An Ordinary Meeting of Horley Town Council will be held at will be held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday, 7 September 2021, at 7.30 pm.

Horley Town Council has returned to in-person meetings.

Members of the public may be present (subject to social distancing rules being followed to a maximum number capacity). As capacity is limited, please let us know if you wish to be present at the meeting by emailing to: town.clerk@horleytown.com no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

AGENDA

1 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

To receive any declarations of interest in relation to any items included on this Agenda.

3 Public Forum

Members of the public are invited to put questions or draw relevant matters to the Council's attention. Each member of the public is allowed to speak once only and for a maximum of five minutes in respect of a business item on the agenda and shall only speak for more than five minutes at the discretion of the Chairman. If it appears that the number of speakers is likely to unreasonably delay the disposal of business items on the agenda, the Chairman may direct that a member of the public submits a question or comment in writing which shall be answered in due course.

4 Minutes

To approve the Minutes of: -

- i) the Meeting of Full Council held on 29 June 2021.
- ii) the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24 August 2021.

5 Full Council Updates

6 Committee Reports

To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the following Committees:

- Approved Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on 15 June, and 20 July 2021.
- ii) Unapproved Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 27 July 2021.

7 Chairman's Report

To receive a report of any events attended by the Chairman or her representative since the Annual Meeting held on 4 May 2021.

8 Borough, County Councillor and Other Related Updates

- i) To receive an update on the Joint Council Meeting with County, Borough & Town Councillors, held virtually on 27 August 2021.
- ii) Horley Residents' Forum to consider any responses received, following the recent Residents' Survey and to agree the way forward.
- iii) Horley Remembrance Parade 2021 to note any updates from Borough Cllr James Baker following the recent meeting with the Royal British Legion (Horley Branch).
- iv) To receive any other related updates.

9 Boundary Commission for England (BCE) - Parliamentary Boundary Changes Consultation

To ratify this Council's response and to note that there will be two more rounds of the Consultation in 2022.

10 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Projects in Horley - Residents' Survey

To agree the contents of the Residents' Survey, asking for views on smaller community projects to help improve the local area.

11 'Café In The Park' - Horley Recreation Ground

- To note the finalised arrangements for the grand opening of the 'Café In The Park' and refurbished tennis courts on Saturday 11, September 2021 (from 12 noon until 2.00 pm) with the Official Opening Ceremony starting at 12.20 pm.
- ii) To receive an update on any other matters in relation to the project.

12 Community Foundation for Surrey - Horley Edmonds Community Fund

To receive any updates.

- **Horley Community Partnership** To receive any updates from Town Council representatives.
- 14 YMCA (Community Wellbeing Team) To receive any updates from Town Council representatives.

15 Environment Matters

To receive any updates from the HTC Environment Working Group.

16 Tree Works, Langshott Allotment Sites

To consider quotations received for the work and to agree the way forward.

17 Langshott Allotments Tenants Association (LATA)

- i) To consider the Grant Application received from the Association.
- ii) To note receipt of further updates from the Association.

18 The Welcome Back Fund – Permanent Planters for Horley

To consider further information received and to agree the way forward.

19 Letters Received

20 Items for Future Consideration

To consider any items for inclusion on future agenda.

21 Diary Dates

22 Press Release

23 Exclusion of Public and Press

"In view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw."

24 Minutes CONFIDENTIAL

To approve the Confidential Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 29 June 2021.

25 Staffing Matters

CONFIDENTIAL

To receive any updates.

Jan Walsh

Town Clerk, 2 September 2021

Date of Next Meeting - 2 November 2021

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Boundary Commission for England 35 Great Smith Street London SW1P 3BQ **By Email**

30 July 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

BCE Consultation: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Horley Town Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on this consultation by the Boundary Commission for England, taking population increases into account so that all Parliamentary constituencies are more equal in the total number of electors. We understand that there will be two more rounds of the consultation in 2022.

Horley is one of two civil parishes situated in the south of the Reigate & Banstead borough in Surrey, the other being Salfords & Sidlow. Horley Town Council is administered as a first-tier local government authority in an area where county authority responsibilities are met by Surrey County Council and borough authority responsibilities are met by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

Horley is a commuter town situated close to London and Gatwick Airport, providing good employment prospects for our residents. At the last census (2011) there were 23,000 people living within the boundary of the Town Council of which 19,485 are registered electors (as at 12 February 2021). However, several new housing developments have become occupied since then so this figure is expected to show a significant increase in the 2021 Census when these statistics are released.

We understand that the number of Parliamentary constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543; in the South-East region they will rise from 84 to 91; and that each constituency is required by law to contain between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, thereby necessitating significant changes to current boundaries. We further note amongst the detailed proposals would be to change the Parliamentary constituency boundaries for the Reigate & Banstead Borough Council wards (Horley West & Sidlow, Horley East & Salfords and Horley Central & South) into a new 'Dorking & Horley' constituency.

In light of these proposals, Horley Town Council is of the view that by moving the existing boundary to separate the town of Horley (currently in the East Surrey constituency) into the new 'Dorking & Horley' constituency, seems reasonable. It therefore does not present us with any major concerns since most of the public services for Horley residents are provided by Surrey County Council or Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and neither of these local authorities are impacted by these proposed changes to the Parliamentary constituencies.

At the same time, however, we would point out that geographical factors should still be taken into account especially if our residents might potentially have to travel longer distances to meet with their local MP. We feel it is important that adequate provision remains available in Horley and is accessible enough to include in-person and virtual settings for MP Surgeries with constituents, once the changes are implemented and to ensure that representations on behalf of our community can be made in Parliament.

In terms of naming the new constituency, we note that from the 2011 Census statistics, the population of Horley (22,076) is higher than Dorking (11,158) and would therefore propose that by reversing its name to 'Horley & Dorking CC' would be more appropriate.

In conclusion, we hope that our submission to the 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies will be given due consideration and we look forward to hearing the outcomes of this round of the consultation in due course.

Yours faithfully

Joan Walsh

Town Clerk

Horley Town Council

