



**L 4334 Tree Matters – Amendment to Minute L 4315**

***RESOLVED: that Minute L 4315 be amended to read ".....tree surveys at Horley Recreation Ground, Court Lodge Fields, Emlyn Meadows and Langshott Allotments....."***

**Outside Bodies**

**L 4335** Cllr Samantha Marshall updated members on a recent meeting of the Horley RBL Committee, which she had attended, where thanks had been recorded for the ongoing support of the Town Council for the Horley RBL.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4336** Cllr Samantha Marshall added that she had also attended the Annual Meeting of the Horley Conservation Group.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4337 Horley Churchyards**

The Head of Leisure advised that St Bart's Church had signed a two-year contract with Burleys for the maintenance of the New Churchyard for the sum of £6,808 plus VAT per annum, the contract to commence on 1 April 2018 and finish on 31 March 2020. Members agreed wording for an addendum to the contract, as requested by Church Warden, Thiru Jesudason. It was noted that the next meeting of the Churchyards Committee was due to take place on 4 April.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4338 Grounds Maintenance Update**

Members were updated on recent meetings with the Burleys Area Manager.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs**

**L 4339** It was noted that inspections were ongoing and that there was nothing significant to report.

***RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports, as well as the monthly grounds reports.***

**L 4340** The Head of Leisure said that repairs highlighted in the recent annual Playground Inspection Reports were currently being undertaken by Bennetts, including the replacement of a number of swing chains. A senior swing had been completely removed at the Court Lodge Playground, following recent damage. Members agreed that a replacement would not be cost effective, due to the imminent replacement of the playground.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4341 Provision of Youth Services in Horley**

The Head of Leisure told members that the Consultation on Youth Service Provision, which had been brought to members' attention at the recent Full Council meeting, was in fact an internal consultation on staffing. County Cllr Kay Hammond had confirmed that Youth Provision in Horley, as well as effective utilisation of the Young People's Centre were both regarded as very important. Cllr George added that he understood that there was to be a meeting of interested parties, which he planned to attend. Members were reminded that Youth Provision was to remain as a standing item on future Leisure Meeting agenda.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4342 Bonfire & Fireworks Display 2018**

The Head of Leisure advised that the Horley Lions had responded that they would consider bringing the pallets along a different route to the bonfire site, although this might prove difficult to achieve. With regard to hot ash being tipped into the skip, the ash had been dampened down with water beforehand.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4343 Possible Flooding Alleviation Measures, Horley Recreation Ground**

The Head of Leisure told members that a quotation of £2,041.85 plus VAT had been received from Burleys for the supply and installation of a 4 sqm drainage aqua system in the Horley Rec playground. Members suggested that further quotations be sought, as well as information regarding the effectiveness of the drainage system.

**RESOLVED: that the Head of Leisure seek further information and agree the way forward with the Committee Chairman & Vice-Chairman, any decision to be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.**

**L 4344 Charity Dog Show and Family Fun Day, Horley Recreation Ground**

The Head of Leisure advised that the date of Horley Lions event had been confirmed as Sunday 9 September 2018.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4345 Tree Matters**

The Head of Leisure told members that quotations were currently being sought for the Priority 2 works (to be undertaken within six months) identified in the recent tree surveys. She advised that £5,000 remained in this year's budget for tree works and £8,000 had been allocated in next year's budget.

**RESOLVED: that the selection of a contractor to carry out the tree works be a Chairmen's decision, to be ratified at the next meeting of this Committee.**

**Church Road and Langshott Allotments**

**L 4346** The Head of Leisure told members that payment of the recent invoices for the Church Road Allotments was now complete and there were two allotments to re-allocate.

**RESOLVED: noted**

**L 4347** The Head of Leisure explained that there had been some confusion regarding the use of the Langshott Allotment toilet by Metrobus drivers, however she believed that the trial period was now underway.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4348** The Head of Leisure told members that Mark Jolley, the Borough Council's Greenspaces Manager had advised that the Borough hoped to fund the container for the Horley Conservation Group (at Langshott Allotments) within the next three months.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4349 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)**

Members were advised that the next meeting of the HOSAC Committee was due to take place on 27 March. (Minutes of the previous meeting are appended.)

