

**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 26 February 2019 at 7.30 pm.

**Present**                    Councillors   Simon Marshall - Chairman  
                                                S Banwait  
                                                M George  
                                                J Hudson  
                                                A Kitajewski  
                                                Samantha Marshall  
                                                V Marshall  
                                                H Randall  
                                                F Stimpson

**In Attendance**                    C Fenton (Head of Leisure & Deputy Clerk)  
                                                J Walsh (Town Clerk)  
                                                Three members of the public

**L 4591      Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED:** that the apologies of Cllrs Buttironi and Powell be accepted, for reasons as specified in the attendance register.*

**L 4592      Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Stimpson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Emlyn Meadows item, in view of her current tenancy of the property being discussed.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

**L 4593      Public Forum**

A member of the public asked for any updates regarding Town Council plans for a Café in the Park. The Head of Leisure explained that the matter had been discussed in detail at the recent Full Council meeting, following which the Clerk had been instructed to seek Borrowing Approval, to enable a loan to be secured, which would allow the Café project to proceed. It was also noted that full project details were available on the Town Council's website.

***RESOLVED:** noted.*

**L 4594 Approval of Minutes**  
**Leisure and Amenities Committee, 15 January 2019**

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

**L 4595 Outside Bodies**

Cllr George updated members on the recent meeting of the Horley RBL Committee, which he had attended in place of Cllr Samantha Marshall. Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to members.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Horley Churchyards**

**L 4596** Members were updated on the recent meeting of the Churchyards Committee, minutes of which are appended. Members were also shown pictures of the recent repairs to the tarmac in the New Churchyard, which everyone agreed showed a huge improvement.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4597** Members considered an application by St Bart's Church to the Town Council's Grant Scheme for £1,000 towards the repair costs of the roof of the Boer War Memorial Lychgate. It was noted that the total cost of the project was £7,024.39. After some discussion, the following recommendation was made:

***RECOMMEND: that the grant application by St Bart's Church for £1,000 towards the repair of the Boer War Lychgate be recommended for approval in full at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 12 March 2019.***

**Grounds Maintenance Update**

**L 4598** Members were updated on recent meetings with the Burleys Area Manager, notes of which are appended. It was noted that Burleys had agreed to remove any green waste from the tiered flower bed near the railway station ("Q Garden") at no extra cost. The Head of Leisure reminded members that this bed was maintained by local residents.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4599** ***RESOLVED: that a formal request be made to Burleys for the extension of the Grounds Maintenance Contract until 31 December 2020, in line with the original Conditions of Contract. (Subsequently approved,***

L 4599) *correspondence is appended.)*

**Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs**

L 4600 It was noted that regular inspections were being carried out and members were updated regarding recent routine repairs.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

L 4601 The Head of Leisure advised that she had requested an estimate from Bennetts for the painting of the existing playground equipment at both the Horley Rec and Michael Crescent Playgrounds.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

L 4602 **Youth Services in Horley**

Cllr George advised that he had no updates. It was noted that the lead SCC Officer had left his post and that at present there was no replacement.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

L 4603 **"Bee Bed", Horley Recreation Ground**

The Head of Leisure advised that previous plans to site a "Bee Bed" (attracting bees and other insects) along the garage wall to the rear of the Horley Rec car park had been discarded, as the area was behind the site for the planned café. It was now proposed to create such an area within the Ornamental Gardens and the Head of Leisure was to meet with the Grounds Maintenance Manager the following day to agree a possible site.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

L 4604 **"Total Bounceout" (Inflatable Assault Course), Horley Recreation Ground**

Members considered a request from The Matthews Organisation Ltd to bring their Inflatable Assault Course to Horley Recreation Ground on 25, 26 & 27 May 2019 (Spring Bank Holiday weekend). Members reviewed the Event Plan, including Risk Assessments and Site Safety Plan. It was noted that an approximate area of 33m x 70m would be required for the event. After some discussion the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED:**

- i) **that the request by the Matthews Organisation to use Horley Recreation Ground for its "Total Bounceout" event on 25, 26 & 27 May be approved.**

- L 4604)        *ii)    that a fee of £700 for the event be proposed (subsequently reviewed at the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 12 March 2019*

**Replacement Safety Surfacing in Horley Rec Playground**

- L 4605        The Head of Leisure updated members on the recent works. She explained that there had been issues with anti-social behaviour at the playground towards the end of the works, with teenagers pushing over the heras fencing and entering the playground. Consequently the sub-contractors who were installing the rubber safety surfacing had needed to spend an extra day on site at a cost of £1,200. There had been damage to the heras fencing, however there would be no charge to the Town Council for this.

