

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Horley Town Meeting held at the Edmonds Community Hall,
Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Friday 16 May 2019**

PRESENT

In the Chair:	Cllr David Powell - Chairman & Town Mayor
Town Councillors	Cllrs J Baird, G Buttironi, P Chandler, M George, J Hudson, A Kitajewski, H Kitajewski, Samantha Marshall, Simon Marshall, V Marshall, M Robinson, M Saunders, R Spencer & F Stimpson.
Borough & County Councillors:	Cllr Graham Knight (Borough & County Cllr)
Guest Speaker	Leon Hibbs, Air Quality Monitoring Officer, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
Town Clerk	Joan Walsh
Head of Leisure	Carol Fenton
Finance & Planning Officer	Judy Morgan
Administrative Officer	Helen Maan

Plus 35 members of the public.

The Town Council Chairman, Cllr David Powell welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Cllrs R Marr & W Philips, Borough Cllrs R Biggs & A Lynch, County Cllr K Hammond, A Jones (HTC Consultant), K Lerwill (GGP), RBBC Officers D Watts & M Hill, JET Officer I Yeo and two local residents. (Cllr G Kumar was absent.)

Minutes of Meeting held on 27 April 2018

The Minutes of the Horley Town Meeting held on 27 April 2018 were presented for confirmation by those present and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

Smith's Charity

The unaudited accounts of Smith's Charity, for the year ending 28 February 2019 were presented by Doug Kilborn (Charity Trustee) and received by those present. Doug explained that the Smiths Charity helped people in need in the Horley and Salfords & Sidlow areas, these included the elderly, single parent families and students. (A copy of the accounts is appended to the signed copy of these minutes.)

Horley Churchyards (St Bart's Church)

A report was received from Dr Thiru Jesudason (Church Warden, St Bart's Church). She told those present that explained that St Bart's Church always appreciated the helpful advice given by Horley Town Councillors. Dr Thiru reminded everyone that responsibility for the maintenance of the Old Churchyard (which surrounded St Bart's Church) now belonged to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The New Churchyard was maintained for St Bart's by the Contractor Burleys. Cllr Powell, the Town Council Chairman praised the standards of workmanship by Burleys. He added that there were 11 WW1 War Graves in the Old Churchyard and 12 WW2 War Graves in the New Churchyard, which he personally helped to prepare for Remembrance Events.

Horley Edmonds Community Fund

An update was given on the fund. (A copy of the Fund Statement is appended to the signed copy of these minutes.)

Annual Report 2018 – 2018

The Annual Report was received by those present. Thanks were recorded to the Production Company MAD Ideas for preparing the artwork for the Report.

Report of the Chairman of the Council - Councillor David Powell

Cllr David Powell presented his report, a copy of which is appended to the signed copy of the minutes. He concluded by thanking his Vice-Chairman, Cllr Samantha Marshall, committee Chairmen and all fellow Town Councillors for their support throughout the year.

Report of the Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee - Councillor Simon Marshall

Cllr Simon Marshall presented his report. He told everyone that the replacement safety surfacing in the Horley Recreation Ground Playground had considerably improved the space for everyone who used the area. The Horley in Bloom competitions had seen increased numbers of entries, both in the Gardening and the Photographic competitions. He concluded by thanking his two Vice-Chairmen and fellow Committee members for their support throughout the year. (A copy of the full report is appended to the signed copy of these minutes.)

Report of the Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee - Councillor Mike George

Cllr George presented his report, a copy of which is appended to the signed copy of the minutes.

A local resident questioned what Gatwick Airport was doing to address the problem of off-airport parking, something which badly affected residential roads in Horley. Cllr George responded that Airport representatives had periodic meetings with representatives of neighbouring local authorities (including the Town Council), to consider how these issues might be addressed. The Airport was being encouraged to price its designated car parks to be more cost-effective for airline passengers to use. He added that not all residents in Horley wanted to see parking restrictions introduced and there was of course the cost associated with these parking permits. Another resident pointed out that such parking

restrictions could at times be successful, explaining that the parking restrictions in Limes Avenue between 8 – 10 am had addressed the issue of commuter parking.

The matter of the proposed Business Park was also raised by a resident present. Borough & County Cllr Graham Knight responded that this Business Park had first been proposed in 2015, explaining that, whilst he and some other Horley Councillors had voiced their objections to the proposal, other non-Horley Councillors were in favour of the possible idea. He added that no Environmental Studies had yet taken place and there would be considerable land ownership issues to overcome, with some of the land belonging to Surrey County Council and the rest to a Developer who did not seem to be prepared to sell the land.

Cllr George concluded by thanking members and staff for their invaluable assistance throughout the previous year.

Report of the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee - Councillor Samantha Marshall

Cllr Samantha Marshall presented her report, a copy of which is appended to the signed copy of the minutes. She explained that the Town Council had been continuing to fund substantial improvements in all its playgrounds, making them more exciting spaces for children to use, whilst still ensuring that all safety requirements were met. Floral Displays had again been provided across the town for residents to enjoy during the Summer months and an updated Town Guide had been delivered to all the residents and businesses in Horley, once more at no cost to the Council. Samantha added that new subscribers to the Town Council's e newsletter were always very welcome and added that the newsletter now regularly had a feature on local community groups and organisations in the town. Samantha concluded by thanking her Committee Vice-Chairman and all fellow Councillors for their support throughout the year.

Resolutions

The Clerk advised that no Resolutions had been received.

Horley Residents' Forum

The Clerk thanked Councillors Kay Hammond & Graham Knight for their support of the Horley Residents' Forum Meetings, which had commenced towards the end of 2018 to replace the Neighbourhood Police Panels, which no longer met. It was noted that the Traffic Order regarding increased car parking restrictions in Horley, as approved at the recent RBBC Local Committee would soon be put in place, subject to support being received during the current Consultation period. It was also noted that the number of electrical charging points across the town were increasing. The Town Council Chairman thanked local residents for attending these meetings to voice their concerns and reiterated the importance of all three tiers of Local Government (Town, Borough & County) having a presence at the meetings.

Presentation on Air Quality Monitoring in Horley, given by Leon Hibbs, Air Quality Monitoring Officer at Reigate & Banstead Council

Leon Hibbs gave a very enlightening presentation on Air Quality Monitoring in Horley. He explained that the assessment of local air quality was a statutory duty of local authorities under the 1995 Environment Act, requiring an Action Plan to be put in place for Horley by

2005. Leon explained that Nitrogen Dioxide was the pollutant giving most concern at the present time, as it was believed that high levels of the gas may increase the risk of developing asthma. Horley pollution levels had been far higher in 2006, compared with those in 2018, although they were always higher in the areas closest to Gatwick Airport. He added that the monitoring of pollution levels from Gatwick Airport was ongoing by the Borough Council, even if legal current targets were currently being met by the Airport.

The Chairman thanked Leon for his very informative presentation.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Date of Next Meeting – to be advised.

Signed:

Dated: