

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 June 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)
 Paul Avis
 Richard Bethell
 Denese Brooke Harte
 Jack Chapman
 Simon Marshall
 Richard Olliver
 Veronica Snowball
 Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

Cllrs Graham Knight
 Mo Goldsmith

P 2559 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

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

P 2560 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2561 Public Forum

Although a member of the public was in attendance, no comments were made.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2562 Approval of Minutes

Planning and Development Committee - 19 May 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 2563 Outside Bodies – CPRE, Reigate & Banstead Branch

Cllr Jack Chapman reported that he had attended an informal meeting of the above body. Discussions had taken place on the North East and North West Sectors. It was noted that a set of minutes would shortly be available and would be circulated to the committee.

RESOLVED: *noted*

P 2564 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 13 May – 9 June 2009

RESOLVED: *noted*

P 2565 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 May 2009

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

P 2566 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 26 May 2009

It was noted that there were no applications for Horley.

RESOLVED: *noted,*

P 2567 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 2 June 2009

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

P 2568 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 9 June 2009

It was noted that there were no applications for Horley.

RESOLVED: *noted,*

P 2569 North East Sector

The Chairman reported that, following the previous committee meeting, he had made several enquiries. He had contacted Dr Andrew Kent, a former Chairman of the Town Council's Planning Committee who had drafted the comments on the North East Sector for submission to the Borough Council. In addition all responses sent to the Borough Council had been checked and verified. It was concluded that the Town Council had raised no objections to residents from the North East Sector - Acres Estate having access to Langshott but had commented in October 2007:

P 2569) *“... further consideration is needed for access to Horley Town or southerly travel. Although tempting to send all traffic onto the new link road in the northerly direction to join the A23, we have concerns that residents might be deterred from going to Horley Town centre for shopping ...”*

It was felt that there was no point in pursuing the access matter any more but to concentrate on working on future highway controls. Cllr Denese Brooke Harte felt that residents who had originally been consulted were confused that access had been allowed into Langshott and expressed concern that the wording in the Decision Notice was misleading and that this should be pointed out to the Borough Council. The Committee concluded that the Decision Notice was badly worded and that this should be reported to the Head of Planning at the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk write to the senior Planning Officer to express this Council's concerns. (A copy of the letter is appended.)*

P 2570 Airport Matters

Members noted receipt of the minutes of the GATCOM meeting held on 20 April and were informed that the next meeting was due to take place on 23 July.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 2571 Railway Matters

It was reported that the meeting with members of Southern Railway was likely to take place on 29 September 2009. It was further noted that Govia (Southern Trains Limited) had retained the South Central rail franchise until July 2015.

P 2572 Subway under railway

The Clerk explained that Mr McAllister, a local resident, had written to the Town Council to express his concerns over safety issues in the subway, following recent incidents. His comments were noted by the Committee. Cllr Olliver added that he attended a meeting of the Access group earlier in the day and had taken on board the worries of members of the Group, with regard to the subway. They were concerned about problems with cyclists now that the access gates had been removed and the subway entrance opened up, as well as having other general concerns about the subway. It was noted that Cllr Olliver was now liaising with the Borough Council on these matters.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk request further information from the Borough Council and from Network Rail.*

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The Clerk reported that he had met the technical manager of Siemens plc who was preparing a quotation for work required for a CCTV scheme. It was noted that this information had been submitted to the Borough Council's Community Safety Manager.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 2574 Highway Matters

The Committee discussed various issues of the Phase One work in Victoria Road and Consort Way. There was some concern over the subsidence in Victoria Road, where the Highways Division of Surrey County Council had had to undertake emergency works prior to the start of the planned work. It was understood that Thames Water had been involved with the subsidence issues. It was noted that the Phase One works included raising the table at the Junction of Consort Way and installing dropped kerbs and a pedestrian crossing etc.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2575 Reigate & Banstead Core Strategy Examination

It was noted that the Programme Officer had written to advise that, following the Exploratory Meeting in May, the Borough Council was due to undertake further work in response to the Inspector's concerns. As a result of this, the pre hearing meeting would now be taking place towards the end of October and the hearing sessions no earlier than December. It was noted that precise dates would be received in early September

RESOLVED: noted

P 2576 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council – Corporate Plan 2009-2012

The response to the Corporate Plan, drafted by Cllr Mike George, was approved for submission to the Borough Council.

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

P 2577 Surrey Police Authority's Budget Cuts

Members noted receipt of the fact sheet regarding budget cuts. The Committee agreed to sign the petition to request the Government to reverse its decision to cap Surrey Police Authority and to increase realistic long term funding to address cross border funding and make amends for a decade of cuts.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council sign the online petition

P 2578 Devolved Powers to Horley Town Council

The Clerk gave a brief update on recent meetings with the Borough Council

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2579 Recycling and Environment Issues

Members were reminded that Cllr Fiona Stimpson had previously suggested that the Borough Council advise residents by text and email of forthcoming refuse collections. The Clerk told members that he had been in touch with the Borough Council and had been informed that, currently, their computer

P 2579) systems would not accommodate this, however the suggestion would be considered when planning future enhancements to the system.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2580 Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on planning applications be released to the press

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Date of next Meeting – 14 July 2009