***RESOLVED: that an additional £1,200 be paid to Southern Landscapes and Construction Ltd, making a total cost of £38,900 plus VAT.***

- L 4606        ***RESOLVED: that the new safety surfacing be inspected by the Play Inspection Company at a cost of £225 plus VAT.***

- L 4607        The Head of Leisure added that, as a result of the recent vandalism, Bennetts had carried out repairs to the perimeter fencing of the playground at a cost of £753 plus VAT.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4608        It was noted that some reinstatement would be required to the grassed areas in the playground, once the ground had settled.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4609        **Damage to Railings, Horley Recreation Ground**

It was noted that a section of railings close to the main gates of the park had recently been damaged by a car, following a road traffic accident on the Brighton Road. The Clerk added that repair costs were likely to be in excess of £1,200 and it was probable that an insurance claim would be made for the work.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4610        **Use of Horley Skate Park for Skateboard and Scooter Workshops**

Members considered further information that had been received from the RBBC Sports & Development Officer, following the RBBC request to use the skate park for workshops on 18 April, during the School Easter Holidays. The Head of Leisure explained that the skate park would still be available

- L 4610)** for others to use, whilst the workshops were taking place. The cost for the Instructor was £300 for the day and, to date the Borough Council had been reluctant to let the workshops run free of charge, even if the Town Council were to make a donation towards the cost. After further discussion the following was resolved:

***RESOLVED: that permission only be granted for the workshops to take place at the Horley Skate Park, if they are run free of charge.***

***(Afternote: it was subsequently agreed by RBBC that the workshops run free of charge, with HTC and RBBC both paying £150 towards the cost.)***

#### **Football at Court Lodge Fields**

- L 4611** The Head of Leisure updated members on information received from the Surrey County Football Association (Surrey FA). It was noted that the Surrey FA was to start developing "Local Football Facility Plans" for every local authority across Surrey. Consultation was to take place with key stakeholders, which would include the Town Council, provided that RBBC identified HTC as a football stakeholder. The Head of Leisure confirmed that relevant RBBC Officers had been made aware of the information received.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4612** Members considered a quotation from Burleys of £1,380 plus VAT, for the football pitches to be treated with a tractor and earthquake attachment to de-compact the ground. After some discussion it was agreed to consider having the work carried out the following year.

***RESOLVED: that the quotation from Burleys be declined.***

- L 4613** **Emlyn Meadows**

Members considered a request from a resident of Rothervale to purchase a small area of Town Council-owned land to be used for parking. Members agreed that they were minded to consider the matter further.

***RESOLVED: that further information be sought and the matter be re-considered at a future meeting. (The resident concerned to be kept informed of developments.)***

#### **Church Meadows**

- L 4614** ***RESOLVED: that the quotation from Burleys of £1,537.60 plus VAT to supply and plant perennial wild flower seed in the re-modelled long-grassed area be approved. (The work to form an extension to the existing Grounds Maintenance Contract with Burleys.)***

- L 4615**      ***RESOLVED: that the quotation from Burleys of £1,009 plus VAT to supply and plant annual wild flower seed in the triangular beds at Church Meadows be approved. (The work to form an extension to the existing Contract with Burleys.)***

**Allotments in Horley**

- L 4616**      The Head of Leisure advised that the area at Langshott Allotments not usable for plots had been flail cut by Burleys for the previously agreed sum of £168 plus VAT.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4617**      The Head of Leisure advised that written confirmation regarding the provision of toilets on the Southern allotment site at Westvale Park was still awaited.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4618**      **Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)**

Members were updated on the recent HOSAC meeting, minutes of which are appended.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4619**      **Horley Conservation Group (HCG)**

Members were updated on recent activities. They were also reminded that the AGM of HCG was to be held at Trinity Oaks Primary School on 25 March.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4620**      **Horley Town Park**

Members were updated on information received from Peter Boarder, the Borough Council's Head of Place Delivery, regarding RBBC plans for the Horley Town Park. He explained that the RBBC Development Management Plan (DMP) had not carried forward the original Town Park designation at Wilgers Farm due to the Borough Council's inability to secure the land. The DMP now provided for flexibility for delivering the open space in a variety of possible ways. Peter had also confirmed that there was no intention to designate Tanyard Meadows as the alternative site for the Town Park.

