

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 28 February 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Kent - Chairman
Diana Andrews
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Mike George
Graham Larcombe
Simon Marshall
John Meech
Barry Weston

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 1649 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Michael Miller, Richard Olliver and Andrea Venn be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.)

Declarations of Interest

P 1650 The Clerk reported that the reason for Cllr Kendall's Declaration of Interest of 10 January 2006 regarding Planning Application P/05/01459/CU ("was previous occupant") should have read "proximity to property".

RESOLVED: that the signed copy of the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on 10 January 2006 be amended accordingly.

P 1651 ***RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest, as appended to these minutes, be noted.***

P 1652 Public Forum

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1653 Highways Matters – Presentation by David Stempfer, SCC Local Transportation Manager

Standing Order 17e was invoked to allow the following presentation.

David Stempfer, Local Transportation Manager, delivered a brief presentation on the work of the Highways Department. He was assisted by Steve Williamson, Principle Engineer.

Mr Stempfer outlined the general points provided by the objectives stated in

P 1653) the Provisional Second Local Transport Plan (LTP) for the next five years. It was explained to members that he has to adhere to its five main issues – congestion, accessibility, safety, environment and maintenance.

It was noted that, In delivering any service, the impact would be equitable throughout the county. A number of points were raised which included questions on concerns about any cost cutting which for instance might impact on the level of inspections. Mr Stempfer assured members that, although there was indeed a programme of rationalisation throughout SCC, the work of the front line services would be unaffected. A brief update was given on the 2006 programme including the Controlled Parking Zone project for the Gardens Estate; resurfacing at the Kings Head crossroads; Meath Green Lane resurfacing and work on Victoria Road and Lumley Road.

A number of other matters were raised such as concerns at the Horley Row pedestrian crossing and at the Shell Garage roundabout where there were worn painted markings, poor signage and a clutter of posts no longer used or sawn off. Mr Stempfer explained that projects had to go through various stages of road safety audits and added that he would be studying these before he could comment further.

RESOLVED: noted

Matters Arising

P 1654 Comments on Gatwick Express P 1617

It was noted that Cllr Helyn Clack had forwarded comments on the Strategic Railways Proposals to expand the Gatwick Express rail service.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1655 Diversion of footpath Thornton Close P 1620

Cllr Mike George reported that the matter was progressing with the various authorities.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1656 Public Forum – Queries Raised by Local Resident P 1631

It was noted that Reigate and Banstead Borough Council had replied to the queries raised by a member of the public.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1657 Southern Railway P 1643

It was noted that Southern Railway had advised that they would be relocating the timetables to the footbridge so that they were available 24 hours a day.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1658 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

Cllr Denese Brooke-Harte reported that she had received the minutes of the East Area Passenger Transport Forum and that these had previously been available on the Members' Bulletin.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1659 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 31 January 2006

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

P 1660 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 7 February 2006

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

P 1661 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 14 February 2006

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

P 1662 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 21 February 2006

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

P 1663 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 25 January 2006 – 21 February 2006

RESOLVED: noted

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 1664 The Clerk brought the following issue to Councillors' attention:

P 1665 P/04/0173/F and P/05/01391/F – Milford Homes Development, Station Road. It was noted that the Appeal would take place on the 23 March 2006 at Reigate Town Hall.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1666 Cllr Jack Chapman requested further information on planning application P/05/0074/F regarding the development at the Shell Garage roundabout.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk investigate further.

P 1667 Airport Matters

RESOLVED: *that receipt be noted of 'Two Years On' a BAA Progress Report.*

P 1668 Fastway

No business was discussed.

RESOLVED: *noted*

Railway Matters

P 1669 RESOLVED: *that receipt be noted of Southern Stakeholder Brief*

P 1670 RECOMMEND: *the renewal of the annual subscription of £3 to the Reigate, Redhill & District Railways Users Association be recommended to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval.*

P 1671 Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM)

Members were informed that, the Secretary of GATCOM had advised that in future that all agenda would be sent out by e-mail.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 1672 RESOLVED : *that receipt be noted of Cllr Graham Larcombe's report of the GATCOM meeting held on 2 February 2006. (A copy is appended to these minutes.)*

P 1673 Horley Design Guide and Infrastructure – Supplementary Planning Documents

It was noted that Reigate and Banstead Borough Council had advised that the two SPDs referred to above had now been adopted and that copies of both documents would be provided shortly.

RESOLVED: *noted*

P 1674 Mole Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy

It was noted that the above consultation being conducted by the Environment Agency required a response by the 31 March 2006.

RESOLVED: *that the matter be referred to the meeting of 21 March 2006 for the preparation of a response*

P 1675 Letters received

From	Subject	Date
Surrey Wildlife Trust	Audience Survey – deadline 20 February	23 January 2006
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	Statement of Community Involvement – submission to the Secretary of State. Deadline for	22 February

	responses 4 April 2006	
Guildford Environmental Forum	Invitation to working group meeting on 13 March at Guildford BC offices	28 February 2006
Martin Oakes	Local Authority Survey – deadline for responses 10 March 2006	25 February 2006
Mole Valley District Council	LDF – Statement of Community Involvement Written Representations Examination	17 January 2006
SCC	Surrey Waste Plan Consultation of Additional Sites – deadline 10 April	23 February 2006

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1676 Urgent Business – Water Shortage

The Town Clerk referred to an e-mail from the Sutton and East Surrey Water plc in which they requested that all councils in the area adopt restraint in how they use water during the current drought period. The e-mail further stated that the Water Board may apply for a drought order which would put a direct restriction on commercial watering facilities. It was agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next available meeting for a decision.

RESOLVED: the matter be referred to the Leisure & Amenities Decisions Sub-Committee

P 1677 Press Release

RESOLVED: that the following items to be covered in the next press release:

- i) Comments on all recent planning applications***
- ii) Reference to the presentation on Highways Matters***
- iii) Update on hanging basket provision following the advice from the water company.***

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Date of next meeting: 21 March 2006 at 7.30pm