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 14 January 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)

Jack Chapman Kevin Hagerty Simon Marshall Mike Miller Richard Olliver Tony Schofield Jan Spratt Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance Alan Jones (Town Clerk)

Carol Fenton (Deputy Clerk)

P 4349 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apology of Cllr Austin be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register, as well as the apology of the Administrative Officer, Joan Walsh.

P 4350 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pencuniary Interests, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 4351 Public Forum

There were 4 members of the public present during the Public Forum.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4352 Planning Application: P/12/01973/RM1 – Land Parcel at Inholms, Haroldslea Drive, Horley

A group of local residents addressed the Committee on Reserved Matters relating to the outline Planning Application for 50 dwellings (surface water drainage scheme, landscaping etc). Concerns were raised about existing flooding risks at the site and potential impact on neighbouring properties. The residents expressed their concern that the drainage scheme was now only required to be in place before completion of the final dwelling, and stressed that ongoing flooding issues, long with maintenance of the Haroldslea Stream maintenance had not been properly addressed.

P 4352) The Chairman thanked the speakers for their comments. He said that the Town Council had strongly objected to the original outline application, and it was refused by the Borough Council, however an appeal was subsequently upheld by the Planning Inspectorate.

Cllr Miller added that certain areas of Horley had been removed from the Flood Plain map by the Environment Agency (EA) and explained that he had already written to the EA, as Borough Portfolio Holder for Planning, highlighting a lack of recognition of the severe flooding problems in East Surrey. His letter had been copied to MPs for East Surrey and Reigate and questions about the standard of EA work were to be raised in the House of Commons.

The Committee Chairman added that the Town Council was looking to gain evidence from local residents and convene a meeting with representatives of the EA, Borough & County Councils and Gatwick Airport to see how flooding issues might be mitigated in future.

Standing Orders then resumed so that a formal response to be made by the Town Council to the Planning Application.

RESOLVED: that the following comments be made regarding Planning Application P/12/01973/RM1 – Land Parcel at Inholms, Haroldslea Drive, Horley:

The Town Council OBJECTS to the Surface Water Drainage Scheme and strongly believes that, following recent heavy flooding in this area, this should be addressed with the Environment Agency, the flood maps reviewed and the suitability of this development re-assessed.

P 4353 Approval of Minutes Planning & Development Committee – 17 December 2013

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

RESOLVED: noted.

Matters Arising
Planning & Development Committee - 17 December 2013

P 4354 Highways Matters – Road Repairs in Horley

It was noted that County Cllr Kay Hammond would be attending the next Full Council meeting on 4 February.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 4355 Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4356 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk updated members on the HTMG meeting held the previous evening. He said that updates were received on replacement street lighting in the precinct as well as the experimental reversal of the one-way system in the Central Car Park Service Road, Consort Way East. An informative presentation had also been received from Metamorphosis on design vision and branding for the town together with plans to offer advice to retailers on improving window displays.

RESOLVED: noted.

Deferred Planning Applications

P 4357 Planning Application P13/02263/LBC: Tanyard Farm, Langshott, Horley - Conversion of Tanyard Barn into a community hall, to include the demolition of the attached barn at the east end and demolition and rebuilding of the outshots on the north and west sides

Comments on the above Planning Application were deferred by the Committee, pending further consideration. It was agreed that Cllrs George, Olliver, Schofield, Spratt and the Clerk meet with the Horley Regeneration Manager and other Borough representatives to review the plans put forward.

RESOLVED: that the matter be considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 4358 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 11 December 2013 to 7 January 2014.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4359 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 17 December 2013.

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.

P 4360 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 7 January 2013 (covering the Christmas Recess period for weeks ending 17 & 24 December 2013).