- L 4620)**      ***RESOLVED: that the matter be discussed further at the HTC/RBBC Liaison Meeting on 14 March.***

## Summer Planting

**L 4621**     **RESOLVED: that the quotation from Burleys of £598.50 plus VAT to supply and plant wild flower seed in two beds in the Memorial Gardens be approved. (Extension of existing Burleys contract.)**

**L 4622**     Members considered requirements for the Town's Planters and Hanging Baskets. They confirmed that they were extremely satisfied with the reliable high quality service provided by Amethyst Horticulture and had no wish to seek quotations from alternative providers. The Head of Leisure advised that hanging baskets for the Precinct would be ordered at a later date, provided that the works were likely to be finished on schedule (mid-July).

**RESOLVED: that the financial regulation requiring the seeking of three quotations be waived and the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to provide 18 hanging baskets, 9 three tier planters and 3 double cube planters (including all watering and maintenance) for the total sum of £6,960 plus VAT be approved. (Hanging baskets for the Precinct to be ordered at a later date if refurbishment works permitted.)**

**L 4623**     **Gatwick Airport Community Trust (GACT)**

**RESOLVED: that an application be submitted to GACT for funding for additional fitness equipment in Horley Recreation Ground.**

**L 4624**     **Horley Saturday Market**

The Head of Leisure advised that the Town Council had been contacted by someone who was keen to develop the Horley Saturday Market into a much larger undertaking. With his permission, his details had been forwarded to the RBBC Head of Neighbourhood Operations.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4625**     **Horley Carnival, 15 June 2019 ("Moments in History")**

Cllr George confirmed that Gatwick Airport Ltd had once again been confirmed as the Headline Sponsor for this year's Carnival. Their donation would ensure that the Carnival could again run as a free-entry attraction for local residents and other visitors.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4626      Letters Received**

Receipt was noted of correspondence from a local resident who was keen to encourage local people and members to get involved with the "Great British Spring Clean", being organised by Keep Britain Tidy. It was noted that the resident had subsequently been put in contact with the local "Keeping Horley Tidy" group, who had organised a Town Centre litter pick as part of the Campaign.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4627      Diary Dates**

***RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the "Sleepeasy" at Court Lodge Fields on 8 March and St George's Day Fair on 27 April***

**Meeting closed at 9.05 pm**

**Date of next meeting – 9 April 2019**



## Minutes of the Churchyard Committee meeting 16/01/19

Present: Rev Les Wells, Sue Middleton (sec), Roy Page, Thiru Jesudason, Michael Gardner, Richard Moore, Roger Kidd.

Michael George (Cllr), Simon Marshall (Cllr), Carol Fenton (deputy town clerk)

Apologies- David Powell, James Baker will no longer be on the committee as he has resigned as councillor.

Absent – Tom Hughes (Contracts manager for Burleys), Michael Hill (Green spaces RBBC)

- 1) **Prayer** – The meeting opened with a word of prayer by Rev Les Wells
- 2) In the absence of Tom Hughes & Michael Hill the meeting moved on to the next item
- 3) **Minutes** of the previous meeting passed as correct.
- 4) **Matters arising**
  - a) Re –Need for extension of the children’s area for burials & interment of ashes, Rev Les reported he had identified an area with Michael Gardner, which he felt would be suitable. Discussion ensued whether it needs to be demarcated. But no definite decisions were made. Michael Nicholls may be encouraged to see to the area.
  - b) Re problems of ornamentation on the graves. Rev Les reported this was a sensitive area. That there were two signs already up which enlisted the diocesan rules.
  - c) To Michael George’s query whether John Mcinally RBBC Conservation officer, was contacted re the matter of the Lychgate roof repair, Thiru reported, that he was contacted & that he had been most helpful
  - d) Update on Tarmac repair – All churches Trust paid £500.00 & the Surrey community foundation trust £500.00. This together with a further £1,500.00 pledged by two members of the St Bart’s congregation covers the quote by Hobart Paving, who promised to get the work done before end January. Some concern was expressed that if the weather turned really cold that it may be a problem.
  - e) Update on the tree work. Michael Gardner reported, lifting of the crowns has made a real difference to the graves underneath now being visible.
  - f) Update on the Lychgate roof repair – Thiru reported that the faculty application was submitted. As required for the next step Public notices have been posted on the notice boards both outside & inside the church.  
Roy reported – Church Care Trust – Have promised a grant of £1,000.00. He is now applying to the War Memorials Trust.  
The total cost of this project is £7024.79.  
As funding bodies seem to award only part of the required funding, it was advised we seek extra funding from other bodies.

