

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 30 August 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs Mike George – Chairman & Town Mayor
J Baird
R Biggs
J Hudson
D Jackson
A Kitajewski
H Kitajewski
Samantha Marshall
Simon Marshall
Valerie Marshall
R Olliver
F Stimpson

In Attendance A Jones (Town Clerk)
C Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)
Two members of the public

Apologies and Reasons for Absence

C 4024 ***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Baker, Banwait, Etheridge, Mabbett, Powell & Randall be accepted, for reasons as specified in the attendance register.***

Prior to the start of the main business, The Chairman announced the recent sad deaths of Honorary Alderman Eddie Waller and Borough Cllr Mrs Joan Spiers.

C 4025 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllrs Mike George and Simon Marshall declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 22 (recommendations for Town Awards) as the proposed recipient was known to them.

RESOLVED: noted.

Public Forum

C 4026 A member of the public addressed the meeting and proposed that Horley Town Council make a strongly worded statement about hate crime. The resident was concerned that since the Brexit vote, statistics had shown that there were more race related incidents.

Cllr Mike George, stated that the statistics received from Surrey Police showed that hate crimes had been recorded in Surrey as follows:

C 4026)

Hate crimes reported 01/06/2016 – 30/08/2016 = 54 (since EU referendum)

Hate crimes reported 01/01/2016 – 31/05/2016 = 64

Hate crimes reported 01/06/2015 – 30/08/2015 = 38 (same period last year)

Surrey Police added that hate crimes did not appear to be a major issue in Horley. Following comments made by other Town Councillors it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for the Town Council to make any public statement as it was felt that there was little to be gained, particularly as Surrey Police already monitored the matter. Cllr George added that Horley's ethnic population was already well integrated within Horley and unlike some other towns there were no groups which had their own separate communities.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4027

Another member of the public asked what the Town Council's response would be to the Borough Council's Development Management Plan (DMP), and in particular whether the Town Council had a strategic view on the proposed new business park in the South of Horley.

Cllr Richard Olliver, Planning Chairman, responded that a Sub-Committee had been formed to make an initial consideration of all the recommendations made in the Plan. Borough Council officers and Portfolio Holders would be making a presentation to the Town Council on 13 September. Following this it was anticipated that an Extraordinary Council Meeting would be held to approve a formal response to the Plan (subsequently arranged to take place on 4 October). It was also noted that the Borough Council would be holding public exhibitions about the DMP at the end of September, mainly taking place in local libraries. Referring specifically to the business park, Cllr Olliver added that the Town Council was still awaiting a public consultation on the matter which was expected to take place later this year.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4028

The same member of public asked about the cost of the planned new concrete skate park and questioned whether any funding had been forthcoming from other bodies. The Clerk explained that the skate park would be costing £85,000 plus VAT, £15,000 of which had been funded by Surrey County Council. The Town Council had taken a decision to go ahead with the work and, should any other funding become available, then it would be sought accordingly.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4029 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 28 June 2016

The minutes of the above 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 28 June 2016, including all confidential items, be approved

C 4030 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 12 July 2016

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

C 4031 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 2 August 2016

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

C 4032 Planning & Development Committee, 31 May 2016

RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 4033 Planning & Development Committee, 21 June 2016

RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 4034 Planning & Development Committee, 19 July 2016

RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 4035 Planning & Development Committee, 16 August 2016

RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 4036 Relocation of Horley Library

It was noted that a meeting had taken place between representatives of Surrey County Council and the Horley Local History Society, following which a visit was to be arranged to the

C 4036) newly modernised library in Dorking. In addition an internal layout plan of the new Horley Library had been requested from the County Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4037 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Vice-Chairman Cllr Jackson had attended a fund raising lunch organised by Borough Mayor, Cllr Powell.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4038 Reports from County Councillors

No reports were received

RESOLVED: noted.

Surrey Police

C 4039 It was agreed that David Munro, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey be invited to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4040 The Chairman advised that a response had been made to the survey regarding the implementation of Policing in Your Neighbourhood (PiYN), in which the Town Council had highlighted the lack of communication and lack of local meetings with Surrey Police.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4041 Proposals for Possible Café at Horley Recreation Ground

Councillor Richard Biggs, Chairman of the Working Group, reported that two meetings of the Group had been held and the next important step would be to send out a questionnaire to local residents in both hard copy and via social media, seeking their views on the proposals. Members of the Working Group had held informal discussions with operators and architects to discuss commercial viability and the positioning of the café in the park.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4042 Horley Town Council Members' Allowance Scheme

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel was planning to carry out a review of Horley

- C 4042)** Town Council's Members' Allowance Scheme. It had been stated that the Town Council wished to retain the status quo in that no additional allowances were required and members be allowed to claim for travel and subsistence expenses only.

RESOLVED: that the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to review travel and subsistence expenses only and that no additional allowances be sought.

Horley Edmonds Community Fund

- C 4043** ***RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the 2016 annual Fund Report and the Quarter 1 Fund Statement. (A copy of the Statement is appended.)***

- C 4044** It was noted that Foundation's Deputy Director, Laura Thurlow would be giving a brief presentation to members during the Full Council meeting on 18 October 2016.

RESOLVED: noted.

- C 4045** ***RESOLVED: that an award of £500 be made to the Lucy Rayner Foundation to support workshops about mental health resilience at Oakwood School.***

- C 4046** **Diary Dates**

The members' tour of the Churchyards was to take place on the evening of 9 September. It was also noted that CIL & DMP updates were to be given by Borough Portfolio Holders Natalie Bramhall and Tony Schofield, along with Senior Policy Development Officer, Billy Clements on 13 September 2016, prior to the Planning Meeting.

RESOLVED: noted

- C 4047** **Recommendation for Town Award**

The Clerk reported that he had received a written nomination, correctly proposed and seconded by local residents, for a Town Award for a former local resident, for her outstanding work in the community. Members fully supported the application and agreed that, should the nominee accept, then the Award be presented at the Horley in Bloom Awards Ceremony, provided that the nominee was able to attend.

RESOLVED: that the nominee be invited to receive the Town Award.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

**Dates of next meetings: Extraordinary Meeting, 4 October 2016
Full Council: 18 October 2016**

