

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 2 December 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Mike George – in the Chair
Paul Avis – part meeting
Richard Bethell
Denese Brooke-Harte
Jack Chapman
Simon Marshall
Michael Miller
Richard Olliver
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 2439 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Janice Gall, Veronica Snowball and Steve Thomas be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).

P 2440 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2441 Public Forum

Simon Court referred to the development work at Langshott (North East Sector) and asked the Committee to note that a kick about pitch was already under water. Mr Court was advised that the work had not yet been completed and that there would be adequate drainage for the football pitches installed. Mr Court also asked the Committee to note that the increasing pressure on railway capacity at Gatwick Airport could possibly be relieved by reopening the Lewes/Uckfield line.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2442 Airport Matters

Cllr Paul Avis reported that he had had requested a meeting with GATCOM and BAA Gatwick representatives regarding issues of airport parking, noise and air quality. It was noted that a meeting was to be held on 3 December with the Chairman of GATCOM and head of Communications at BAA Gatwick. Members were advised that they should advise the Clerk if they wished to attend the meeting. It was noted that a report of the meeting would be made at the next meeting of this Committee on 6 January 2009.

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 2443 Approval of Minutes
Planning and Development Committee 4 November 2008**

The minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by Committee members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be approved.

P 2444 Meath Green Infant School (Minute P 2426)

It was advised that the Town Council's objections to the application by Meath Green Infants school for the erection of a Home Lodge (timber classroom building had been submitted to Surrey County Council. However the letter dated 13 November had advised that planning permission had been granted.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2445 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the list of applications determined for the period 29 October – 25 November 2008

RESOLVED: noted

P 2446 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 4 November 2008

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

P 2447 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 11 November 2008

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

P 2448 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 18 November 2008

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

P 2449 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 25 November 2008

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

P 2450 Ongoing Planning Matters

Planning Ref:	Location	Appeal Ref	Deadline for Additional comments
P/08/00375/F	12 Russells Crescent	08/2089933	24.12.08

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2451 North East Sector

Cllr Mike George gave a brief update on the dialogue he had had with Surrey County Council regarding the infrastructure issues which had been raised by local residents. The appended paper refers to the issues of concern, notably street lighting, cesspits/filter beds, footpaths, verges, spine road/Lakeland junction, groundworks and fields adjacent to Burstow Stream and traffic calming in Langshott Lane. It was agreed that the above matters would be kept under the review of this Committee. Members commented on the current vehicular access to/from Langshott Lane. It was agreed that the matter be clarified with the appropriate authorities for discussion at the next meeting of this committee.

The Committee thanked Mike George for bringing these matters to Surrey County Council's attention.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2452 Public Inquiry re Footpaths Nos 362 (B) and 387 (Horley)

It was noted that notice had been received from Surrey County Council that a Hearing under the Highways Act 1980 Section 119 to consider the above footpaths was to be held at Lesbourne Road Reigate on 17 December. Cllr Mike George agreed to attend the hearing to represent the Town Council's views in favour of the proposed order to divert and extinguish the footpaths. It was noted that the hearing would be contested.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2453 Railway Matters

It was noted that Southern Railways had issued revised timetables to be effective from mid December. The Clerk advised that, following several phone calls from commuters, he had contacted Southern Railway, who had replied that they had put on extra carriages and that there had been a number of timetable changes, which would be reviewed. Members were unhappy that Southern Railways had not consulted widely enough and it was agreed that these points would be made. The Clerk added that the matter would also be raised in the next newsletter.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2454 Highway Matters

It was reported that a meeting would be held with senior officers of Surrey County Council with Councillor Miller and the Clerk in the new year.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2455 Devolved Powers to Horley Town Council

It was noted that a meeting of the Reigate & Banstead Liaison Committee had been held earlier in the afternoon to discuss a draft Partnership Agreement. Members present at the meeting agreed that it had been a positive meeting and confirmed that further discussions would be held in the New Year. The Clerk added that it was likely that the Partnership Agreement would be agreed with the Borough Council shortly and that the Town Council may be able to consider its adoption at its meeting on 17 February 2009.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2456 Recycling and Environmental Issues

It was noted that a presentation was to be made by Borough Councillor Julian Ellacott and the Borough Council's Community Liaison Office prior to the next meeting of this Committee on 6 January 2009.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2457 Horley Regeneration

Members received a report of the recent meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum held on 24 November. It was noted that a number of improvements were planned for Victoria Road under phase 1. These included the incorporation of a pedestrian island and crossings to slow down traffic and improved signage.. It was noted that there was to be a pedestrian crossing outside the Post Office, planters in Massetts Road and all railings were to be retained and refurbished. It was also noted that the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration was to be Cllr Allen Kay.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2458 Press Release

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

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Date of next meeting: 6 January 2009 at 7.45 pm