

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Horley Town Meeting held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Friday 29 April 2022

PRESENT

In the Chair:	Cllr Samantha Marshall - Chairman & Town Mayor
Town Councillors	Cllrs Avery, Baird, Baker, George, A. Kitajewski, H. Kitajewski, Marr, Simon Marshall, Spencer and Phillips
Borough & County Councillors:	Cllr Jordan Beech (County & Town Cllr) Cllr Richard Biggs (Borough Cllr) Cllr Giorgio Buttironi (Borough & Town Cllr) Cllr Jerry Hudson (Borough & Town Cllr)
Guest Speaker	Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey
Council Staff	Joan Walsh, Town Clerk; Rachel Botcherby, Alice Cole, Helen Maan and Judy Morgan.

Plus 25 members of the public.

Cllr Samantha Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baker, Powell and Stimpson.

Minutes of Meeting held on 30 April 2021

The Minutes of the Horley Town Meeting held on 30 April 2021 were presented for confirmation by those present and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

Presentation by Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey gave a briefing sharing information and updates on a number of topics which was well received. She highlighted the pressing priorities set out in the [Police and Crime Plan 2021-25](#) to tackle higher crime rates in towns such as Horley along with the extensive recruitment drive to provide more warranted officers to help everyone feel safer with more police visibility in our local communities. The Q&A session amongst the attendees that followed was interactive. She invited residents to contact her directly to discuss any other issues of concern. The Chairman thanked Lisa Townsend for her presentation.

Presentation of Town Award

A Town Award was presented to Dr Richard Oliver. A copy of the Citation is attached.

Annual Report of the Henry Smith Charity (Horley) for 2021-2022

The report was given by one of the five Trustees of the charity David Yates. He gave an overview of the history of the charity, how it is funded, and how they distribute their income to those Horley and Salfords and Sidlow residents in need. He explained that the trustees are volunteers, and because of this 99% of their income is distributed. The charity continues to encourage and receive applications

from the elderly, students, families in need, single parents, the disabled, volunteers and the homeless. The income from Smiths Charity remains at £14,040 but this is under review. In the last year the charity has helped people from all categories and dealt with 83 applications, affecting the lives of 300 people. They work in partnership with C.A.B, charities, churches, Horley Lions and Horley Town Council and are continuing to develop relationships with such groups. An information pack has been developed with has been shared widely through local schools and social media.

Horley Churchyards

A report was received from Rev Cannon Leslie Wells (St Bart's Church). He thanked Horley Town Council for the continued support in helping with maintenance of the New Churchyard in a way that is aesthetically pleasing & safe for the public. He added that it is a public cemetery for the use of any resident of Horley. He gave an overview of the anticipated costs of grounds maintenance for the coming year as well as a snapshot of the costs incurred in the previous financial year. He added that they continue to rely on and value their volunteers who continue to help maintain a safe environment; taking on tasks that do not require professional help & by keeping the place free of debris. They are especially grateful to the County Care Volunteers under the supervision of James Baker who have cleaned the moss from the entrance gates. They were also grateful to receive additional grant funding last year from SCC Cllr Jordan Beech Members Allocation and the Gatwick Community Trust. He highlighted the challenges of an ageing population and reduced church attendance and expressed the hope that in future Horley Town Council would consider grant funding to cover the full cost of the annual grounds' maintenance.

Horley Edmonds Community Fund

An update was given on the fund. A copy of the Fund Statement is attached.

Annual Report 2021-2022

The Annual Report was received by those present.

Report of the Chairman of the Council - Councillor Samantha Marshall

The Chairman's report was received.

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

The Chairman's report was received.

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

The Chairman's report was received.

Report of the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee - Councillor Helen Kitajewski

The Chairman's report was received.

Comments and Questions on Reports

Residents were invited to make comments or ask questions concerning the reports. Topics discussed included the value of the proposed traffic survey of the A23, concerns about flooding, the proposed Aldi development, size of Horley, maintenance of the Horley Recreation Ground and the state of the pavements.

Resolutions

The Clerk advised that no Resolutions had been received.

Horley in Bloom & Photographic Competitions

CLlr George outlined arrangements for the competitions for 2022. He said that last year had been low key and the Council was looking forward to a more normal year this year. Categories would include schools, allotments, commercial and residences together with a photographic competition. The competition would be advertised by posters and through the website and social media. New for this year, it would be possible to apply on the website, although hard copy application forms would still be available from the Council offices. He said that the competition would be extended to both Hookwood and Charlwood. Judging of gardens would take place in July depending on weather and the photographic competition would be judged in September. It was planned to hold the awards evening on the last Friday in September. Horley Town Council looks forward to receiving the entries.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and those attending virtually.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm. Date of Next Meeting – 19 May 2023 (meeting renamed as **Annual Town Public Forum**)

Signed:

Dated: