

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 23 May 2017, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Richard Biggs (Chairman)
James Baker
Kevin Etheridge
Mike George
Jerry Hudson
Linda Mabbett
Simon Marshall
Richard Olliver
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Public Forum Thakeham Homes Representatives (2)
Meeting Place Communications Representatives (1)

Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Planning & Projects Officer)

P 5689 Election of Committee Chairman (Cllr George in the Chair)

Cllr Olliver proposed and Cllr Mabbett seconded that Cllr Biggs be nominated as Committee Chairman. There were no further nominations for the post.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Biggs be elected Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

P 5690 Appointment of Committee Vice-Chairman

Cllr Biggs proposed and Cllr Stimpson seconded that Cllr Olliver be nominated as Committee Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations for the post.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Olliver be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

P 5691 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Banwait, Jackson and Powell be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 5692 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 5693 Planning Application: 17/01057/F – 19 Church Road & Land to the Rear of 17-23 Church Road & 58-60 Massetts Road, Horley

Demolition of No. 19 Church Road and the erection of 8 new detached dwellings on land to the rear of 17-23 Church Road and 58-60 Massetts Road, Horley with access from Church Road, together with car parking and landscaping (Revision of Application 17/00228/F)

Cllr Stimpson made a Pecuniary Interest on the above Planning Application, and left the council chambers whilst the matter was being discussed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Public Forum

P 5694 Redhill Aerodrome New Garden Community (Thakeham Homes)

Representatives of Thames Homes and Meeting Place Communications addressed the Committee to promote preliminary proposals for the redevelopment of the existing Redhill Aerodrome site situated south east of Redhill, as a new garden community, providing to 4,500 homes together with all necessary services and facilities. Their overview covered a number of proposals for the site with regard to essential infrastructure, including schools, open spaces and road links which would comprise options for a new east-west link road between the M23 and A23. The initial information had also been submitted to Tandridge District Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for consideration in their respective local planning policies.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their attendance. From the information provided, members were concerned about another housing development on a much larger scale than the existing housing provision at the North East Sector and North West Sector (still under construction) as part of the *Horley Master Plan* due to a number of issues including the likelihood of increased traffic build-up on an already heavily congested spine road in to Horley via the A23; impact on emergency vehicle access; and adequate school provision.

It was explained to the Committee that the proposals were at a very early stage and several community engagement initiatives were being carried out by the consortium at the present time. In the event of an outline Planning Application being submitted at a later stage, this would also be subject to full public consultation. In the meantime, regular updates and associated information would be made available within the public domain, and local authorities, including the Town Council, would also be kept fully informed as plans for the scheme moves forward.

(Redhill Aerodrome New Garden Community website available to view [here](#))

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5695 Approval of Minutes Planning & Development Committee - 25 April 2017

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning and Development meeting, be approved.

Matters Arising Planning & Development Committee – 25 April 2017

P 5696 Electrical Cabinets

The Clerk told members that since a letter was sent from the Town Council to Virgin Media, requesting an urgent inspection of several unsecured street cabinets exposing electrical cables throughout Horley, he had received no response to date and there was no apparent remedial action undertaken. In view of this, a reminder letter would be sent to the broadband provider accordingly (subsequently sent).

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5697 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: that the appointments to the Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies be approved (details of which will be appended to the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16 May 2017).

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 5698 Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5699 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk advised that Cllr Andy Lynch was reappointed as Chairman at the last meeting of the group, held on 22 May. Further updates on the Horley Wayfinding Project together with proposed Town Centre Precinct improvement works (covered by Section 106 funding) were also received, and it was anticipated that these works would commence early next year.

P 5700 It was further noted that as part of the planned roll out of defibrillators in the town, an appliance would be positioned outside the Horley & District Constitutional Club (1 Albert Road, Horley). Cllr Olliver advised it had been suggested by Surrey ALC that a definitive list of locally based defibrillators should be published for public information, and this would therefore be followed up by the Town Council in due course.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5701 Deferred Planning Applications

No matters from the previous meeting were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5702 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 22 April to 19 May 2017.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5703 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 22 April to 19 May 2017

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 5704 Planning Appeals Received

The list of Planning Appeals received during the period 22 April to 19 May 2017, were reviewed.

P 5704) RESOLVED: noted.

