

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Horley Town Council held at the Albert Rooms,
Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present	Cllrs Richard Olliver – Chairman & Town Mayor J Baird J Baker S Banwait H Davies M George J Hudson A Kitajewski L Mabbett Samantha Marshall Simon Marshall Valerie Marshall David Powell H Randall F Stimpson
In Attendance	A Jones (Town Clerk) C Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)

C 3886 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs R Biggs, K Etheridge and D Jackson be accepted, for reasons as specified in the attendance register.

C 3887 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No Declarations of Interest were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 3888 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 3889 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 20 October 2015

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 20 October 2015, including all confidential items,

C 3889) *be approved.*

C 3890 Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, 17 November 2015

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 17 November 2015, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 3891 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 3 November 2015

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

C 3892 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 24 November 2015

RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 3893 Planning & Development Committee, 13 October 2015

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

C 3894 Planning & Development Committee, 10 November 2015

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

C 3895 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended the following:

- Yattendon School Firework Display
- Royal British Legion Poppy Launch at Guildford Cathedral
- Premiere of James Bond film at Harlequin Theatre
- Rebranding of Amhurst House, Court Lodge
- Lighting of Bonfire, Horley Recreation Ground
- Opening of Garden of Remembrance
- Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
- National Two Minutes' Silence, Town Centre Precinct
- Schools' Ceremony, Memorial Gardens (Cllr George attended)
- Crimestoppers' Promotion, Guildford
- AGM of The Acres Residents' Association
- Lighting Christmas Tree with Sam Gyimah MP, Town Precinct
- Christmas Tree Carol Service, Horley Methodist Church
- Town Centre Carol Service & Members' Hospitality

C 3895)

Surrey St John Carol Service, St Bart's Church

RESOLVED: noted.

C 3896

Reports from County Councillors

Members agreed that the earlier presentation by County Cllr Dorothy Ross –Tomlin on the workings of the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee had been very useful. It was noted that the dates of Local Committee meetings would be added to the Members' Bulletin

RESOLVED: noted.

Surrey Police

C 3897

Members considered correspondence received from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey regarding Policing In Your Neighbourhood (PIYN), designed to meet the changing nature of crime and which planned to save £8.3m over the next four years. It was noted that the new model was due to be in place from April 2016. Members expressed concern at the likely reduction in policing numbers and the possible impact on the Neighbourhood Panel Meetings. The Clerk advised that three briefing events were to be held across the Borough and added that Cllrs Olliver and George would be attending the event at Reigate Town Hall on 11 January.

RESOLVED: that a letter be written to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, expressing this Council's concerns about the new Policing Model. (A copy is appended.)

C 3898

It was noted that Lynne Owens, Chief Constable of Surrey Police, would be leaving her post the following day, in advance of starting her new job as Director General of the National Crime Agency in January. Deputy Chief Constable Nick Ephgrave would be leading the Force until a replacement was appointed by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 3899

Horley Town Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Liaison Committee

Members were updated on the meeting held a few days earlier. It was noted that the meeting had been chaired by the Borough Council Deputy Leader Cllr Allen Kay and had also been attended by other Horley based Cabinet members (Cllrs Tony Schofield and Graham Knight). Those who had attended the meeting agreed that it had been very productive. Topics raised had included how best to assist those Horley residents who do not use the internet,

- C 3899)** especially as the Horley Help Shop was no longer in existence, as well as discussion about the possible continuation of some elements of the Devolved Powers Agreement.

RESOLVED: noted.

- C 3900** Bonfire & Fireworks Display, Horley Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:

- i) that the application by the Horley Lions to hold the Bonfire & Fireworks Display at Horley Recreation Ground on 5 November 2016 be approved in principle.**
- ii) that Peter Moxley of the Horley Lions be invited to attend the meeting of the Leisure Committee in January, to discuss the matter in greater detail.**

- C 3901** Horley Edmonds Community Fund

RESOLVED: that the application by the Horley Flower Club for funding to deliver two workshops demonstrating advanced flower arranging be approved in full (£750).

- C 3902** Town Council Estimates and Precept 2016/2017

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be approved and a Precept of £315,882 be set for the Financial Year 2016/2017, representing £35.24 per Band D Household (1.79% increase), the Borough Council to be informed accordingly. (Proposed by Cllr Samantha Marshall, seconded by Cllr James Baird, full details appended.)

- C 3903** Devolved Powers

The Clerk explained that, following discussion about the possible continuation of some elements of the Devolved Powers Agreement at the recent Liaison Meeting, the proposal that the Town Council retain the maintenance of Church Meadows and the Town Centre planting was discussed in greater detail with Borough Council officers Emanuel Flecken and Frank Etheridge, at the December monthly grounds maintenance meeting. The Town Council had been informed that, whilst the Borough Council was happy to accept the proposal, it was only able to contribute £850 per area (£1,700 in total) for 2016/2017, the amount to be reviewed annually thereafter and a simple Legal Agreement put in place. After further discussion the following was resolved:

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Town Council retain the maintenance of Church Meadows and the Town Centre planting.**

- C 3903) *ii) that, for the financial year 2016/2017, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council make a payment to Horley Town Council of £850 per area (£1,700 in total.)*
- iii) that a Legal Agreement be put in place between the Town and Borough Council and the amount paid by the Borough Council be subject to Annual Review.*

C 3904 **Diary Dates**

RESOLVED: that future events be noted.

C 3905 **Press Release**

RESOLVED: that the Budget Speech from the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be released to the press. (A copy is appended.)

Prior to the close of the meeting, the Chairman wished everyone present a very Merry Christmas!

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm. Date of next meeting: 9 February 2016