

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 17 September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors Simon Marshall - Chairman
 Jante Baird
 Pamela Chandler
 Mike George
 Jerry Hudson
 Helen Kitajewski
 Robert Marr
 Samantha Marshall
 David Powell
 Michael Robinson
 Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance C Fenton (Head of Leisure & Deputy Clerk)
 Gareth Balch, Horley Lawn Tennis Club
 Peter Moxley, Horley Lions

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a minute's silence for Cllr Valerie Marshall, who had recently passed away very suddenly.

L 4741 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

An apology was received from the Town Clerk. (Cllr Kumar was absent.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4742 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest, in relation to any items included on this agenda.

RESOLVED: noted.

Public Forum

L 4743 Peter Moxley from the Horley Lions made a request for the Horley Lions to hold their annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display in Horley Recreation Ground on Saturday 2 November 2019. He explained that "no parking" bollards would be placed along the main Brighton Road and Vicarage Lane. Fireworks would be positioned according to the Firework Operator's safety instructions. The bonfire would be built on the day in the same place as in other years, there would also be a small funfair and three catering vans. A

- L 4743)** fire engine would be positioned in the car park and disabled parking would be permitted next to the tennis courts, provided the ground was dry enough. The Chairman thanked Peter for his attendance.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 4744** Gareth Balch from the Horley Lawn Tennis Club spoke to members about bringing the "Tennis for Free" initiative to the tennis courts in Horley Recreation Ground, something he had recently successfully started at the Tennis Courts in Maidenbower, Crawley. He explained that it was not at all unusual for local tennis courts to be smaller than LTA standards. Crawley Borough Council had recently res-surfaced the Maidenbower courts for £21,000 and Gareth anticipated that the cost for the Horley Rec courts would be in the order of £23,000, quite considerably less than the six-figure sum, which the LTA had previously suggested.

Gareth added that he would be prepared to offer the free coaching required for the Tennis for Free initiative, once initial remedial works had been carried out to the courts. These included weedkilling the courts and the perimeter, repairing holes in the fencing and jet washing the surfaces. The Chairman thanked Gareth for his attendance.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 4745** **Approval of Minutes**
Leisure and Amenities Committee, 16 July 2019

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

- L 4746** **Bonfire & Fireworks Display**

RESOLVED: that the request from the Horley Lions to hold their Bonfire & Fireworks Display in Horley Recreation Ground on Saturday 2 November be approved. (The Town Council's usual terms & conditions to apply.)

Improvement to Tennis Courts, Horley Recreation Ground

- L 4747** In view of his expertise, Gareth Balch was invited to participate in the discussion about plans for the tennis courts, in accordance with HTC Standing Order no 9.

The Head of Leisure advised that Bennetts, the company responsible for the HTC playground repairs, had provided a quotation of £840 plus VAT to remove all the weeds from the tennis courts perimeter and jet wash and weedkill the surface and a further quotation of £5,840 plus VAT to replace all the chain link fencing surrounding the courts. She suggested that

- L 4747) funding for this might be available in the current financial year, either from the Playgrounds Earmarked Fund or from CIL Funding. After further discussion the following was agreed:

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Financial Regulation requiring the seeking of three quotations be waived, in view of Bennetts' expertise regarding HTC parks repairs & improvements.*
- ii) that the quotation from Bennetts of £6,680 plus VAT to carry out repairs to the courts and replace the chain link fencing be approved.*

- L 4748 **RECOMMEND:** *that the use of CIL monies for the tennis courts refurbishment works be considered at the Full Council Meeting on 15 October 2019.*

- L 4749 **Scooter & Skateboarding Workshops at Horley Recreation Ground**

RESOLVED: *that the request from the RBBC Sports & Development Officer to hold Skateboard & Scooter Workshops at the Horley Rec Skate Park on Monday 28 October be approved.*

- L 4750 **Outside Bodies - Horley RBL Committee Meetings**

Cllr Powell told members that there had been discussion at recent Horley RBL Committee Meetings about ways to remember local soldiers who had died in more recent conflicts, possibly by means of an additional plinth or other memorial in the Memorial Gardens. Cllr Andy Lynch, the Borough Council's Armed Forces Champion was looking into the matter. It was suggested that the Horley RBL contact the Horley Lions regarding the possibility of using the same PA System for the Remembrance Service that the Lions used for their Bonfire & Fireworks Display.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

- L 4751 **Horley Churchyards**

Members were updated on the recent meeting of the Churchyards Committee and the members' tour of the Churchyards. (Minutes/notes of both are appended.)

