

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 26 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Paul Avis (Chairman)
Richard Bethell
Jack Chapman
Mike George
Simon Marshall
Michael Miller
Richard Olliver
Veronica Snowball
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance: Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

P 2240 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Denese Brooke-Harte and Janice Gall be accepted, for the reasons as specified in the Attendance Register

P 2241 Declarations of Interest

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

P 2242 Public Forum

A resident requested further information on the progress of the North East Sector. Cllr Miller, in his capacity as Chairman of the Borough Council's Planning Committee gave a response.

(i) He explained that a mock up of the junction of the internal spine road, within the development, as it crosses Meath Green Lane was created at Wray Common Fire Station. He added that this junction had been designed to ensure vehicles were not able to turn left or right out of the development into Meath Green Lane and were therefore prevented from "rat running" on neighbouring lanes. It was noted that the width was to be reduced from 2.8m to 2m.

(ii) Cllr Miller understood that Martin Grant Homes had sold their interest in the North East Sector to David Wilson Homes. The latter had requested revised layouts but had been advised that they would need to submit new planning applications. Currently only the Wates and Barretts construction works were proceeding.

RESOLVED: noted

P 2243 Planning and Development Committee, 5 February 2008

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

P 2243) *RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be approved.*

Matters Arising

P 2244 GATCOM (P 2229)

It was noted that the GATCOM constitution had been obtained, in which it stated that local organisations should be encouraged to attend meetings. It was agreed that a meeting be set up between Council representatives and County Cllr Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2245 Horley Railway Station (P 2231)

The Clerk advised that he had been in touch with Southern Railway regarding the closed waiting rooms. A written reply was expected shortly.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2246 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) – Reigate and Banstead Branch

Cllr Jack Chapman reported that he had attended a recent Committee meeting. It was noted that the secretary, Mr John Rigby, had now resigned as Secretary of the Committee, having moved away from the area. A number of routine matters were discussed. Cllr Chapman also understood that a membership recruitment drive had just been launched.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 2247 Determined Applications

Members reviewed the lists of applications determined for the period 30 January 2008 until 19 February 2008

RESOLVED: noted

P 2248 Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 5 February 2008

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

P 2249 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 12 February 2008

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

P 2250 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 February 2008

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

P 2250) *minutes, be noted*

P 2251 Ongoing Planning

Cllr Jack Chapman requested an update from the Borough's Enforcement Officer regarding the current status of Trentham, Peeks Brook Lane.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk consult the Enforcement Officer

P 2252 Airport Matters

No reports were received

RESOLVED: noted

P 2253 Railway Matters

No reports were received

RESOLVED: noted

P 2254 Highways Matters – Fastway

It was noted that Cllr Mike George had previously requested the status of the Fastway's plans to extend to East Surrey Hospital and onwards to Redhill and whether this route would replace the existing Metro Bus route. The Clerk advised that he was seeking a response from Surrey County Council and hoped to have more information at the next meeting. Cllr Miller said he understood that twelve new buses were being ordered, using Government funding. These would be smaller buses which would better suit Horley's roads and the route would not be the same as the Metro Bus route.

P 2255 Other Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that a meeting was expected to be held with Roger Archer-Reeves and David Stempffer, with Cllr Miller and the Town Clerk representing the Town Council. It was hoped that the schedule of planned highways improvements would be available. In the meantime a meeting was to be held with Cllr Miller and a Community Highways Officer..

RESOLVED: noted

P 2256 Devolved Powers to Horley Town Council

The Town Clerk reported that an initial meeting was to be held with the Borough Council on 3 March 2008.

RESOLVED: Noted

P 2257 Possible Post Office Closures

It was noted that the Town Council's response to the possible closure of the Balcombe Road Post Office had been submitted, along with the Town Council's press release and website announcement. Cllr Miller said he

P 2257) understood that a thousand responses had been made on the petition and that a public meeting was to go ahead at Oakwood School on 1 March, organised by Peter Ainsworth MP. It was expected that a representative of the Post Office would answer questions from the public.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk follow up accordingly

P 2258 **Press Release**

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

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Date of next meeting: 25 March 2008