

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 22 July 2008 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Councillor J Chapman – Chairman
Councillors R Bethell, Ms J Gall, M George, Ms M Goldsmith, S Marshall, Mrs V Marshall, Mrs S Odds, D Powell, Miss S Rogers and Miss F Stimpson.

In Attendance: A Jones – Town Clerk
Mrs C Fenton - Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte
Cllr M Miller (part meeting)

L 1984 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apology of Cllr S Thomas be accepted (for the reason as specified in the Attendance Register).

L 1985 Declarations of Interest

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

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1986 Public Forum – Bonfire & Firework Display, 1 November 2008

Mr Gordon Massie of the Horley & District Round Table sought the Town Council's permission to hold their annual Bonfire & fireworks Display at the Horley Recreation Ground on 1 November 2008. He explained that the bonfire would be built on the morning of 1 November and would be lit at 6.30 pm, with the fireworks starting at 7.00 pm. He added that there were no plans to have a funfair this year. He requested that the gap in the fencing by Chantry Close be repaired and confirmed that any re-seeding of the bonfire site would be carried out.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Horley & District Round Table be granted permission to hold the annual Bonfire & Fireworks display in the Horley Recreation Ground on 1 November 2008.***
- ii) that the Clerk write to the Round Table Chairman, detailing the Town Council's standard terms and conditions and requesting a £100 deposit to defray any unforeseen expenditure.***

**L 1987 Approval of Minute-
Leisure and Amenities Committee 3 June 2008**

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be approved

Court Lodge Football – Proposals for Additional Pitch and Drainage Works

- L 1988** The Clerk reported receipt of the Pitch Development Action Plan from the Sports Turf Research Institute, explaining that, in the first instance, a topographic survey of the site and subsequently a pitch layout plan would be required, the costs of which would be approximately £2,300 plus VAT. The Clerk added that there may be other initial costs to be met and reminded members that there was an earmarked fund for football pitch development, which currently stood at £25,000. Cllr Miller urged Committee members to approve the expenditure.

RESOLVED: that payment of approximately £2,300 plus VAT to the Sports Turf Research Institute, for a topographic survey and pitch layout plan, be approved.

- L 1989** Cllr George stressed the ongoing need to provide additional parking for footballers and suggested that the possibility of using the hard standing by the Scout Hut for parking be investigated.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 1990** **Town Centre Management Group**

RESOLVED: that Cllr S Marshall be appointed to serve on the Town Centre Management Group, alongside Cllr Mrs D Brooke-Harte and in place of Cllr P Chapman.

- L 1991** **Churchyards Committee**

Cllr George reported that the last meeting of the Churchyards Committee had not been quorate. He added that he had subsequently met with the Committee Chairman to discuss ongoing issues. It was noted that the next Committee meeting was due to take place on 28 July.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 1992** **Youth Matters**

It was noted that the Horley Youth Council planned to hold an event at the Keys Centre on 28 August.

RESOLVED: noted.

Clerk's Grounds Maintenance Report

- L 1993** The Clerk reported that there had been a disappointing service from the Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance team with regard to grass cutting and particularly with regard to the preparation of the town for the South & South East in Bloom judging on 9 July. Thanks were once again recorded to those members (and partners) who had helped prepare the Memorial Gardens for the judging. The Clerk added that several letters of complaint had been sent to Mr Graham Cook, Director of Services to the Community at the Borough Council and it was hoped to meet with Mr Cook and the relevant Portfolio Holder in the autumn. It was noted that the regular monthly meeting with the Area Manager was due to be held tomorrow and that the Council Chairman and Mr Robin Davis of the Borough

Council would also be attending.
L 1993) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 1994 Members were reminded that the Grounds Maintenance Contract with the Borough Council expired at the end of next year and that the re-tendering process would need to take place next summer. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Powell, who had agreed to review the grounds maintenance contract prior to re-tendering.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1995 Playground Inspections

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's playground inspection reports.

L 1996 Annual Playground Inspections

It was noted that the Playground Inspection Company was due to carry out the annual inspections on 24 July.

RESOLVED; noted.

L 1997 Proposals for New Leisure Facilities in Horley

Members reviewed the presentation given earlier by Sarah Groom, the Borough Council's Head of Leisure Services and Kevin Hetherington, who was due to take over from Sarah Groom in September.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Sarah Groom, expressing the views of members on a number of points raised. (A copy of the letter sent and subsequent response are appended to these minutes.)

L 1998 Funfair and Prom in the Park

Members were informed that both events had been well run and had been very successful.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 1999 Tennis Courts Development

The Clerk reported on his recent meeting with a representative of the Lawn Tennis Association, when possible development plans for the tennis courts had been discussed. The Clerk explained that a technical consultant would need to review the courts and that, ultimately, an application for funding could be made to the Tennis Foundation.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2000 Re-lining of Car Park and One Tennis Court, Horley Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: that payment of £425 plus VAT be approved.

New Playground Equipment, Horley Recreation Ground

- L 2001** Members were reminded that quotations for three different groups of equipment had been received from three different playground equipment manufacturers. The Clerk added that £12,000 was in the estimates for this work, as well as an earmarked fund of £7,000 and £1,000 from the Councillors Community Awards (from Borough Councillor Kevin Hagerty) The quotations received were for £17,017, £15,032 and £13,225 (all plus VAT). Photographs of the three options had then been distributed to all local schools and the views of the schoolchildren sought. The option from SMP Playgrounds had proved to be the most popular.

RESOLVED: that SMP Playgrounds be instructed to remove the existing climbing frame at the Horley Recreation Ground and supply and install new equipment (Nexus Core with Bannister Rail and Nexus Tornado Overhead Carousel) for the total sum of £15,032 plus VAT.

- L 2002** It was noted that some of the Matta safety surfacing would need to be lifted / replaced, to enable the old equipment to be removed and the new equipment installed and that the cost of this would be in addition to the above quotation.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 2003** **Fun Day at Court Lodge Fields**

RESOLVED: that, subject to the receipt of necessary paperwork (evidence of public liability insurance cover etc) permission be given for the Southlands Church to use Court Lodge Fields for a Fun Day on 30 August.

- L 2004** **Emlyn Meadows**

Members were updated on the results of the recent consultation with local residents, details of which are appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 2005** **Dumping of Green Waste**

It was noted that residents were leaving green waste on Emlyn Meadows and also that some residents of Hevers Avenue were dropping green waste over the fence into the Horley Recreation Ground. The Clerk agreed to write to the residents concerned.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 2006** **Horley and South & South East in Bloom**

It was noted that both events had been discussed at the recent meeting of the Horley in Bloom Advisory Committee. A copy of the minutes is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2007 Church Road Allotments

It was noted that the judging of the allotments for Horley in Bloom was due to take place on 3 August.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 2008 Bench in Memorial Gardens

RESOLVED: that Mr Wally Jupp be given permission to place a bench in the Memorial Gardens, in memory of his wife, Mrs Doreen Jupp, who had recently died.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting – 23 September 2008