**Action- Roy to approach Gatwick Airport Community Trust.**

**Action – Thiru to contact John Mcinally for other possible sources of funding.**

- g) Update on Removal of surplus soil – Michael Gardner reported, with the help of Roger’s small tractor, they managed to move a sizable amount of soil, which would have been impossible to do with a wheelbarrow. He said this was an ongoing maintenance issue.
  - h) Update on use of volunteers – Michael Gardner reported the volunteers from the church Men’s group would help with spreading Pea shingle.
  - i) That he would contact Volunteers from County Care in early spring to clear pathways of weeds.
- 5) Council Grant application – for year beginning April 2019**

Carol Fenton advised – it was best forwarded in time for their Leisure meeting on 26/02/19 & suggested we could go along & speak at the meeting  
Town Meeting is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. – We were invited to attend & provide a report.

**Action – Thiru & Roy to complete application.**

**6) Future grass maintenance contract**

Burleys hold the contract for next year, at the same price as at the current year.  
For the following year, it was suggested by September, we could approach Burleys to see if they would like to continue the contract at current price +RPI

**7) Under any other business**

Rev Les /Michael Gardner reported a large Lime tree in the Old churchyard had fallen across onto council ground which was open woodland, However its roots looked diseased & the Tree surgeon Dave Ford Reported it was “ Honey Fungus” & the neighbouring lime was also diseased & advised it needed to come down to a height of 2 metres. A quote for the work has also been requested from “Heatherlands Tree Care a Firm used by the council

**Michael Gardner – to get quotes**

- 8) Date of next meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
- 9) The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev Les Wells,**

**Notes of Monthly Grounds Maintenance Meeting with Burleys representatives, held on  
Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 3.00 pm in the  
Town Council Offices, 92 Albert Road, Horley**

Present: Carol Fenton HTC  
Cllr Simon Marshall HTC

Tom Hughes (Contract Manager) Burleys

Apologies – Cllr Fiona Stimpson HTC

**Horley Rec:** It was confirmed that the tree whips in the area behind the car park could be removed. Work on the Café build would start once the PWLB loan application was approved. The playground was about to re-open, some reinstatement works would be required. Weeds under the fitness equipment still to be treated with weedkiller. Tom confirmed that all the edging was complete and that grass cutting was likely to start in Mid-March. He added that he would have the plans for the “Bee Bed” in the Ornamental Gardens ready for the March meeting.

**Court Lodge Playing Fields:** Goal posts now painted! Edging complete. Football pitches had already been cut. Burleys need a key to the Changing Rooms (now collected). It was agreed that the verti-draining had improved the condition of the pitches. Tom suggested using a tractor with an Earthquake attachment on the pitches in the Spring, however it was subsequently decided not to proceed this year.

**Emlyn Meadows:** Carol advised that signs were to be put in place advising of the steep banks.

**Michael Crescent Centenary Park:** The gate post had now been replaced. Tom confirmed that his staff used the bollard entrance at the site without any problems.

**Church Meadows:** Tom confirmed that the grass reduction was now complete. It was agreed to leave a path through the new long grassed area. Seeding was likely to take place in March. Tom advised using drought resistant wild flower seed for the annual planting and said that he would put forward ideas.

