

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 31 January 2017, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Richard Olliver (Chairman)
James Baker
Surrinder Banwait
Kevin Etheridge
Richard Biggs
Mike George
Jerry Hudson
Linda Mabbett
Simon Marshall
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Carol Fenton (Deputy Clerk, part meeting)
Joan Walsh (Planning & Projects Officer)
Members of the Public (6)

P 5566 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllr Jackson be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 5567 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

Public Forum

P 5568 Alchemy Night Club, Consort Way, Horley

A group of town centre residents addressed the Committee about the planned reopening of 'Alchemy' night club, Consort Way, Horley after an application to transfer the premises licence from the existing holders to new operators was granted by the Borough Council.

A number of speakers raised concerns about the new night club (formerly known as 'Flirt') as the venue had a history of disturbances which required police intervention on many occasions. Members were asked for their support to request a review of the premises licence since the location had changed dramatically from a business area to that of residential.

The Clerk advised that he had already been in contact with the RBBC Licensing Manager for further information. He was informed that the new operators had legally transferred over the licence since the police were the only legitimate objectors and had not done so. However, Police Officers did meet with the new owners to make some recommendations and licensing objectives to keep the peace. It was also made clear that should the new night club create any problems in relation to the licensing objectives, then the licence could be reviewed and the premises put before a licensing committee to determine the best course of action.

P 5568) The Chairman thanked the speakers for their comments. Members were in agreement that the reopening of the night club, up until 3.30 am, could be disastrous in view of previous experience and the increase of residential properties within such close proximity. It was decided that a letter would be sent from the Town Council to the RBBC Licensing & Regulation Manager, to request a review of the premises licence accordingly. It would also be suggested that if a review was not possible, then extensive surveillance be implemented with immediate action taken against antisocial behaviour with the supporting evidence. (A letter was subsequently sent from the Town Council to the RBBC Licensing Manager, and a further update would be provided at the next meeting.)

RESOLVED: that the Clerk provide an update on the premises licence at the Alchemy night club, Consort Way, Horley at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 5569 **Approval of Minutes**
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RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development meeting be approved.

Matters Arising
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P 5570 **Operation Horizon: Outstanding Highways Works in Horley**

The Clerk advised that a response to the Town Council's letter regarding new funding arrangements impacting on highways maintenance in Horley was received from Sam Gyimah MP. In his reply, he stated that this was a difficult and delicate situation on which he was as yet unable to provide any further information. He did, however, pass on his reassurance that he would remain in regular contact with the Leader of Surrey County Council as well as his fellow Surrey MPs and the Secretary of State. He would also keep the Town Council updated on developments as matters evolved.

P 5571 Cllr Hudson told members that the further replies he received from SCC Highways on outstanding repairs to pavements, safety measures and signage in Horley, were overall disappointing. It was explained that necessary pavement works, such as Albert Road, were included in the forward programme to be reconstructed between 2018 and 2021 (subject to available budgets). For other locations, only pavements near schools, health centres or town/village centres would be reconstructed as part of 'Pavement Horizon'. In addition, other safety improvements or concerns about traffic timings should be reported online so that each case could be determined following a site inspection by a highways officer.

The SCC Highways Manager further advised that reports were now available on the *SCC Highways & Transport Asset Management Strategy and Capital Prioritisation Policy for Highways Assets; Roads, Footways, Structures, Drainage & Safety Barriers*. These documents provided details on how spending from available capital budgets would be determined together with prioritisation policies and the criteria used to implement improvements.

(Information on the SCC Highways and Transport Asset Management Strategy available to view [here](#))

(Information on Capital Prioritisation Policy for Highways Assets; Roads, Footways, Structures, Drainage and Safety Barriers available to view [here](#))

P 5571) RESOLVED: noted.

P 5572 Uber Parking Issues – Horley High Street Car Park

Members discussed the ongoing issues at Horley High Street car park arising from the unacceptable behaviour by some Uber-partner drivers and blatant attempts to monopolise spaces outside designated bays which were clearly marked for public use. It was noted that discussions were continuing with town and borough councillors as well as other representatives. The situation was also being closely monitored daily by the RBBC enforcement teams as well security officers appointed by Uber.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 5573 Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5574 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk gave an update on the last HTMG meeting, advising that members had decided to proceed with a bid for the remainder of the High Street Innovation Fund. He further clarified that the SCC Secondary Fund was no longer available but there might be other grants which the group could pursue.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5575 Deferred Planning Applications

No matters from the previous meeting were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5576 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 23 December 2016 to 27 January 2017.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5577 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 23 December 2016 to 27 January 2017.

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 5578 Planning Appeals Received

The list of Planning Appeals received during the period 23 December 2016 to

P 5578) 27 January 2017, were reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5579 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of Planning Appeals determined during the period 23 December 2016 to 27 January 2017, were reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5580 Ongoing Planning Matters

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

North East Sector (The Acres)

P 5581 No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5582 North West Sector (Westvale Park)

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5583 Town Centre Regeneration

The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum had yet to be confirmed by the RBBC Regeneration Manager.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk requests the RBBC Regeneration Manager to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum.

