

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 29 May 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Paul Avis
Richard Bethell
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Janice Gall
Mike George
Michael Miller
Simon Marshall
Richard Olliver
Veronica Snowball
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Rogers
Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 2047 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr Marshall in the Chair)

Cllr Michael Miller proposed and Cllr Jack Chapman seconded that Paul Avis be nominated as Committee Chairman. Cllr Denese Brooke-Harte proposed and Cllr Richard Olliver seconded that Mike George be nominated as Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: that, following a show of hands, Cllr Paul Avis be elected Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

Cllr Avis in the Chair

P 2048 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2049 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2050 Appointment of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr Michael Miller proposed and Cllr Denese Brooke-Harte seconded that Mike George be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mike George be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008

P 2051 Public Forum

Mr Simon Court requested an update on the Horley Master Plan. Cllr Michael Miller (also Chairman of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's Planning Committee) commented that work on the North East Sector was due to start in the next few months. It was noted that applications for the North West Sector were still awaited.

RESOLVED: noted.

**Adoption of Minutes
Planning and Development Committee 10 April 2007**

P 2052 Cllr Mike George requested that the following amendment be made to Minute P2042: "Members noted that the remit of the Task Group had now been expanded to include the North East and North West Sectors".

RESOLVED: that the amendment be approved.

P 2053 The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, as amended under minute no P 2052, were presented for confirmation by Committee members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee, as amended under minute no 2052, be adopted

P 2054 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies

**RESOLVED: that the appointments be approved
(Details are appended to the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2007**

P 2055 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

No reports were made

RESOLVED: noted

P 2056 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 25 April to 22 May 2007.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2057 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 1 May 2007

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

P 2058 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 8 May 2007

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

P 2059 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 15 May 2007

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

P 2060 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 22 May 2007

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

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 2061 P/07/00747/TPO

It was noted that a report had been received by Malcolm James in relation to trees located in Castle Drive. Mr James recommended that both applications be approved for crown reduction and removal.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

P 2062 Farmhouse Public House, Langshott - Portuguese laurels.

It was noted that a letter had been received from a resident who had expressed his concern at the felling of trees and bushes around the far boundaries of the above public house. Mr James had investigated the matter and in his letter dated 10 May stated that there had been an unacceptable risk to the public, hence the action taken.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

P 2063 Appeal against Enforcement Notice, Fairview, Haroldslea Drive

It was noted that an appeal had been lodged under reference APP/B3600/C/07/2038730 and that the deadline for representations was 1 June 2007.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

P 2064 Appeal by George Wimpey UK Limited and Beazer Homes (Reigate) Ltd. Land at North East Sector Crawley

It was noted that the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government had dismissed the above appeal.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

P 2065 Airport Matters

The Clerk reported that the Environment Information Manager of BAA Gatwick Ltd. had acknowledged our feedback concerning the Noise Insulation Grant Scheme. All feedback was being considered and all representations were to be presented to the Board of Directors in mid-July.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2066 Railway Matters

No reports were received

RESOLVED: noted

P 2067 Highway Matters - Letter to Nick Skellett Regarding Highway Concerns

The Committee considered the response from Mr Nick Skellett, Leader of Surrey County Council, and were unanimous that the response was unsatisfactory. After discussion it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Local Government Ombudsman, subject to further consultation with Mr Olesen the Highways Consultant. It was noted that a number of matters were not being acted upon, e.g. gullies, signage, road conditions and street lamps (all recorded in the Council's log).

RESOLVED: that the action be approved.

P 2068 Haroldslea Hamlet Residents Group

Following representations made at a recent Councillors' Surgery, it was agreed to make representations to the Enforcement Appeal reference APP/B3600/C/07/2038730 (refer also P2061).

RESOLVED: noted

P 2069 Planned Closure of the Keys Youth Centre

The Committee discussed the likelihood of the Keys Youth Centre being closed once the new Youth Centre in the town centre (the Old Fire Station) had been redeveloped. It was agreed to consult the Borough Council and make appropriate representations and to keep the matter under review.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the Borough Council accordingly. (A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.)

Letters Received

P 2070 Draft Rights of Way, Improvement Plans for Surrey

It was noted that Surrey County Council had invited comments from the Town Council on the above. Cllrs Mike George and Paul Avis agreed to draft a response. (Closing date for comments - 13 August 2007.)

RESOLVED: noted

P 2071 Urgent Business

The following items were requested for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee:

- ✍ Implications of planning reform as stated in the recent Government White Paper
- ✍ Request for a Borough Council Planning Officer and Enforcement Officer to provide training sessions for Town Councillors

RESOLVED: that the above matters be placed on the agenda for 26 June 2007.

P 2072 Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on applications and the letter to the Leader of SCC re highways matters, be released to the press.

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

Date of next meeting: 26 June 2007