**Langshott Allotments:** Flailing of side area complete. Car park to be checked for growth of weeds.

**Other Matters**

Tom said that his staff would be happy to collect green waste from the “Q Garden” site (maintained by local residents) close to the Station.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3.00 pm**

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Paul Norton  
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28 February 2019

Dear Mr Norton

## **Horley Town Council Grounds Maintenance Contract Extension**

I write to inform you that Horley Town Council wishes to formally extend the Grounds Maintenance Contract with Burleys until **31 December 2020**, in line with the original Conditions of Contract.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carol Fenton'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Carol Fenton**  
**Head of Leisure**

## Carol Fenton

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**From:** Paul Norton <pnorton@gburley.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 March 2019 08:43  
**To:** Carol Fenton  
**Cc:** Tom Hughes; Nick Kettle; EnquireBurleys; Tony Cammiss  
**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL -Extension of Grounds Maintenance Contract

Carol,

Many thanks for the attached letter, It will be a pleasure to continue to have such a good relationship with Horley Town Council, and look forwards to working with you over the extension period.

Kind Regards

Paul

**From:** Carol Fenton <carol.fenton@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 28 February 2019 21:43  
**To:** Paul Norton <pnorton@gburley.co.uk>  
**Cc:** Tom Hughes <thughes@gburley.co.uk>; Nick Kettle <Nkettle@gburley.co.uk>; EnquireBurleys <Enquire@gburley.co.uk>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL -Extension of Grounds Maintenance Contract

The letter confirming Horley Town Council's extension of the Grounds Maintenance Contract with Burleys is attached.

Kind Regards  
Carol Fenton, Head of Leisure, Horley Town Council

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**HORLEY OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 6pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Simon Marshall, Cllr Valerie Marshall, Carol Fenton, Cathy Cooper, Cllr Mike George, Cllr Samantha Marshall, Cllr Fiona Stimpson, Jan Spratt (HCG), County Cllr Kay Hammond, Catherine Baart (HCG), Michael Hill (R&BBC Greenspaces), David Watts (R&BBC Countryside Officer).

**Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Henry Randall, Carol Randall, Lewis Keen, Kevin Lerwill.

**Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:**

The minutes of the meeting on 18 September 2018 were agreed. Kay apologised for not giving her apologies for that meeting.

Mike reported that there was discussion underway to increase the area where drones are not permitted from one kilometre around the airport to possibly five kilometres.

A Fishing Club member displaying an HPS badge recently received a parking ticket at Riverside Garden Park.

**Open Spaces:**

Horley Recreation Ground

Work started just before Christmas to replace the safety surfaces, but it has taken the contractors longer than they expected to remove the existing surfaces. However, they would not charge any extra. The play area would remain closed for the duration of this work.

The tender process had been completed for the café and we are hoping to build it this year, subject to funds being secured for the project. Mike reported that we had asked for police dogs to be exercised in the park to deter drugs users, but the police had said this was not possible.

Church Meadows

Carol reported that the configuration of the long-grassed area was being changed slightly this year.

Bay Close Open Space

Valerie reported that the flower bed with the fallen tree had been removed altogether and replaced by grass.

Emlyn Meadow

Fiona reported that a friend's dog jumped into the river recently and the owner had difficulty retrieving it, as the bank is very steep in places and the water was also quite deep. Kay suggested putting up a notice warning of the risk involved. Michael said that a sign would be a good idea, but some people would always disregard it. (Nigel Ellis from RBBC subsequently forwarded possible wording for the signage.)

A resident had reported that some of the dog poo bins have holes in and need replacing. There are quite a few bins there and some dog bins could be replaced by litter bins no longer required at other sites.

Yattendon Road Recreation Ground

No problems reported. Michael Hill reported that winter work had been completed. A bearing had been replaced on one of the swings, after complaints about noise from a resident nearby.

Michael Crescent Centenary Park

Simon reported that the gate post damaged by play equipment installers had now been replaced at no cost to the Town Council.

Court Lodge Playing Fields/Riverside Walk

Mike reported that a fallen beech tree had been removed from the wood.

A small dam has been created that may block the river in heavy rain. The Borough Council had carried out a litter clearance in Riverside Walk, however this would soon need to be repeated.

Michael Hill reported that a letter had been sent to all the football teams using RBBC pitches, warning them not to leave litter.