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 4361 Planning Appeals Received

The list of Planning Appeals received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4362 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of Planning Appeals determined by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 4363 SCC Ref: RE/P/13/02058/CON: Land at Langshott Infant School, Smallfield Road, Horley – Retention of two temporary buildings for a further period of 5 years

The Clerk reported receipt of a Decision Notice on the above application, which had been approved with conditions by Surrey County Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4364 North East Sector

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4365 North West Sector

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Town Centre Regeneration

P 4366 Replacement Lighting in Horley Precinct:

It was noted that new low maintenance and vandal resistant lighting was to be installed in the Pedestrian Precinct, which would continue to have hanging basket brackets, as the existing ones did. A site meeting with the lighting provider, Skanksa, was to be arranged with County Councillors as well as members of HATs and HTMG to discuss the positioning of the lights, to ensure that the sites for the Christmas Tree and the Stage were avoided and that there was appropriate power for the Christmas lights. The Committee Chairman added that Skanska would also rectify issues regarding other new street lights in the town centre, to ensure that they had the power facility for Christmas lights.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4367 Reversal of the one-way system in the Central Car Park Service Road,

Members discussed the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which had been put in place to enable works to take place to reverse the one-way system in the Central Car Park Service Road, Consort Way East. Several members expressed reservations about the proposals. It was noted that it was not possible to lodge a formal objection to the Order, until it was in force. Once in force, objections could be made to the Order being made permanent within the first six months. It was noted that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum.

RESOLVED: that the Reversal of the one-way system in the Central Car Park Service Road be a Standing Item on future agenda of this Committee.

P 4368 Meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum

It was noted that the next meeting would take place here in the Albert Rooms on Tuesday, 28 January.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 4369 Reigate, Redhill & District Rail Users' Association (RRDRUA) – Off Track Newsletter, December 2013

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the above publication (already circulated to members).

Highways Matters

P 4370 Horley Subway and Footbridge

The Clerk said that the ongoing problems of flooding at the Subway continued to be reported to Network Rail, and replies had been received advising that the site would need to be pumped out. Complaints from residents had become much more frequent following the recent heavy rainfall. It was noted that the long promised clean-up had yet to take place.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4371 Surrey Highways Bulletin

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

P 4372 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council: Core Strategy

Cllr Miller advised that the Inspector's report was expected soon and he hoped that the Core Strategy would be approved by the Borough's Full Council by April.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 4373	From GATCOM	Subject Consultation by DfT: Draft Guidelines on Airport Consultative Committees.	Received 4.12.13	Action Comments sent by Committee Chairman to GATCOM, noted.
	GATCOM	Consultation by NATS/GAL: London Airspace (Gatwick LAMP Response).	12.1.14	Response sent by Committee Chairman, noted.
	GACC	Latest Newsletters & Summary of GACC Responses to Consultations.	2.1.14	Noted.
	HTC	Meeting & Presentation by GACC on 28.1.14. (Neighbouring authorities also invited.)		Noted.

P 4373) HTC

Meeting &

Noted.

Presentation by GDB

on 4.3.14.

(Neighbouring

authorities invited.)

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4374 Residential Areas of Special Character (RASCs) or Urban Open Land

The Clerk advised that the maps with proposed areas to become RASCs and Urban Open Land in Horley, had been marked up and returned to the Borough Council's Senior Policy Development Officer for consideration.

RESOLVED: that a further update on the proposed list of RASCs or Urban Open Land in Horley, be provided at the next Committee meeting.

P 4375 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Olliver advised that very few Councils were currently involved in producing Plans. It was noted, however, that Development Management Policies would be put in place, once the Borough Council's Core Strategy had been adopted. Cllr Miller added that the Town Council's input would be sought into Policies for Horley. It was noted that the Development Management Policies would be put out to consultation and would require the Inspector's formal approval.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4376 Letters Received

None were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4377 Diary Dates

Meeting: Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC)

Albert Rooms , Tuesday 28 January 2014, 7.15 pm

Meeting: Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

Albert Rooms , Tuesday 4 March 2014, 7.00 pm

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4378 Press Release

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