

P 1745 *RESOLVED: that receipt of the May newsletter of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) be noted*

P 1746 *RECOMMEND: that payment of £10, being the annual subscription to GACC, be referred for approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.*

P 1747 Railway Matters

No new matters were reported.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1748 Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded a portfolio of photographs illustrating the highway defects in Massetts Road. Surrey County Council had conducted a further investigation and had replied that none of the defects exceeded the guidelines for further repair at this time. It was noted that the matter would be kept under review by Surrey County Council.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1749 Public Bridleway No 373 – Proposed diversion

RESOLVED: that no objections be made to the proposed diversion

P 1750 Consultation on the South East Plan

The committee agreed to respond to the above plan. It was noted that 23 June 2006 was the deadline for responses.

RESOLVED: noted

**Horley Town Centre Regeneration
Masterplan and Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

P 1751 *RESOLVED: that the response previously sent to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on 8 May 2006 be ratified. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

P 1752 *RESOLVED: That the response of the Horley Town Centre Management Group be noted. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

P 1753 Surrey Minerals Plan Review – The Preferred Option Consultation

RESOLVED: that no response be made to the above consultation document

P 1754 Tandridge Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Preferred Option and Affordable Housing Preferred Options – Regulation 26 Consultation

RESOLVED: that no response be made to the above consultation

P 1755 West Sussex County Council – Statement of Community Involvement: First Review preferred option

RESOLVED: that no response be made to the above consultation

P 1756 Letters Received

Topic	From	Date Rec'd	Response to be sent
Green Week	Crawley Observer	16 May 2006	Reply sent 17 May 2006

RESOLVED: noted

P 1757 Press Release

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

Standing Order 9 was suspended at 9.30 p.m

Meeting closed at 9.58 pm Date of next meeting: 13 June 2006