### Riverside Garden Park

Cathy reported several bags of rubbish there, but it was pointed out that these had been left by the litter-pickers ready for collection, following the recent Litter Pick carried out by members of the Fishing Club and Horley Conservation Group. It was noted that there were several flooded holes in the car park. The damaged poplar tree had now been removed.

### **Horley Conservation Group:**

Jan reported that work had recently been carried out at the Community Orchard. Some work had also been done at Langshott Woods.

On 16 February work was to be carried out on the pond at Trinity Oaks Primary School.

Catherine reported that HCG was formulating a response to RBBC concerning the future designation of Tanyard Meadows, following recent suggestions that the area might be designated as a Town Park. Simon suggested writing to Cllr Alex Horwood, as he is the Executive Member on R&BBC. The HCG Response would be forwarded to the Town Council.

Fiona reported that there was a pond at Oakwood School which might benefit from some work by HCG or GGP.

### **Horley Piscatorial Society:**

Lewis sent a report which is attached to the minutes.

### **Riverside Green Chain (The Acres/Westvale Park)**

Michael Hill advised that Tanyard Meadows had now been transferred to RBBC. Ditches had been cleared and the area tidied up. Also, the hedges had been cut. Bollards had been erected where needed and bins/benches were to be installed soon.

Mike asked about the state of the car park at Tanyard Meadows, as some people will drive there because it's a new area. Michael will investigate this and will also check if the developers are abiding by the planning conditions in the area between Landen Park and the new development.

**Action: Michael**

### **Any other business:**

Kay reported that the residents of Arne Grove and Landen Park had applied for the grass area between their roads to be common land and the Planning Inspector had found in favour of the area being awarded Village Green status. The recommendation would go before the SCC Planning Committee in March. If approved then the residents would have responsibility for the area's future upkeep.

Mike reported that all the areas requested by HTC to be designated as open spaces in the DMP had been accepted, except for the area at Gower Road.

### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 7 May at 6pm.

Simon thanked everyone for attending, particularly Michael and David from RBBC, and he said their input had been most helpful.

## **Horley Piscatorial Society Winter 2018 – 19**

### **December 2018**

We were contacted by Dr Moragh Stirling of the South East Rivers Trust (SERT). They were keen to assess whether they could offer assistance to the post pollution habitat improvements we are undertaking along both the Gatwick Stream and River Mole.

I met with Dr Stirling and her Colleague Chris Gardner and we spent several hours walking the stretch from riverside garden all the way downstream to the Weir below Court Lodge. We exchanged details and knowledge and the outcome was very positive. We are looking to arrange a formal meeting between several interested parties to see if we can formulate a structured plan for large scale Habitat improvements along the stretch. We will keep you updated on this as it progresses.

### **February 3rd 2019**

HPS organised a litter pick along the Gatwick Stream between the footbridge in the car park and the confluence downstream - near the main road. Countless bags of plastic bottles, cans, old bedding and general rubbish along with old suitcases, trolleys and lino were collected and deposited in the car park as agreed with David watts of RBBC Greenspaces team. A collection was booked in prior to the event for Monday 04.02.19.

Members of Horley Conservation Group were in attendance making this one of several conservation tasks now jointly undertaken between the two groups. The club extends its sincere thanks to the volunteers within HCG for their continued help and support.

### **February 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Lewis Keen of HPS is scheduled to meet at Riverside with representatives of Gatwick Green spaces, Environment Agency and RBBC.

Kevin Lerwill will be helping us to identify suitable scrub clearance work along the stream to allow natural light penetration for a variety of benefits such as fish and invertebrate reproduction and encouraging the growth of in channel vegetation. David Watts will be on hand to ensure the work will be agreeable as a representative of the Landowner, RBBC. Also Nick Foulkes from the EA is scheduled to join us to give his opinion as Fisheries and Catchment manager for the River Mole. We will update you on progress.

### **General**

HPS is in receipt of Grant money for Habitat Improvements along the Gatwick stream and court lodge section of the River Mole. All proposed work will be approved by the Landowner (RBBC), we will also ensure we have the necessary legal documentation from the Environment Agency.

Any work carried out is with a Conservation minded approach and is intended to benefit the entire eco system of the local river network.

Lewis Keen - Membership Secretary - Horley piscatorial Society.