

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 5 March 2013, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)
Celia Austin
Jack Chapman
Richard Oliver
Tony Schofield
Jan Spratt

In Attendance

Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Jan Walsh (Administrative Officer)

Members of the Public Mr G Whitworth
Mr R Stevens
Mr M Burgess
Mr S E Burgess
Mr Austin
Mr S Austin
Mr C Madden (Surrey Mirror)

P 3951 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Marshall, Miller, Powell and Simpson be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register. Cllr Hagerty was absent.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3952 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest, specific to the meeting, neither were there requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED: noted.

Public Forum

P 3953 There were 7 members of the public present during the Public Forum part of the meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3954 Proposed New Runway at Gatwick Airport

Mr Gary Whitworth made representations on behalf of the Gatwick Area Conversation Campaign (GACC) and raised some environmental concerns by local residents on the proposed new runway at Gatwick. He told members that the second runway was likely to almost double the size of the airport, and this would inevitably lead to more aircraft with new flight paths, increased noise levels and pollution as well as more airport road traffic. He said that there were presently around 21,000 employees at the airport, but the total number of jobs provided by GAL, taking into account indirect and induced employment, may reach 41,700. A new runway would be expected to create new jobs and thereby generate a large influx of workers necessitating extra housing, higher demand on hospitals, schools and social services as well as more urbanisation of rural areas. He asked that these observations and statistics be taken under review by the Town Council at the submission stage of the consultation process. The Chairman thanked the speaker for his comments and proposed that representatives of Gatwick Airport Ltd (GAL) should also be invited to provide a separate briefing to the Town Council, in line with the Gatwick Airport Draft Master Plan. It was further agreed amongst members to take the matter forward to the next Full Council Meeting, on 9 April 2013.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk invites GAL representatives to provide a separate briefing to members on the proposed new runway at Gatwick Airport, and the matter also be added to the Agenda of the next Full Council Meeting, on 9 April 2013.

P 3955 Planning Application P/13/00117/HH0 LD: 160 Balcombe Road

A local resident, Mr Austin, referred to the above Planning Application and the proposal for a first floor rear extension to the existing property, over the approved ground floor extension. He summarised a number of his own observations on the design and affect of the above proposed development which he thought to be out-of-character, not in keeping with the local street scene, too close in proximity to neighbouring properties and flood risks. The Chairman thanked Mr Austin for his comments and intended to suspend standing orders to consider these with members at that juncture of the meeting to determine a formal response by the Town Council. However, owing to lack of elevation plans the matter was deferred for further information. (The Planning Application was subsequently reviewed by the Sub-Committee, and it was decided that a formal response of "No objections" would be made.)

**RESOLVED: that the following comments be made regarding Planning Application P/13/00117/HH0 LD - 160 Balcombe Road, Horley:
No objections**

P 3956 Proposed Re-routing of Metropolitan Bus 20', The Acres, Langshott

Mr Rogers' representative expressed the view of local residents on the proposed re-routing of Metropolitan Bus 20' through The Acres, Langshott. He said the need for such a vital bus service in the area had always been fully supported by the local community. However, there were serious concerns about the proposed new exit route from the development via Langshott Lane, which was also regularly used by cyclists, horse-riders and walkers with pushchairs. It was thought that the country lane was much too narrow for the bus to manoeuvre safely and being faced with other oncoming traffic, was also potentially very dangerous. He confirmed that a formal petition had already been started on behalf of residents for consideration by Surrey Highways. The Committee Chairman thanked Mr Rogers' representative for his comments. He stated that the Town Council had already objected to the proposal on a number of occasions, even during the initial planning stages of the development and, after discussing the matter recently with County Cllr, Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, she had conveyed her willingness to meet with residents direct to hear their concerns. Cllr Schofield added that once this had taken place, the matter could then be referred to the forthcoming meeting with Surrey County Council Highways officers to be chaired by the Executive Member, Cllr John Furey.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3957 Approval of Minutes

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

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

Matters Arising

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P 3958 Consultation by Mole Valley District Council on Landscape and Larger Rural Villages

The Clerk stated that Mole Valley District Council had been informed that no comment would be made on their Landscape and Larger Rural Villages Consultation, as it was not relevant to Horley.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3959 Consultation – Planned Sale of Land at Yattendon School

The Clerk stated that a reply letter had been sent to the Chair of Governors at Yattendon School regarding the planned sale of land at Yattendon School, advising that the Town Council could not comment until a formal Planning Application had been registered with the Borough Council. The Committee Chairman said he attended a recent meeting with the School Governors, staff and parents as well as local residents. The school representatives outlined their reasons for the planned sale of land and, in order to accommodate an increased intake of around 30 pupils in the next academic year, an additional new classroom was essential. Surrey County Council had agreed to cover the cost of the new classroom only, but with no additional funding for extra expansion of the hall and other areas, the school would have to re-institute split break/lunch times and separate assemblies, creating a division between the upper and lower school. The concerns of nearby residents to protect ancient trees around the school was duly noted, and that a Planning Application would have to be approved before any further tree works could be undertaken. It was further acknowledged that the Secretary of State would have to sanction the planned sale of land.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 3960 Gatwick Dianond Business (GDB)

Cllr Austin provided members with an update on the last GDB meeting. Following recent controversy on whether the Town Council should continue its membership with the GDB, the Committee Chairman clarified that this would be decided alongside a review of all Outside Bodies at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: that a decision on whether to continue to subscribe to Gatwick Dianond Business be taken, following a review of all Outside Bodies at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

P 3961 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk updated members on the last HTMG meeting. The matters discussed included the formulation of a bid to the Borough Council for up to £50k of funding from the Department of Communities & Local Government (DCLG) High Street Innovation Fund, and a presentation was given by Cllr Schofield on proposals for Horley Business Growth Workshops. The Clerk said he would circulate the minutes of the meeting to members for information.