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 4752 Grounds Maintenance Update

Members were updated on the monthly meeting with the Burleys Area Manager, which had been held in August, notes of which are appended. The Head of Leisure reminded members that any plants which had failed in the Bee Bed would be replaced by Burleys and Burleys would also be providing £500 worth of plants for the adjacent bed in the Ornamental Gardens. This would possibly be planted up with grasses.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4753 Members' Inspections of Recreation Grounds

Cllr Stimpson agreed to take over the weekly inspection of Emlyn Meadows as she was now living nearby. Members were reminded to report any issues to HTC Staff.

RESOLVED: noted.

Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs

L 4754 It was noted that regular inspections were being carried out and members were updated regarding recent routine repairs.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4755 The Head of Leisure advised that there had been some deliberate damage to the basket swing at the Court Lodge Playground, however the swing was still usable at the present time.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4756 Youth Services in Horley

It was noted that the YMCA Horley Family Centre had now moved into the Old Fire Station, alongside the Horley Young People's Centre.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4757 Open Air Cinema, Horley Recreation Ground

It was noted that the recent event had been very successful and the organisers were keen to return next year. Members suggested that more than one visit was likely to be popular.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4758 Circus Wonderland, Horley Recreation Ground

The Head of Leisure advised that there had been no damage to the grassed area, following the recent visit by the Circus. Minor holes had been filled by Burleys at no extra charge.

RESOLVED: that the request by Circus Wonderland to bring their Circus to Horley from 6 – 13 September 2020 (opening from 9 – 13 September) be approved.

L 4759 Funfair, Court Lodge Fields

The recent funfair at Court Lodge Fields had been well received and Cllr George advised that the operator was keen to return for five weeks during the 2020 school Summer Holidays. He added that the operator would be able to offer a more structured programme with a greater variety of attractions, if this length of visit was agreed in advance. Cllr Marr suggested that charges for the use of the Fields by the funfair be reviewed for the following year.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4760 Emergency Tree Works, Court Lodge Fields

The Head of Leisure advised that emergency tree works were carried out after a large limb fell from an ash tree onto the Court Lodge Fields boundary. The tree itself was sited on private land.

RESOLVED: that payment of £350 to Heatherlands Tree Care for emergency works carried out be approved.

Repairs to the Service Road at Langshott Allotments

L 4761 Members considered a quotation of £780 plus VAT from Bennetts to fill the holes in the service road and compact with a plate compactor. The Head of Leisure reminded members that this was the last year when there would be any Section 106 money left to cover such expenditure and an amount would need to be precepted for the following year.

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Bennetts be approved.

L 4762 The Head of Leisure advised that longer term consideration would need to be given to resurfacing the entire roadway, something which would need to be reflected in the HTC Action Plan.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4763 Replacement Gates at Church Road Allotments

Members considered a quotation of £1,200 plus VAT from Bennetts to replace the gates at the Church Road Allotments. The Head of Leisure explained that the gates had been damaged on a number of occasions in recent years and it was now very difficult to open and close them. It was noted that Bennetts had recently installed the suggested gates at a number of RBBC owned allotment sites. The Head of Leisure was advised after the meeting that there were sufficient funds available in the Church Road Allotments maintenance budget to cover these works.

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Bennetts be approved.

L 4764 Members Tours of Allotment Sites

RESOLVED: that these take place on Sunday 6 October 2019 (subsequently cancelled due to a lack of members being available to attend).

Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)

L 4765 Members were updated on the recent meeting of the HOSAC Committee, minutes of which are appended.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4766 The Head of Leisure advised that, following the meeting, she had contacted the RBBC Green Spaces Operations Manager to suggest changes to their grass cutting regime at Riverside Walk and the planting of a wild flower meadow on the Cheyne Walk roundabout. She added that she also planned to meet with Kevin Lerwill from GGP to look at sites for replacement bird boxes at Emlyn Meadows and areas where new trees might be planted in HTC recreation grounds.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4767 It was noted that representatives from the newly formed Landen Park Village Green Residents' Association would be invited to future HOSAC Committee meetings.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4768 Horley Conservation Group (HCG)

Members were updated on recent activities, which had included work at the Fieldings Community Orchard and bank-side scrub clearance at Riverside Garden Park.

