

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Horley Town Council held at the Albert Rooms,
Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 28 June 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs Mike George – Chairman & Town Mayor
J Baird
S Banwait
R Biggs
J Hudson
D Jackson
A Kitajewski
H Kitajewski
L Mabbett
Samantha Marshall
R Olliver
H Randall
F Stimpson

In Attendance A Jones (Town Clerk)
C Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk)
One member of the public

C 4005 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Baker, Etheridge, Simon Marshall, Valerie Marshall & Powell be accepted, for reasons as specified in the attendance register.

C 4006 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No Declarations of Interest were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4007 Public Forum

A member of the public expressed concern at the planned move of Horley Library to the Russell Square site, as he believed that the site was considerably smaller than the existing library site. Cllr Olliver responded that he believed the site was considerably bigger than had been described in a recent newspaper article. Cllr Jackson confirmed that the area currently used by the library would be accommodated at the proposed site. Cllr George explained that this was one of four possible sites which had been considered by Surrey County Council in recent years. The freehold of the Russell Square site was owned by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and the site would be offered to the County Council on a 998 year long lease (“virtual freehold”). Cllr Samantha Marshall confirmed that a meeting of representatives of the County Council and the Horley Local History Society was to

- C 4007)** take place in late July to discuss the accommodation required by the History Society at the new site and Cllr George added that full plans of the proposed new library would be required to be made available as part of the planning process.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4008 Annual Meeting of the Council, 17 May 2016

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2016, including all confidential items, be approved.

C 4009 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 24 May 2016

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

C 4010 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 14 June 2016

RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, including all confidential items, be received.

C 4011 Planning & Development Committee, 26 April 2016

RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be received.

C 4012 Devolved Powers Agreement

It was noted that the formal agreement from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was still awaited.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4013 Chairman's Report

Cllr George reported that, since the Annual Meeting he had attended the following:

Opening of Helping Hands Home Care (attended by Cllr Jackson)
Reigate & Banstead Civic Service at St Bart's Church
AGM of East Surrey Home Start
Surrey Mayors' Association Welcome Party

- C 4013)** Judging of Floats/Stalls at Horley Carnival
Armed Forces Week Flag Raising Ceremony at Reigate Town Hall
Horley Singers Summer Concert

RESOLVED: noted.

- C 4014** **Reports from County Councillors**

No reports were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

- C 4015** **Surrey Police**

Following discussion at the Annual Meeting, the Clerk advised that Angie Austin had moved on from her role as Borough Commander, so an invitation to attend a future Town Council meeting would need to wait until a new appointment had been made. Cllr Jackson advised that he understood that David Munro, the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, would be willing to attend a future Council meeting to address concerns about local policing etc.

RESOLVED: that the matter be re-considered at a future meeting

- C 4016** The Chairman advised that there was no update regarding the continuation of the Neighbourhood Panel Meetings (without a Police presence), although he believed that County Cllr Kay Hammond was still keen to lead on this matter.

RESOLVED: noted.

- C 4017** **2016 – 2018 National Salary Award**

The Clerk advised that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had reached agreement on new pay scales for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, which would be implemented accordingly.

RESOLVED: noted.

Proposals for Possible Café at Horley Recreation Ground

- C 4018** **RESOLVED: that a Working Group be formed to consider all possible options for a café in the park, membership to be Cllrs Baker, Biggs, Baird and Hudson.**

- C 4019** **RESOLVED: that the Working Group report in the first instance to the Leaders' Group and the possible Café proposals in future be considered at Full Council meetings.**

C 4020 Letters Received

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of a letter of thanks from County Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin (Chairman of Reigate & Banstead Local Committee) for the use of the Albert Rooms for the recent Local Committee meeting.

C 4021 Diary Dates

Upcoming events were noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

C 4022 Confidential Business

RESOLVED: that, "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."

C 4023 Replacement Skate Park at Horley Recreation Ground CONFIDENTIAL

Members were updated on recent meetings with contractors and approved the recommendation that Bendcrete Leisure Ltd be appointed to design and build the new skate park at Horley Recreation Ground (including removal of existing one) for the total sum of £84,500 plus VAT.

Meeting closed at 8.37 pm

Date of next meeting: 30 August 2016