P 3961) *RESOLVED: that the Clerk issues the minutes of the last HTM Meeting to members for information.*

P 3962 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3963 Deferred Planning Applications

No Planning Applications from previous meetings had been deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3964 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 30 January to 26 February.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3965 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 5 February 2013.

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 noted.

P 3966 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 12 February 2013.

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 noted.

P 3967 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 19 February 2013.

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 noted.

- P 3968** Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 26 February 2013.

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 noted.

Planning Appeals

- P 3969** Planning Appeals Received

The list of planning appeals received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3970** Planning Appeals Determined

The list of planning appeals determined by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

- P 3971** Surrey County Council Ref: RE/P /12/01827 – Britania Rest Ltd
For a new waste reception building, demolition of existing waste reception building and laying of concrete hardstanding area

The Clerk reported that the above Planning Application by Britania Rest Ltd had subsequently been withdrawn by the Applicant.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 3972** Surrey County Council Ref: RE/P /13/00047/CON – Meath Green Junior School – Installation of mesh fencing on school frontage

The Clerk reported that the above Planning Application by Meath Green Junior School to install high welded mesh fencing on the school frontage to Meath Green Lane had been approved.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3973 North East Sector

Cllr Schofield reported that tree works were now underway as part of Phase 3 of the development, with the clearing of trees and turning them into woodchip.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3974 North West Sector

The Clerk informed members that at the last meeting of the Regeneration Forum, it was reported that the developers, Barratts Ltd, had virtually secured part of the land in the North West Sector. The consortium wished to start work on the site as soon as the Section 106 and other outstanding issues had been fully resolved. Reserved Matters Applications would be submitted on the various phases. An informative Powerpoint presentation together with location maps were provided at the meeting, and these would be made available to view on the members' intranet.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk add the Powerpoint presentation by Barratts Ltd on the North West Sector development, to the members' intranet.

P 3975 Town Centre Regeneration

The Clerk gave an update on the last meeting of the Town Centre Regeneration Forum, and the Powerpoint presentation given by Simon Bland on the "Open for Business" study. It was noted that Borough representatives were keen to involve the Town Council in a programme of engagement activities with local business networking and creating new employment opportunities.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 3976 Reigate, Redhill & District Rail Users' Association (RRDRA) - AGM & Annual Subscription

The Clerk gave details of the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 March 2013, at Tanners & Woolpack Halls, Harlequin Centre, Redhill, commencing at 7.30 pm. It was agreed that the annual subscription would be submitted by the Town Council to the Association.

RESOLVED: that payment of £3.00, for the annual subscription to the Association, be approved.

Highway Matters

P 3977 Surrey County Council Highway Bulletin

The latest Highway Bulletin had already been copied to members for information. The Clerk said that more reported faults were being logged online, however the tracking system provided by Surrey Highway System monitor progress was not ideal. The Senior Engineer had been consulted about this and had asked for examples that he could look into the matter further.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3978 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council: Core Strategy

The Clerk reported that the newly appointed Programme Officer for the Core Strategy was Claire Jones Hughes and any comment on the Local Plan Examination could be submitted by Friday, 5 April 2013, details of which can be viewed on the Borough Council's website.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 3979 GATCOM Meeting held on 31 January 2013 - Key Messages and Outcomes from last Meeting

The Clerk advised that the Key Messages and Outcomes from the last GATCOM meeting had been circulated to members and the confirmed minutes would be issued on receipt.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3980 GATCOM Meeting held on 31 January 2013 Consultation by Df on Night Flights (Closing Date: 22 April 2013)

The Committee Chairman said that he had already responded to GATCOM on the proposal made by the Department for Transport (Df) on night flying restrictions at Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted Airports. His comments were that night flights were not an issue with the town's residents at present, and occupiers of the Gardens Estate in South Horley had also reported no disturbance from night flights or ground noise. He would now prepare a draft response to the Df Consultation, for approval at the next Committee meeting. The approved submission from the Town Council would also be sent to the Chairman of the Gatwick Area Conversation Campaign (GACC).

P 3980) **RESOLVED: that the draft response to the Consultation by Diff on Night Flights be approved at the next meeting of this Committee and forwarded to GACC.**

P 3981 **Consultation by Surrey County Council on the South East Street Permitted Scheme (Closing Date: 20 February 2013)**

The Committee Chairman stated that a response to the online questionnaire by Surrey County Council on the Street Permitted Scheme had been sent prior to the closing date, and an acknowledgment was subsequently received from the Communications Team of East Sussex County Council.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation by Surrey County Council on the South East Street Permitted Scheme, as appended to these minutes be ratified.

P 3982 **Consultation by Mole Valley District Council – Green Belt Boundary Review (Closing Date: 28 March 2013)**

Members approved the draft submission prepared by Cllr George on the Green Belt Boundary Review, and this would be forwarded to Mole Valley District Council before the closing date.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the Consultation by Mole Valley District Council on the Green Belt Boundary Review, as appended to these minutes be approved.

P 3983 **Letters Received**

From	Subject	Received	Action
Surrey County Council	Footpaths Nos 546 and 547 – Map Modification Order	14.2.13	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted

P 3984 **Diary Dates**

Mayoral Concert: Faure - Requiem
St Bart's Church, Friday, 22 March, commencing at 8.15pm

RESOLVED: noted.

P 3985 **Urgent Business**

None matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

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RESOLVED: that commentson Planning Applicationsbe released to the pressand placed on theTown Council website.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of next meeting - 2 April 2013