L 4768) RESOLVED: noted.

Other Environment Matters

L 4769 It was noted that the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP) would be working with the Landen Park Village Green Residents' Association to help create a wild-flower bed at the newly designated Village Green.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4770 Cllr Powell told members that he was keen to re-introduce the Horley Environment Week, which had taken place in 2011 – 2013 and had included environment-based surveys of shoppers and Eco Art competitions for schools.

RESOLVED: that the matter be further considered at future meetings.

L 4771 Horley in Bloom (HIB) 2019

The Head of Leisure advised that the judging of the Photographic Competition was to take place the following day. Judges would be RBBC Cllr Alex Horwood and former Town Councillor Surrinder Banwait. It was noted that there had been a record number of entries this year. Members were reminded that the HIB Awards Ceremony was taking place at Regent Hall on Friday 4 October.

RESOLVED: noted.

Summer Planting

L 4772 RESOLVED: that payment of £874 plus VAT to Amethyst Horticulture for the supply and maintenance of the hanging baskets in the Precinct be approved.

L 4773 RESOLVED: that payment of £130 to KM Vinyl Graphics for the supply and installation of vinyl sponsorship plaques on planters around the town be approved.

L 4774 Town Centre Precinct Refurbishment

It was noted that the installation of the street furniture was still awaited. Cllr George added the Horley Town Management Group Wayfinding Group was working with the RBBC Economic Prosperity Officer to provide wayfinder monoliths and fingerpost systems. Funds for the project would be released once a business case to show the impact of the wayfinding signage had been submitted and approved.

L 4774) **RESOLVED: noted.**

L 4775 **Horley Saturday Market**

RESOLVED: that all members (with the exception of Cllr Simon Marshall, who would be working) be added to the Market Fees Collection Rota.

L 4776 **Horley Carnival 2020 (“Moments in History”)**

It was noted that next year’s Carnival would be held on 20 June 2020, with the theme, “Sport Through the Ages”.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4777 **Diary Dates**

RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the RBBC Heritage Open Day and associated activities on 21 September and HIB Awards Evening on 4 October.

L 4778 **Items for Future Agenda**

RESOLVED: that the Horley Recreation Ground Café become a standing item on future agenda of this Committee.

Meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Date of next meeting – 5 November 2019

Minutes of the Churchyard Committee Meeting 7/08/19

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

David Powell (Mayor) Michael George (Cllr) Carol Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)

Apologies: Roger Kidd, Davinder Kajla of Burleys

1) Prayer – The meeting opened with a word of prayer by Rev Les Wells

In the absence of Michael Hill (RBBC) & Rep from Burleys the meeting moved on. But the item of next year's contract with Burleys require confirmation

Action – Carol Fenton to raise this point with Burleys when they meet with them next week

2) Minutes of the previous meeting – Passed as correct

3) Matters arising

- a) Thiru reported that the Oak gate of the Lychgate has now been repaired by Oakhouse Construction & their invoice paid. The Council was thanked for their grant, of £1000 towards this.
- b) The Lychgate roof repair has been held up as the War Memorials Trust (WMT) had required further details including a picture of the replacement tile against the existing ones & taken on site. All documents have been forwarded. We now await a starting date for the work from Richard Soan Roofing. WMT require two week's notice of the start date. The work will take one week with extra time for erecting & dismantling of the scaffold.
- c) WMT have also stipulated taking photographs while work was going on for publicising their work on the website, The Surrey Historical Buildings Trust who have also promised a grant, have offered to provide a quote for publicity. The members agreed that the work on this Boer War Memorial Lychgate would be of interest locally & even nationally.
Action- Thiru to forward info received from Simon Harris, of those who perished in the Boer War, to David Powell who will investigate their military background to be used for any publicity material.
- d) David Powell was thanked for his donation of £500 + gift aid, which will now be used for the Spire repair.
- e) Children's area. – Michael Gardner reported he & Rev Les have agreed a suitable area for the burial & interment of ashes of children.
- f) Volunteers from the men's group have cleared paths of weeds & also shifted a large quantity of excess soil from recent burials to near the areas of sunken graves.

