

## HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 13 February 2024, at 7.30pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs	Hannah Avery*	Lynnette Easterbrook	Martin Saunders*
		Keith Barlow	Mike George	Tom Turner
		Michael Blacker	Jerry Hudson	Steve Wotton
		Victoria Chester*	Cec Hughes*	

\* Absent

\*\*In Attendance Remotely

**Also Present** Rachel Botcherby (Planning Officer)  
Sophie Mandak (Administrative Assistant)

#### **P 7625 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Avery, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Saunders.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

#### **P 7626 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Barlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 04/02120/RM1G (Horley North West Development Meath Green Lane Horley Surrey) due to his role as the Westvale Park Residents Association Chairman and as a resident of Westvale Park.

Cllr George declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application SCC: 2023 = 0170 (Land at Hookwood Waste Management Centre) as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Hudson and Cllr Blacker are members of the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Planning Committee and therefore declared that the views expressed by them at this meeting may change.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

#### **P 7627 Approval of Minutes**

Planning & Development Committee held on 16 January 2024.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee, be approved.**

#### **P 7628 Planning Updates**

##### **Gatwick Airport DCO**

The Planning Officer reminded the Committee of the key dates for the DCO examination which had been circulated previously, for information. It was decided that the Town Council would observe proceedings remotely for the preliminary meeting and Open Floor Hearings and a joining link for each session would be circulated to Members on receipt.

It was further noted that the final deadline for submission of any additional written comments is **12 March 2024**. Members were reminded to give due regard to the formal response already lodged with the Planning Inspectorate by the Town Council to avoid repetition and any additional commentary must satisfy the stated limit.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 7629 Determined Planning Applications**

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period to 11 January 2024 to 8 February 2024.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 7630 Registered Planning Applications**

Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 11 January 2024 to 8 February 2024.

**RESOLVED: That the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be approved.**

**P 7631 Horley Sewage Treatment Works**

It was noted that letters from the Town Council to both Thames Water and the Environment Agency (EA) had been sent. A subsequent response from Thames Water had been formally acknowledged and a further update on the latest sewage overflows was provided by Cllr Barlow. Members were advised that a roundtable meeting with Thames Water had been requested with the key parties to earlier discussions and the details would be confirmed in due course. It was also suggested that an update be considered for inclusion in a future Town Council newsletter and this was agreed.

**RESOLVED: that letters sent from the Town Council to Thames Water and the Environment Agency (EA), be ratified and an update on the current position concerning Horley Sewage Treatment Works be shared in the Town Council newsletter.**

**Horley Subway Update**

**P 7632**

The Planning Officer advised Members that HTC had continued to report any incidences of flooding in the subway to Network Rail (NR). An update from the NR Customer Relations Centre had been received, advising that essential works to replace the pump would be undertaken in April 2024, however an earlier update from the Regional Asset Manager indicated that works would need to be deferred until the ensuing financial year due to constraints and the need to prioritise other remedial works required elsewhere. The information had been shared with the County and Borough Councils who aimed to escalate the matter and press for short term mitigation by the rail company as an urgent requirement.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 7633**

**[SCC Rights of Way \(ROW\) Improvement Plan](#) Survey (Closing Date: 10 March 2024)**

Members considered the survey contents and the questionnaire was completed and submitted to the County Council during the meeting. The feedback received will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new **Rights Of Way Improvement Plan** which will be published later in the year.

**RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Surrey Rights of Way (ROW) Improvement Plan, be approved.**

**Communications Received**

**P 7634**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
Local resident	Concerns regarding planning application 04/02120/RM1G.	29.01.24	Noted and the comments made were shared with the Committee.
Local Resident	Haroldslea Drive junction concerns.	25.01.24	Noted.
West Sussex CC	Post 16 Transport Policy Consultation.	02.02.24	Noted.
RBBC Corporate Plan	Presentation from RBBC	13.02.24	Noted.

**Diary Dates**

**P 7635**

**27 February 2024 - Environment Working Group, 6pm  
12 March 2024- Full Planning Committee, 7.30 pm**

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**P 7636**

**Press Release**

***RESOLVED: that comments on the Planning Application be released to the press and placed on the Town Council website.***

**Meeting closed at 20.52pm**

**Date of next meeting: 12 March 2024**