P 5584 Railway Matters

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highways Matters

P 5585 RBBC Consultation: Reigate and Banstead (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 (Closing Date: 10 February 2017)

The Chairman advised that following his review of the above RBBC consultation on the **Reigate and Banstead (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017**, it was apparent that there were no grounds to object as the proposed changes were primarily in regard to season tickets and private hire vehicles. However, the regulations on noise and littering in borough car parks plus the limitation of use by private hire vehicles was of interest, in particular with those involved in Uber negotiations, and so careful checks to monitor this would be welcomed by the Town Council.

- P 5585)** Members agreed that a response be submitted to the Borough Council accordingly, and ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above RBBC Consultation on Off Street Parking Places Order 2017, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

- P 5586** SCC Highways Bulletins

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the latest SCC Highways Bulletins (already circulated to members).

Airport Matters

- P 5587** Recent Airport Communications

From	Subject	Received	Action
GATCOM	DfT Consultation: Safe Use of Drones (Closing Date: 13.3.17)	22.12.16	Cllr George to draft HTC Response.
GATCOM	GATCOM Agenda, Meeting 26.1.17	3.1.17	Noted.
GATCOM	GAL Press Release: "Growth at Gatwick ..."	10.1.17	Noted.
GATCOM	Weekly Newsletters (4)	6.1.17) 13.1.17) 20.1.17) 27.1.17)	Noted.
GACC	Night Flight Consultation – GACC Response	31.1.17	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 5588** DfT Consultation: Gatwick Airport Night Flights (Closing Date: 28 February 2017)

In his capacity as GATCOM representative, Cllr George gave a summary of the draft briefing paper he had prepared on the above DfT consultation on night flights. It was agreed that the response would be submitted before the closing date, and ratified at the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above Dft Consultation on Gatwick Airport Night Flights, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

- P 5589** Surrey County Council Review– Part Night Lighting Programme in Reigate & Banstead

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above Review by Surrey County Council on the Part Night Lighting Programme in Reigate and Banstead, as appended to the signed copy of these minutes and available to view on the Town Council website, be ratified.

P 5590 Surrey County Council Consultation: Proposed Removal of 'NO ENTRY' signs - Lumley Road and Albert Road, Horley (Closing Date: 3 February 2017)

The proposed improvement measures with regard to the 'No Entry' signs on Lumley Road and Albert Road arising from many complaints of the signs being ignored by some motorists, were discussed. Surrey Highways were seeking views on the proposals to remove the existing signs and to install a 20 mile per hour speed limit in Albert Road and Lumley Road.

Members thought that the removal of the 'No Entry' signs might be a possible solution but felt that a better option would be to make Lumley Road and Albert Road one way in opposite directions. Albert Road could be one way going south, and Lumley Road one way going north which would enable a continuous flow of traffic around the roads, using left turns, without any hold up with two-way traffic negotiating parked cars in both roads as is the current situation. Traffic flow could be kept to reasonable speeds by existing calming measures. Support for the proposal of a 20mph speed limit was poor as it was felt it would not be adhered to and difficult to enforce. It was decided that the Chairman would prepare a response accordingly for submission to Surrey Highways, and ratification at the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above Consultation by Surrey County Council on the Proposed Removal of the 'NO ENTRY' signs on Lumley Road and Albert Road, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 5591 RBBC Public Survey: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Reigate & Banstead Local Improvements Fund (Closing Date: 6 February 2017)

The Clerk updated members on the *public survey* launched by RBBC, seeking views on the **Reigate and Banstead Local Improvements Fund**. He said that the Town Council were also consulting with local residents and business owners for suggestions on how the money could be spent in Horley from the 15% proportion collected from local development (subject to available funds), such as, improvements to a community hall, new playground equipment or upgrades to local walking/cycling routes. The results of the RBBC survey, relevant to Horley, would be passed to the Town Council in due course. A further update on developments would be provided at the next meeting of this committee and published on the HTC website for information.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk provides a further update on the Community Infrastructure Levy Local Fund at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 5592 Proposed Horley Business Park

Members commented that since the launch of the new website by **Horley Business Park Development LLP (HBPD LLP)** in partnership with RBBC and Millhill Properties (Horley) Ltd, no further details had become available. It was felt that this was disappointing in view of the fact that proposals to explore options for developing an office-based business park on the outskirts of Horley was announced in October 2015. Any further updates received, however, would be published promptly on the HTC website and eNewsletter, for information.

(Horley Business Park Development LLP (HBPD LLP) available to view on the link shown [here](#))

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5593	Letters / Emails Received			
	From	Subject	Received	Action
	SCC Countryside Access	SCC Public Footpath Nos 390 & 575 (Horley) Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2016	20.1.17	Noted.
	Planning Portal	Latest Updates	19.1.17	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 5594** **Diary Dates**
- **Full Council Meeting**
7 February, 7.30 pm
 - **MP Surgery**
24 February, 4.00 pm

RESOLVED: noted.

- P 5595** **Press Release**

RESOLVED: that comments on Planning Applications be released to the press and placed on the Town Council website.

Meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Date of next meeting: 28 February 2017