However as this is an ongoing issue, probably requires a more viable solution.

Suggestions

- 1) Michael to get details of the grave digger who owns a motorised wheelbarrow to see if he would be prepared to move the surplus soil, & the funeral directors approached to see this could be included in the funeral expenses & paid for by their clients
- 2) The grave digger who is able to do this be appointed as the favoured grave digger & the Funeral directors advised to use him.
- 3) Michael Gardner also reported an online search showed purchase price around £700-£800. But storage would prove a problem.
- 4) Burleys to be approached if they would do this as, part of their contract.

Action – Michael Gardner to make inquiries.

g) Car Parking

While Six Bells was undergoing renovations, the management have kindly opened up the car park at the w/e. Sunday services & Saturday weddings etc. But Parking for funerals prove a problem during the week & Michael has been acting as Traffic controller directing cars to be parked on the open Green of the New Churchyard.

5) Under any other Business

- a) Thiru raised the point that as the signage for the Commonwealth War Graves were now up, that members needed to be aware of their location

Action-

David Powell to walk round with Rev Les on Saturday 21/09, to point to their location & Les will take photographs.

Michael Gardner & Sue Middleton will then mark it on existing plans.

- b) Michael Gardner raised the problem of Ash saplings growing within the graves. These need to be trimmed & the roots poisoned. We would deal with the problem within the New churchyard

In the Old Churchyard - this should fall within the remit of the RBBC.

Action – Thiru to email Michael Hill / Alan Bixby alerting them to this problem & also to the date of the 5 year tree condition survey which would be due in March 2021. The last one was done on 26/03/16.

- c) **Bat Survey** – is needed before work on the Spire of St Bart's. Michael George mentioned the name of a **Bat Conservationist- Martyn Cooke.of Charlwood**

6) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd October

7) Date of Churchyard Walk with Councillors – Monday 9th September

8) Date for identifying location of War Graves – Saturday 21st September.

Churchyard Walk Monday 9/09/19 at 6pm.

Present; Rev Les Wells, Michael Gardner, Roy Page, Richard Moore, Thiru Jesudason

Horley Town Councillors; David Powell, Carol Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk),

Samantha Marshall, Pamela Chandler, Jan Baird & Martin Saunders.

The New Churchyard

The place was well kempt, everyone commented, that Burley's were doing a good job.

David Powell then took everyone round, pointing out the WW II war graves, 12 in all. Their location was noted. Les took photographs for church records, so if members of the public requested to see them, we had a clear record of where they were.

Michael pointed out, how the Ashes plot would be extended & also where under the shade of the trees, the new kids, burial ground would be.

The Old Churchyard

By contrast, the grass was overgrown, & it looked shambolic.

The tall Yew Tree, near the north east corner, along the river edge & (adjacent to the two Lyme trees diseased with Honey Fungus,) was noted to be looking unhealthy, with peeling bark & the leaves on the lower branches turning brown. The Tree Surgeon from Dave Ford Tree Care, has been requested to inspect it & if found to be diseased, it will need taking down as if it were to fall it would damage several of the ornate graves underneath it.

David Powell then took everyone round, pointing out the 11 WW I war graves. Again their locations were noted & Les photographed the graves for church records.

David also pointed out several Ash saplings growing in one of the graves.

The walk ended at 7.15pm.

**Notes of Monthly Grounds Maintenance Meeting with Burleys representatives, held on
Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 2.00 pm in the
Town Council Offices, 92 Albert Road, Horley**

Present: Carol Fenton HTC
Cllr Simon Marshall HTC
Cllr Fiona Stimpson HTC
Davinder Kajla (Contract Manager) Burleys

Apologies – Cllr David Powell (HTC Chairman)

Horley Rec: It was noted that some replacement of flowers would be required in the new Bee Bed. Davinder advised that there had been instances of parents allowing children to run through the bed. Fiona agreed to put something on social media about this. The re-planted shrubs were to be pruned and removed if not alive. Fiona subsequently reported that most were indeed dead and there were also large brambles which required removing. Davinder reported that the cost to supply and install astro turf in parts of the playground would be excessive and it was therefore agreed that the area be re-seeded as required in late October and areas fenced off as necessary to allow for growth. Carol pointed out that there were some weeds in the Memorial Gardens beds and Davinder said that these would be dealt with the following week when Burleys staff were due to be in Horley. The hedges were due to be cut this month. The area under the fitness equipment would continue to be weedkilled and strimmed and Davinder agreed to look at the area to the rear of the park, where the footpath was higher than the surrounds and put forward possible solutions. Davinder was notified of upcoming events (Open Air Cinema on 23 August, Dog Show on 8 September, Circus 8-15 September and Bonfire & Fireworks 2 November). Carol added that work to build the café was likely to be ongoing until the end of the year.