P 5705 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of Planning Appeals determined during the period 22 April to 19 May 2017, were reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 5706 Horley Learning Partnership – Proposed Expansion at Oakwood School

The Clerk advised that following receipt of a joint letter from Horley Learning Partnership (HLP) regarding the SCC consultation on proposed expansion at Oakwood School (raised at the Annual Council Meeting, on 16 May), a response had been sent from the Town Council. The reply stated that the even though the Town Council had no detailed operational knowledge of Oakwood School, members fully supported the measured response from HLP, particularly concerning the level of funding required to improve the condition of the building and concerns for children attending both now and in the future. It was also explained that as a statutory consultee, the Town Council would give careful consideration to any relevant Planning Application, taking into account the proposed building and probable impact on the local community.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5707 North East Sector (The Acres)

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5708 North West Sector (Westvale Park)

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5709 Town Centre Regeneration

The Clerk advised that in the absence of any information in regard to another meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum, he would follow this up again with the Borough Council as this was now well overdue.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts RBBC to confirm the next meeting of the Horley Regeneration Forum.

P 5710 Railway Matters

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Highways Matters

P 5711 SCC Briefing Note: Rights of Way Maintenance Funding Reduction

Members discussed the SCC Briefing Note regarding reduced resources available for maintaining public rights of way, since the County Council's budget setting for 2017/18 was announced. The Chairman commented that the proposed changes to be carried out by the Countryside Access Team might result in the gradual closure of certain public rights of way locally, and could thereby compromise public safety by forcing cyclists, pedestrians and horses onto the roads.

Cllr Olliver advised he would be raising such concerns following a presentation by Surrey ALC on reduced maintenance funding for public rights of way throughout the county. It was also decided that the Countryside Access Team Manager be consulted for advice on the matter, and the Clerk would follow this up accordingly. It was also noted that residents should be kept informed as plans progress, and such information would therefore be published on the HTC website when known.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk liaises with the Countryside Access Team Manager to establish possible public rights of way closures in Horley arising from the reduction of County Council funding, and provides an update at the next Committee meeting.

P 5712 Operation Horizon: Outstanding Highways Works in Horley

The Planning Officer reported that no further response had been received from Surrey Highways to further queries raised by Cllr Hudson on various outstanding road repairs in Horley. Cllr Hudson advised that there had been some evidence of road patching carried out on certain parts of Church Road, Horley (a particular area he had raised previously) but several pot holes along the same stretch remained untreated. He would forward photographic evidence of these together with a further update to the office for onward escalation to Surrey Highways.

RESOLVED: that a further update on road maintenance in Horley be provided at the next meeting of this Committee.

P 5713 SCC Highways Bulletins

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

Airport Matters

P 5714 DfT Consultation: Reforming Policy on the Design and Use of UK Airspace

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above DfT Consultation on Reforming Policy on the Design and Use of UK Airspace, as appended to these minutes and available to view on the Town Council website, be ratified.

P 5715 Defra Consultation – Draft UK Air Quality Plan (Closing Date: 15 June 2017)

Cllr George advised that he would prepare a response to the above Defra Consultation on Draft UK Air Quality Plan, for submission prior to the closing date, and ratification at the next Committee meeting.

P 5715) *RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to the above Defra Consultation on Draft UK Air Quality Plan, be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.*

P 5716 Recent Airport Communications

From	Subject	Received	Action
GATCOM	Key Messages & Outcomes from previous meeting (27.4.17)	9.5.17	Noted.
GAL	GAL Departures Workshop (1.6.17)	16.5.17	Noted. (Cllr George to attend.)
GATCOM	Weekly Newsletters (4)	28.4.17) 5.5.17) 12.5.17) 19.5.17)	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5717 Resolution: Gatwick Departure Route 4

The Planning Officer reported that a letter from the Town Council regarding the Resolution passed on Gatwick Departure Route 4, had been duly sent to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), and to The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP (Secretary of State for Transport). A further update would be provided once responses from these respective government authorities had been received.

(Letter to CAA and DfT available to view [here](#))

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5718 Proposed Horley Business Park

Cllr George told members that due to a lack of further information on the proposed Horley Business Park for some considerable time, that the Town Council should contact RBBC for an update on the project together with any other pre-application information that would assist should an outline Planning Application be presented in due course. Members agreed with the proposal, and the Chairman advised he would prepare a draft letter with the Clerk to RBBC.

RESOLVED: that the Borough Council be requested in writing for an update on the Proposed Horley Business Park and to provide any associated pre-application information available.

P 5719 Letters / Emails Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
Tandridge District Council	Consultation – Draft Trees & Soft Landscaping Supplementary Planning Document (Regulation 12)	11.5.17	Noted
Caterham Valley Parish Council	Consultation (Regulation 14)	2.5.17	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5720 Diary Dates

Funfair

Horley Recreation Ground, Friday 16 June – Sunday 18 June 2017

Horley Carnival

Horley Recreation Ground, Saturday 17 June 2017

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5721 Urgent Business

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5722 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting: 20 June 2017