

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 14 July 2026 at 7.30pm



Present Cllrs Michael Blacker Mike George Martin Saunders
Lynnette Easterbrook Jerry Hudson Tom Turner

Also Present Joanna Stay (Planning and Support Officer)
Sophie Mandak (Administrative Officer)

P 8168 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies received from Cllrs Hughes, Mearing and Wotton, be accepted.

P 8169 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

It was declared that as Cllrs Blacker and Hudson are members of the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Planning Committee, the views expressed by them at the meeting may change.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8170 Approval of Minutes

Planning and Development Committee held on 9 June 2026.

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

P 8171 Planning Updates

There were no updates to report.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 8172 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Planning Officer gave the following updates:

- Mike Humphrey was re-elected as Chair and Mike George was re-elected as Vice Chair until April 2027.
- Ideas were considered for promoting the town's shops and businesses during the Delivering Change project. A loyalty card and treasure trail were suggested, as well as a reminder of the 20-minute free parking and free parking after 6pm and on Sundays/Bank Holidays.
- A food fair in the town was also discussed to coincide with the re-opening of the High Street and precinct and a Gourmet Week where hospitality establishments in the town could promote their business one night per week with a special offer.

Cllr Saunders suggested to ask RBBC to post separate social media comms for the 20-minute free parking and promoting the town centre businesses instead of in one post, to have more impact on each point. It was also suggested to enquire how much RBBC receive from one hour parking fees per year and consider HTC covering the cost to encourage residents into the town.

RESOLVED: noted.

Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Cllrs Blacker, Easterbrook, George, Hughes, Hudson, Mearing, Saunders, Turner, Wotton

P 8173 Accessibility Horley Committee

It was noted that there has been no recent meeting and the next one will be held the following week.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8174 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 5 June to 9 July 2026.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8175 Registered Planning Applications

Planning Applications received from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council for the period 5 June to 9 July 2026.

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 8176 Planning Appeals

[25/01024/TPO/AP](#) - Wetheral, 6 Upfield, Horley, Surrey RH6 7JZ – appeal dismissed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8177 Ongoing Planning Matters

There were no ongoing matters to report.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highways and Transport Matters

P 8178 Crossoak Lane and Orchard Drive Junction: It was noted that a letter has been sent to Surrey Highways requesting a review of the junction at Crossoak Lane and Orchard Drive and suggesting a mini roundabout be installed.

RESOLVED: that a letter sent Surrey Highways regarding the dangerous road layout at the Crossoak Lane and Orchard Drive junction, be ratified.

P 8179 Safety concerns at Westvale Park/Meath Green Lane Crossing with Webber Street and Hoadley Road

It was noted that HTC has received copies of communications from Chris Coghlan MP's office to and from Surrey Highways, Surrey Police and the consortium regarding the junction of Meath Green Lane, Webber Street and Hoadley Road. Recommendations from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit were also shared, with suggestions to improve the junction by installing additional signage, clearing foliage to improve the visibility of the junction, installing contrasting central road surface colour and a raised road table.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8180 Any Other Matters

Street Lights on Adopted Roads

It was noted that confirmation has been received from the Highway Maintenance Team Manager at Surrey Highways that commuted sums are now available from the Transport Development Planning Team to bring all the roads up to an adoptable standard.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 8181 GATCOM

Cllr George reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 July 2026.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8182 GACC Appeal to the Court of Appeal on the Judicial Review on the Northern Runway Project

GACC and CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions) have each lodged separate appeals which will be presented to a judge to review.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8183 SCC/RBBC 'Delivering Change' Regeneration Projects – Horley Town Centre

- The Delivering Change team attended the Horley Carnival and received good feedback regarding the High Street works.
- Phase 8 was due to be completed by 10 July, repaving the junction of Albert Road and the precinct. It was noted that this phase was slightly delayed due to issues with utility pipes and cables during excavation.
- High Street works will continue until the school holidays when the repaving of the junction of Lumley Road and Consort Way East will take place so as not to disrupt the schools.
- It has been requested that the two family parking bays in the Central Car Park near Diana Walk are reinstated to blue badge spaces and to add blue badge bays to the High Street car park when the line markings are repainted once the contractors leave the site.
- The licensing team have made a site visit to the hospitality establishments on the High Street regarding pavement congestion and given advice on applying for a licence.
- Social media messages have been posted encouraging residents to visit the High Street shops and a reminder of the 20 minutes free parking.
- The Neighbourhood Hall Westvale Park transfer is taking place and it is anticipated that the hall will be open by late September/early October. It was reported that concerns have been raised regarding the number of car parking spaces and whether the proposed pub car park could be used to increase capacity.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8184 Morrisons Daily and Post Office Closure, Horley Victoria Square

It was reported that confirmation has been received that the Post Office and Morrisons Daily convenience store in Victoria Square will close on 3 October 2026. The Post Office has confirmed that several applications have been received from its advertisement, which had a closing date of 10 July 2026.

RESOLVED: noted.

Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Cllrs Blacker, Easterbrook, George, Hughes, Hudson, Mearing, Saunders, Turner, Wotton

P 8185 Communications Received

From	Subject	Date	Action
SCC	SCC Ref 2018/0152 Planning application on Horse Hill Well Site, Horse Hill, Hookwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 0HN – Retention and extension of an existing well site, HH1 and HH2 wells, and vehicular access to allow the drilling of four new hydrocarbon wells and one water reinjection well; the construction of a process and storage area and tanker loading facility; new boundary fencing; well maintenance workovers and sidetrack drilling and ancillary development enabling the production of hydrocarbons from six wells for a period of 25 years.	9 June 2026	HTC to check comment from previous application.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8186 Diary Dates

- Tuesday 28 July 2026, 7.30pm - Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8187 Items for future consideration

Road adoption in The Acres.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 8188 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Date of next meeting: 18 August 2026