Court Lodge Playing Fields: Carol advised that the funfair would be on the site behind the Innes Pavilion until the following Monday. Goal posts had been erected on pitches 2 and 5, however there were possible safety issues with the remaining posts. It was agreed that Bennetts staff and Burleys staff meet on site the following morning to review the situation. Hooks for the goal posts had not yet arrived.

Church Meadows: Davinder agreed to check with Neil when the long-grassed areas and wild flower areas were due to be cut down. It was thought likely that this would be in September. The cut grass would be left in place for a week or so to allow seeds to fall, before being collected.

Emlyn Meadows: The long-grassed area to the rear of the area would also be cut in September.

Michael Crescent Centenary Park: No issues to report.

Langshott Allotments: The rough hedge along the boundary with the railway line was due to be cut back and Davinder said that the car park area would continue to be sprayed with weedkiller as necessary.

Church Road Allotments: The hedge along Church Road to be cut both inside and outside.

Other Matters: Davinder suggested that the small bed at the junction of the High Street and Consort Way East could be developed as a wild flower area and agreed to provide a

quotation for the work. Carol reminded Davinder that it had been agreed that Burleys would remove green waste from the Q Garden Bed at the junction of The Drive and Russells Crescent and regularly cut the small grass strip in front, as the bed itself was looked after by volunteers. It was noted that Diana Walk, which ran alongside the Boots Optician and led to the Central Car Park, was badly in need of tidying and weeding and Davinder agreed to remind Neil about this.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 25 September at 2.00 pm

HORLEY OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2019 at 6pm.

Present: Cllr Simon Marshall, Cllr Valerie Marshall, Carol Fenton, Cllr Giorgio Buttironi, Cllr Mike George, Kevin Lerwill, Cllr Jerry Hudson (part).

Election of Chairman for 2019/2020:

Simon Marshall was proposed by Mike, seconded by Giorgio and agreed.

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Fiona Stimpson, Henry and Carol Randall, Cllr Michael Robinson, Cllr Helen Kitajewski, Michael Hill (R&BBC Greenspaces), David Watts (R&BBC Greenspaces), Cllr David Powell, Lewis Keen (HPS), Jan Spratt (HCG), Catherine Baart (HCG), Cllr Kay Hammond.

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2019 were agreed. It was agreed that either Cllr Giorgio Buttironi or Cllr Jerry Hudson attend future meetings in their role as a Borough Councillor.

Open Spaces:

Horley Recreation Ground

Giorgio reported that the visit of the open-air cinema on the previous Friday had been sold out. There are still some bald patches in the children's play area, but this will be re-seeded in the autumn. Building of the café is progressing.

Simon said that the bee bed is beginning to look quite good.

Simon reported lots of weeds under the keep-fit equipment. Carol will remind Burleys to spray some weed-killer.

We have been told by the Lawn Tennis Association that the tennis courts could be improved for about £22k, which is a lot less than originally thought. Simon would like to include this item in next year's budget.

We still have several taxis parking in the car park, particularly those from Addison Lee. This sometimes means that they are taking up spaces which results in the Bowls Club members having to park on the grass. The JET team has told Carol that the taxis can only be moved on if there is any antisocial behaviour

Church Meadows

This is looking good. Kevin said that the area has been full of insects throughout the summer. Kevin reported that the amount of Himalayan Balsam is getting less, so all the hard work to remove it is paying off.

Mike complained that R&BBC vehicles have been parking across the footpath while cutting the hedges on the A23, when they could easily park in Church Meadows. Carol will contact them.

Bay Close Open Space

Simon reported that some demolition has been taking place in the area of the scout hut, as there is a pile of rubble.

