

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 30 January 2007 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Kent (Chairman)
Diana Andrews
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Mike George
Graham Larcombe
Bernard Kendall
John Meech
Michael Miller
Richard Olliver

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Cllr Bernard Kendall (part)

P 1947 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

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

P 1948 Declarations of Interest

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

Public Forum

Ten members of the public attended and spoke at the Public Forum.

P 1949 A resident of Limes Avenue referred to planning application P/06/02481/F re granny annex to 21 Limes Avenue. He was of the opinion that objections should be raised in view of the misleading aerial view, adverse effect on streetscene, loss of light, flood risk and foul water concerns. The Chairman thanked him for his comments, which he said the committee would find helpful when deciding its response.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1950 A guest house proprietor of Massetts Road spoke in favour of planning application ref P/06/02396/OUT. He explained that revised drawings and design statement had recently been submitted by the applicant to the Borough Council. Copies were handed out to all members. Following an earlier application, it was stated that these new plans addressed height concerns, the 45 degree line and therefore the positioning would not adversely affect neighbouring properties. The Chairman thanked the resident for his comments, which he said the committee would find helpful when deciding how to proceed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1951 A resident of Massetts Road referred to application re P/06/02396/OUT and stated that it would be unfair for the town council to comment on plans which had only been submitted in the last few days and which neither he nor his neighbour had yet seen. Based on the original application, they had written to all town councillors asking for their support in objecting to the application.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 1952 The proprietor of Planet Sweet referred to her planning application for a Change of Use (ref P/06/02121/CU) on 80 Victoria Road from Class A1 to Class A1/A3 Cafe. She explained how, as a local business, she wanted to continue to improve the profile of the town. The proposed take over of the existing Corner Shop and conversion into a café would improve the look and image of the Horley town centre. A number of customers of Planet Sweet and the proprietor of an adjacent shoe shop also spoke in favour of the application.

RESOLVED: noted. (It was subsequently agreed to write a letter of support and this is appended to these minutes.)

P 1953 Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

No reports were made

RESOLVED: noted

P 1954 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 13 December 2006 – 23 January 2007.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1955 Planning Application P/06/02306/OUT, 71 Massetts Road

Following the Special Resolution presented to the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 9 January 2007, members reconsidered comments made on 19 December 2006 with reference to the above planning application. Members debated whether the new information provided by a member of the public (ref P1950) should be taken into account. The Clerk advised that he had been informed by the Case Officer on 29 January 2007 that no revised plans had yet been formally registered with the Borough Council. It was agreed that the existing plans registered on 28 November 2006 should form the basis of any current decision.

RESOLVED: that the previous comments (“no objections”) made on 19 December 2006 be rescinded

P 1956 **RESOLVED: that the Town Council OBJECTS to the above planning application based on (i) overdevelopment (ii) out of character with neighbouring properties (iii) design statement and dimensions stated on plans conflict with each other.**

P 1957 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 December 2006

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

P 1958 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 2 January 2007.

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

P 1959 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 9 January 2007

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

P 1960 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 16 January 2007

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

P 1961 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 23 January 2007

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

Ongoing Planning

P 1962 Betting Licence Applications, Victoria Road

The Clerk referred to pending applications for betting licences at 89 Victoria Road and 123 Victoria Road by two different bookmakers. It was noted that the next hearing had been adjourned until 29 and 30 March and would be held at Dorking Magistrates Court.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1963 The following notice of a planning appeal was received:

Planning Ref. No	Location	Appeal Ref.	Deadline for additional comments
P/06/00133/CU	167 Victoria Road	APP/L3625/A/06/2032842	20.2.2007

RESOLVED: noted

Airport Matters

- P 1964** The Chairman of the Council advised that he had received a letter from Paul Griffith, Managing Director of BAA London Gatwick, advising that, with effect from 1 February 2007, he would be moving to a new post in London and would be succeeded at Gatwick by Mr Andy Flower.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 1965** **RESOLVED: that an introductory meeting be arranged between Mr Flower and the Town Council.**

- P 1966** It was noted that the next meeting of the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM) would be held on 1 February 2007. Cllr Larcombe offered to send in notes of the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted

- P 1967** **Railway Matters**

RESOLVED: that receipt of Southern Stakeholder Brief (January 2007) be noted

- P 1968** **Highway Matters - Reporting Defects**

The Clerk advised that the log of highways defects continued to be updated with comprehensive comments from the SCC Transport Manager, David Stempfer.

RESOLVED: noted

- P 1969** **Surrey Minerals and Waste Development Plan**

It was noted that comments on the above plan had been formally registered.

RESOLVED: that no further comments or representations be made at the Public Examination

- P 1970** **West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

RESOLVED: that no response be made

- P 1971** **Local Government White Paper – “Strong and Prosperous Communities”**

Following a briefing for Councillors held on Tuesday 16 January, it was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council would prepare a draft reply to the above paper for submission to the Dept for Communities and Local Government. The draft would be made available to all members prior to submission.

RESOLVED: noted

P 1972 Letters Received

From	Topic	Date Received	Response sent
Mr Brett	Copy of letter to SCC re Parking Restrictions at Windmill Close	4.1.07	Noted
Mrs McCarthy	Pavement Repairs. Work recently surveyed by Carillion	30.1.07	Noted
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	Public Open Space & Accessibility Appraisal	29.1.07	Closing date for comments 16.2.07
Surrey County Council	Exploring Surrey's Past	29.1.07	Noted
Surrey County Council	Passenger Transport Forums. Next meeting 8.3.07	16.1.07	Split into East and West Forums. Cllrs Olliver and George advised

RESOLVED: noted

The meeting closed at 9.58 pm

Date of next meeting: 20 February 2007