

**HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 12 December 2006.

**Present:** Councillor M Miller, Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council  
Councillors Mrs D Andrews, E Andrews, Ms D Ashley-Smith,  
T Breen, Mrs D Brooke-Harte, J Chapman, M George,  
G Larcombe, S Marshall, J Meech and R Olliver.

**Also present:** Mr A Jones Clerk to the Council  
Mrs C Fenton Deputy Clerk to the Council

**C 1856 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Mrs S Branwhite, Ms M Goldsmith, J Kendall, A Kent, Mrs A Venn and B Weston be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).***

**C 1857 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest, specific to the meeting.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 1858 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 24 October 2006**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

***RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24 October 2006, including all confidential items, be confirmed and adopted.***

**C 1859 Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, 14 November 2006**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

***RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2006 be confirmed and adopted.***

**C 1860 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 7 November 2006.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

***RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 7 November 2006 be confirmed and adopted.***

**C 1861 Planning & Development Committee, 31 October 2006**

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

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 31 October 2006 be confirmed and adopted.*

**C 1862 Planning & Development Committee, 28 November 2006**

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

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 28 November 2006 be confirmed and adopted.*

**Finance & General Purposes Committee, 21 November 2006**

**C 1863** **RESOLVED:** *that the attendance of Cllr George at the meeting be noted. (The signed copy of the minutes to be amended accordingly.)*

**C 1864** The minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 21 November 2006, subject to the amendment recorded under minute no C 1863, be confirmed and adopted.*

**C 1865 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had represented the Town Council at the following events:

8 November – Opening of Garden of Remembrance  
11 November – Two Minutes Silence in Pedestrian Precinct  
12 November – Remembrance Parade and Service (along with other members).  
24 November – Public Meeting at Regent Hall about Leisure Proposals (along with other members)  
30 November – Brambles Dinner at Crawley Civic Hall  
2 December – Opening of Langshott School Christmas Fayre  
5 December – Surrey County Council Christmas Reception at County Hall  
7 December – Switching on of Christmas lights  
11 December – Horley Learning Partnership Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church

**RESOLVED:** *noted.*

**C 1866 National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**

The Clerk told members that no new information had been received.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Councils (SCAPTC)**

**C 1867 RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 November 2006.**

**C 1868** It was noted that a Special Meeting of the organisation was to be held on 17 January to finalise affiliation fees for 2007/2008. It was noted that a fairly modest increase was expected. Cllr Meech added that other members were welcome to accompany him to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1869 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Leisure Centre Review - Public Meeting in Horley, 24 November 2006**

It was noted that the public meeting had been reviewed at the last meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held in November and that notes of the public meeting had been published.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1870 Christmas Hospitality**

Members were reminded that the event was to be held in the Back Room of the Royal British Legion, following the Town Centre Carol Service, on Saturday 16 December 2006.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1871 Local Government White Paper – “Strong and Prosperous Communities”**

**RESOLVED: that discussion about the White Paper be deferred until the Members’ Briefing has taken place. (Subsequently arranged to take place at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 16 January 2007.)**

**Tree Works**

**C 1872 RESOLVED: that, following a recent Health & Safety Survey, Advanced Tree Services carry out designated tree works at the A23 Recreation Ground for the total sum of £1990 plus VAT. (The work to include the felling of three trees, plus stump grinding, and to be carried out in this Financial Year.)**

**C 1873 RESOLVED: that, following a recent Health & Safety Survey, Advanced Tree Services carry out designated tree works at the Albert Rooms for the total sum of £510 plus VAT. (The work to be carried out in this Financial Year.)**

**C 1874** *RESOLVED: that, following a recent Health & Safety Survey, Advanced Tree Services carry out designated tree works at Michael Crescent Centenary Park for the total sum of £280 plus VAT. (The work to be carried out in this Financial Year.)*

**C 1875** *RESOLVED: that, following a recent Health & Safety Survey, Advanced Tree Services carry out designated tree works at Court Lodge Fields for the total sum of £550 plus VAT. (The work to be carried out in the next Financial Year.)*

**C 1876** *RESOLVED: that consideration be given to the replacement of trees, using substantial native specimens.*

**C 1877 Proposed Sale of the Former Court Lodge Infants School**

Members considered the implications of the proposed sale of the building and site by Surrey County Council. It was noted that County Councillors Kay Hammond and Dorothy Ross-Tomlin would be expressing their opposition to the action at the County Council's Assets Management meeting. It was believed that the nominated Agents had invited the Horley Baptist Church to put in an offer for the site and that the Agents had also been seeking advice from the Borough Council on the status of the area involved.

*RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive and Leader at Surrey County Council, reminding them that this is a designated community site and stressing the need to retain community facilities in West Horley.*

**C 1878 Damaged Fencing to the Rear of the Albert Rooms**

*RESOLVED: that the Contractor ASBIT carry out the necessary repairs.*

**C 1879 Horley Town Centre Christmas Lights**

*RESOLVED: that recent concerns raised be considered at the next meeting of the Town Centre Management Group.*

**C 1880 Surrey Pension Fund**

*RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the 2006 Annual Report.*

**C 1881 Precept 2007/2008**

*RESOLVED: that a Precept of £269,376 be set for the Financial Year 2007/2008, representing £31.90 per Band D Household, and the Borough Council be informed accordingly. (Full details are appended to these minutes.)*

**C 1882 Press Release**

*RESOLVED: that the press release, as appended to these minutes, be approved.*

**C 1883** ***RESOLVED: that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.***

**C 1884** **Relocation of Town Council Offices** **CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent developments.

**C 1885** **Horley Sports (Social) Club** **CONFIDENTIAL**

**C 1886**

Members were updated on recent developments.

**C 1887** **Town Council Estimates and Precept – 2007/2008** **CONFIDENTIAL**

**C 1888**

Members finalised the Town Council's requirements for 2007/2008.

**The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting – 9 January 2007 (Extraordinary meeting)  
13 February (Full meeting)**