

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 19 May 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 Carol Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)

P 2533 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr Marshall in the Chair)

Cllr Paul Avis proposed and Cllr Fiona Stimpson seconded that Cllr Mike George be elected as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations for the post.

RESOLVED: that, following a show of hands, Cllr Mike George be elected Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

P 2534 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Olliver and the Clerk be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

P 2535 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2536 Appointment of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr Jack Chapman proposed and Cllr Simon Marshall seconded that Cllr Paul Avis be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations for the post.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Paul Avis be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/2010

Public Forum

P 2537 Horley NE Sector

Cllr Denese Brooke Harte addressed the Council in a personal capacity. She explained that she had taken specific interest in the passage of transport to and from the new estate when acting as a member of the Town Council's Transport Sub-Committee. She explained that the Sub-Committee had considered parking matters, buses etc and, in particular, had emphasised

P 2537) that the new link road to the A23 road must be constructed first to allow cars to access the new estate. Cllr Brooke-Harte stated that she had received many complaints from residents living on the Langshott estate who were angry and she added that she felt that the Borough Council had broken its promise and was allowing Langshott to be blighted by traffic from the new estate, when she had sincerely believed that only buses would be allowed access to or from the estate, via Langshott Lane..

RESOLVED: noted

P 2538 Railway Subway

Mr Neil McAllister addressed the Council regarding his concerns about public safety in the underpass from the High Street to Station Road. He spoke of his concern after an attack in March when a woman was robbed in the tunnel. Mr McAllister urged the Council to support his petition so that important enhancements could be made such as CCTV, better lighting, white paint on walls, improvement to drains, mirrors at blindspots.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2539 The Chairman thanked both Cllr Brooke Harte and Mr McAllister for their contributions and advised that both matters would be considered by the Town Council later.

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 2540 Approval of Minutes
Planning and Development Committee - 21 April 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 2541 Appointments to Sub-Committee and Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: that the appointments be approved (details are appended to the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2009)

P 2542 Outside Bodies

No reports were made

RESOLVED: noted

P 2543 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 15 April to 12 May 2009

RESOLVED: noted

P 2544 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 21 April 2009

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

P 2545 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 28 April 2009

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

P 2546 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 5 May 2009

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

P 2547 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 12 May 2009

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

North East Sector

P 2548 The meeting considered the address by Cllr Denese Brooke Harte at the Public Forum. It was noted that Cllr Olliver had made his own researches and had concluded that it was his understanding that, as far as the roads and bus layouts for Lanshott were concerned, plan ref: P/04/01778/DET13 showed the junctions in Phase 1 and the right and left turns in Phase 2. All junctions in Phase 1 were fully accessible and had only 'Give Way' signs. He believed that the misunderstanding was in the Decision Notice which mentioned 'Bus Only' access to Langshott in one of the summary pages but also mentioned access roads. He agreed that the paragraph was not at all clear.

RESOLVED: that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee so that the matter can be further clarified with Borough Council Officers.

P 2549 Cllr Miller stated that he understood that the developers were expecting to bring forward the building of the community centre and shops.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2550 Airport Matters – GATCOM Meetings and Updates

The committee received a brief update on the GATCOM meeting held on 20 April 2009 and reviewed the minutes of the meeting. (Headline notes are appended.)

- P 2550)** It was noted that BAA had applied to the Competition Appeal Tribunal to seek a review of the decision of the Competition Commission which had required BAA to sell three of its seven UK airports within two years.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2551 Railway Matters

Members again discussed the revised timetable. It was believed that Gatwick Railway station was taking priority over other railway stations and that there was further disruption caused by the Gatwick Express changes which meant that the train now continued to Brighton at certain times of the day. Members believed that the overall impact was that there were now less trains stopping at Horley.

RESOLVED: that a representative of Southern Rail be requested to attend a future meeting to explain recent decisions.

P 2552 Highway Matters - Surrey County Council Legal Event Order

It was noted that, in their letter dated 29 April 2009, Surrey County Council had advised that the above order was sealed on 25 March and contained amendments to the definitive map and statement of rights in the Parish following events and Legal Orders confirmed since the previous update.

RESOLVED: noted

Devolved Powers to Horley Town Council

- P 2553** Members noted that a statement of Joint Working between Horley Town Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council had been approved by the Borough Council's Executive on 23 April and that the Town Council would consider the matter at its Annual Meeting in May.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 2554** It was noted that, with regard to the Horley Saturday Market, the Clerk was discussing the matter with Borough officers with a view to the Town Council taking the market over by mid-July.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2555 Recycling and Environment Issues

It was suggested that the Town Council contact the Borough Council to discuss initiatives, such as text messages and e mail, which are used by other councils to remind residents of collection days.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2556 Letters Received

From	Subject	Date Received	Action
RBBC	Corporate Plan Consultation	11 May 2009	Cllr George to attend meeting and place response on next agenda

RESOLVED: noted

P 2557 Urgent Business for Inclusion on Future Agenda

RESOLVED: that an item about the Railway Subway be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Committee (16 June 2009)

P 2558 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next Meeting – 16 June 2009