

**HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Council Offices, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 5 September 2006.

**Present:** Councillor M Miller, Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council  
Councillors Mrs D Andrews, E Andrews, T Breen,  
J Chapman, M George, J Kendall, A Kent, G Larcombe,  
S Marshall, J Meech, R Olliver and Mrs A Venn.

**Also present:** Mr A Jones Clerk to the Council  
Mrs C Fenton Deputy Clerk to the Council

**C 1784 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Ms D Ashley-Smith, Mrs S Branwhite, Mrs D Brooke-Harte, Ms M Goldsmith and B Weston be accepted (for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register).***

**C 1785 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Meech declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Citizens Advice Bureau item and left the Council Chamber whilst the matter was being discussed.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 1786 Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 1787 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 27 June 2006**

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 27 June 2006, including all confidential items, be confirmed and adopted.***

**C 1788 Multi Purpose Court, A23 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk told members that the Section 106 money (£45,644) had now been received from the Borough Council

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 1789 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 11 July 2006.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

**C 1789) RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 11 July 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1790 Planning & Development Committee, 4 July 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 4 July 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1791 Planning & Development Committee, 1 August 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Vice-Chairman.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 1 August 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1792 Planning & Development Committee, 22 August 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 22 August 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1793 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 25 July 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25 July 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1794 Decisions Sub-Committee of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, 17 August 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Decisions Sub-Committee of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Committee Chairman (Cllr Miller).

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Decisions Sub-Committee of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 17 August 2006 be confirmed and adopted.**

**C 1795 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had, along with other members represented the Town Council at the recent Royal British Legion Celebration Parade and Garden Dedication.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1796 National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**

**RESOLVED: that receipt of the following be noted:**

- i) Information about this year's Local Democracy Campaign.**
- ii) Review of the Direct Access Scheme.**

**C 1797 Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Councils (SCAPTC)**

**RESOLVED: that receipt of the following be noted:**

**Information about the Local Council Development Project.**

**C 1798 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Leisure Centre Review Proposals for Public Meeting in Horley**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Borough Council's Head of Leisure, explaining that Cllr Tom Stoddart, the Executive Member for Leisure and Healthy Living, was keen to update the Town Council and those local residents, who had expressed an interest in the Leisure Centre proposals, on the direction in which the review was heading. The meeting was planned to take place on 3 October 2006 in the Town Council Offices.

Cllr Miller told members that he believed that Horley would definitely get a swimming pool and indoor/outdoor leisure centre and that three options would be put forward for its siting. He reminded members that the report, detailing the proposals for leisure provision, was due to be considered by the Borough Council's Executive on 11 October and that this would then form the basis of a consultation. Members agreed that it would be prudent to delay holding a full public meeting until the details of this report had been made public.

After discussion the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that Cllr Stoddart be invited to update Horley Town Councillors in the Town Council Offices at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 3 October 2006.**
- ii) that Cllr Stoddart be invited to meet with Horley Town Councillors and invited members of the public in the Town Council Offices at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3 October 2006.**
- iii) that a public meeting be arranged to take place in Horley once the full details of the Borough Council's report have been published.**

**C 1799 Finance & General Purposes Committee – Change of Meeting Date**

**RESOLVED: that, due to the planned meetings with Cllr Stoddart, the date of the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be changed from 3 October to 17 October 2006.**

**C 1800 Horley Town Council Grants Scheme**

The Clerk reported that fourteen grant applications had been received. He told members that a meeting of the Awards Committee was due to be held at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 17 October. The recommendations would be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee later that evening and would then be put forward for consideration at the Full Council meeting on 24 October 2006.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1801 Donation to Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Clerk confirmed that he had received assurances that any grant money pledged would be specifically used for Horley residents.

**RESOLVED; that this Council, using its powers under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972, make a donation of £900 to the Citizens Advice Bureau for debt counselling in Horley.**

**C 1802 Gatwick Greenspace Partnership – Proposals for Possible Merger**

**RESOLVED: that this Council support in principle the merger of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership with the Sussex Wildlife Trust.**

**C 1803 Court Lodge Fields – Damaged Perimeter Fencing**

The Clerk reminded members that the broken down fencing, which separated Court Lodge Fields from the Raven Housing Trust area had been highlighted in the recent RoSPA report as a hazard. He added that the fencing was the responsibility of Raven Housing Trust and that he had written to the Trust's Chief Executive, asking what action the Trust was prepared to take to replace the fencing. A letter had subsequently been received from the Trust, suggesting that the Town Council might be willing to make a contribution towards a replacement fence.

Members were adamant that this Council would not be making any contribution towards the fencing. Cllr George suggested that a bund might be an option.

After further discussion the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that the Clerk inform Raven Housing Trust that this Town Council has no intention of making any contribution towards the replacement fencing.**
- ii) that the Clerk, Cllr Miller and Cllr Marshall meet on site with the Housing Trust's Director of Operations to discuss options for the replacement fencing.**

**C 1804 Horley Sports (Social) Club**

The Clerk told members that the Sports (Social) Club had recently held a Fun Day at Court Lodge Fields. He added that a new Club Secretary had been appointed and that minutes and agenda for meetings were now being received by e mail. Cllr George added that a further Extraordinary General Meeting was planned for 13 September and that he would update members at the next

**C 1804)** meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1805 Tree Works, Emlyn Meadows**

The Clerk told members that Advanced Tree Services had recently carried out a Health and Safety Survey at Emlyn Meadows and had identified a number of trees which required work.

**RESOLVED: that Advanced Tree Services be requested to carry out tree works at Emlyn Meadows for the agreed sum of £1065 plus VAT.**

**C 1806 Parks for People**

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the Borough Council's Corporate Fundraiser, offering assistance, should this Council wish to make an application for funding to the Parks for People Fund.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1807 Air Quality Presentation**

The Clerk told members that the Borough Council's Air Quality Officer would be giving a presentation to members in the Town Council Offices at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 10 October 2006.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1808 Albert Rooms – Access Issues**

The Clerk reported that a resident living to the rear of the Albert Rooms had recently constructed a gate in his fence and was obtaining access to his property through the grounds of the Albert Rooms. He added that the Town Council's Solicitor had now written to the resident, requesting that the gate be removed and the fence reinstated without delay.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**C 1809 Urgent Business**

**RESOLVED: that the following be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee:**

***The recent provision of outside seating at Three Cooks Bakery.***

**C 1810 Press Release**

**RESOLVED: that the press release, as appended to these minutes, be approved.**

**C 1811 RESOLVED: that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

**C 1812 Relocation of Town Council Offices CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent developments.

**C 1813 Security in Recreation Grounds CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent action taken.

**C 1814 New Equipment for Albert Rooms CONFIDENTIAL**

**C 1815**

Members considered quotations received and agreed to purchase a new urn and new information signs for the Albert Rooms.

**The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 24 October 2006**