Emlyn Meadow

Kevin reported that the GGP have been working there and there are lots of butterflies and other insects in the uncut areas. Simon said there should be a sign stating what work is being done, as it's not always obvious to the public.

The developers have given Bolters Wood to R&BBC as part of the Riverside Green Chain, so we will not therefore be purchasing this area.

Some bird boxes were destroyed by vandals recently. These were originally put up by schoolchildren in junction with GGP. Kevin said he will look into replacing them with the help of volunteers.

Yattendon Road Recreation Ground

We are not sure who is currently responsible for checking this. Carol will check previous minutes.

Michael Crescent Centenary Park

This is a well-used playground. Carol said that a couple of organisations have contacted her about hiring the scout hut, but it is not in a suitable condition.

Court Lodge Playing Fields/Riverside Walk

Mike reported that work is being done on a damaged ash tree which partially fell down in a storm. However, there is some dispute as to whose land it is on, so it has not yet been fully removed. Someone tried to set fire to the basket swing, but it is still useable. We have no idea when the damage was done, so it would be difficult to check the CCTV cameras.

A company with inflatables has been visiting the area for several weeks and this has proved to be a very popular attraction. There has been no impact on residents, as their vehicles were parked well away from the houses. We will probably invite them to come again next year.

There was some rubbish on Riverside Walk that could indicate drug usage. This has now been removed.

The tree is still in the river. It is now forming a bridge from one side to the other. However, it is also impeding the watercourse and could cause flooding problems. R&BBC has been aware of this for some time but has not yet removed it.

Mike reported that the vegetation in Riverside Walk is now above head-height. However, it will die back in the winter, which will then reveal how much rubbish is there.

Riverside Garden Park

There have been several people camping there. Giorgio said he saw someone camping there who had a suitcase with him. Mike said that Sussex Police would respond to an emergency call, because of airport security.

The car park has been patched up recently but the result is not satisfactory, and the surface is now breaking up again.

Horley Conservation Group:

Kevin reported:

May - Wildflower seed sowing at Tanyard Meadows

June/July – Himalayan Balsam removal

August – work in The Fieldings Orchard

14 September – scrub clearance around the stream in RGP to improve it for the wildlife

Kevin has also visited the new village common area at Landen Park and met nearby residents.

Horley Piscatorial Society:

Report from Lewis Keen:

“Overall, it has been very quiet at Horley Piscatorial across summer.

We are due to start some scrub clearance along the riverside along with Kevin Lerwill of GGP. The first date set is 14 September and I will look to update the committee once completed.

The work is light duties, cutting back areas where it is encroaching on the stream bank to allow more light penetration. This will be useful to all aspects of wildlife that inhabit the stream.”

Horley in Bloom:

All gardens and allotments have been judged. The Photographic Competition is still on-going.

Riverside Green Chain (The Acres/Westvale Park)

Report from David Watts:

“Tanyard Meadows

- The damaged swale fencing near Meadow Way has now been repaired.
- The tree blockage in the Burstow Stream has been cleared and the cuttings removed by the Environment Agency.
- R&BBC have undertaken two meadow cuts since taking over the site and the wildflower diversity is improving - a late summer cut is scheduled for September.
- Anti-social behaviour seems to be an issue particularly around the new picnic tables. This has been raised in meetings between the Joint Enforcement Team and the Police, it is hoped that

they will carry out patrols. Residents, however, must call the Police if they witness any crimes taking place.

- Signage is developing well. I am meeting with the RBBC Graphic designer this week to help with putting together sign content. I have managed to get a copy of the old tithe map showing the historical field names - this will feature on the signs.
- We are in the process of implementing by-laws but will need to go through the Secretary of State's application procedure.
- I will have a walk around with Kevin Lerwill to discuss future conservation tasks, date to be confirmed."

Any other business:

The committee discussed grass cutting. The grass is now 7 feet high in Riverside Walk. However, a wide enough footpath has been left for dog walkers.

It was suggested that the large roundabout in Cheyne Walk, currently grassed over, could be designated as a wildflower area.

Mike said that our tree population is decreasing due to damaged and dying trees that are being removed and not replaced. Kevin said that any replacements would probably have to be well-established trees and not saplings, which would therefore be more expensive. Simon said we need to put this on a future agenda.

Next meeting:

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 5 November at 6pm.