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4350 Horley Conservation Group (HCG)**

Members were updated on recent works carried out by the Group, which had included a joint task with the Horley Piscatorial Society at Riverside Garden Park.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Environment Matters**

**L 4351** Cllr Powell confirmed that a Clean-up of the River Mole bank to remove litter and larger items of debris would take place after Easter.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4352** It was noted that the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership was to hold a "Gatwick Goes Wild" week during the May Half-Term school holiday, details of which had been circulated to members.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L4353** The Head of Leisure advised that the Horley Piscatorial Society planned to carry out habitat improvements to the stretch of the River Mole at Court Lodge Fields in May.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4354 Horley in Bloom (HIB)**

**RESOLVED: that the HIB competitions be launched in early April and a meeting of the HIB Committee be held thereafter.**

**Summer Planting**

**L 4355** **RESOLVED: that the quotation from Amethyst Horticulture for £7,792.11 plus VAT for planters and hanging baskets be approved. (To include portable Half Barrels in the Pedestrian Precinct in place of the usual planters and hanging baskets, in view of the planned improvements to the Precinct this year.)**

**L 4356** **RESOLVED: that quotations currently being sought for the wild flower meadows and Memorial Gardens Summer bedding be considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 13 March.**

**L 4357 Horley Saturday Market**

***RESOLVED: that the renewal of the Licence to operate the Market from 22 March 2018 be approved, subject to no charges being levied on the Town Council for the use of the car park.***

**L 4358 Horley Carnival, 16 June 2018**

Cllr George told members that Gatwick Airport Ltd had confirmed their £3,000 sponsorship of the Carnival for 2018. The Medieval Joust at the Gatwick Aviation Museum would not be held until 2019.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4359 Silent Soldiers**

***RESOLVED: that the Silent Soldier sponsored by Cllr David Powell in his Borough Councillor capacity be placed in the St Bart's Old Churchyard, near to the WW1 graves.***

**L 4360 Surrey Playing Fields – Affiliation Fee**

***RESOLVED: that payment of £10 be approved.***

**L 4361 Diary Dates**

***RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the HATs St George's Day Fair on 21 April and Town Meeting on 27 April.***

**L 4362 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."***

**L 4363 Replacement Playground at Court Lodge Fields      CONFIDENTIAL**

Members considered five tender submissions and agreed the three playground companies to be invited for interview. Members also agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting be held on 13 March 2018 to finalise the appointment of the contractor.

**Meeting closed at 8.29 pm**

**Date of next meeting – 10 April 2018.**

**HORLEY OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 6pm.**

**Present:** Cllr David Powell (Chairman), Cllr Simon Marshall, Cllr Valerie Marshall, Carol Fenton, Cathy Cooper, Cllr Mike George, Cllr Samantha Marshall, Cllr Fiona Stimpson, Cllr Henry Randall, Jan Spratt (HCG), Lee Wilcox (R&BBC Greenspaces Manager), County Cllr Kay Hammond, Kevin Lerwill (GGP).

**Apologies for absence:**

Lewis Keen (HPS), Cllr James Baker.

**Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:**

The minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2017 were agreed with one correction - Dave Kench should read Dave Kenchington.

**Open Spaces:**

Horley Recreation Ground

Surveys have been carried out on the trees. Mike reported a dog attack on another dog and also on its owner, which the police did not investigate. He has suggested that the dog warden checks the CCTV footage but she has not yet done so.

Church Meadows

Last year's wildflowers have now been cut down. Kevin said the area needs extra care, with a bit of weeding throughout the season to keep it looking nice.

Bay Close Open Space

No problems reported.

Emlyn Meadow

Valerie has checked the river for blockages and taken some photos of trees that are leaning over the river and might cause a blockage if they topple over. She said that the area around the entrance from Darenth Way is extremely squelchy. Lee said they might put down some bark chippings. Kay reported that the company SGI no longer holds the rescue contract with SCC.

Yattendon Road Recreation Ground

No problems reported.

Michael Crescent Centenary Park

The ground is very wet and James's car got stuck in the mud and had to be towed out.

Court Lodge Playing Fields/Riverside Walk

Pitches 3 and 4 are very wet and couldn't be marked out.

There is a lot of litter in the wood and Mike has complained to two departments. Eventually most of it was cleared and Mike was told that a regular litter pick will be done in future. Lee asked for a copy of any emails to be sent to him. David said that a litter pick would be done in the Spring. Kay suggested having some signs to raise awareness of the problems of litter, particularly plastics. Lee thought this was a good idea and would help to educate the public. Lee said that sometimes more bins encourage people to leave more litter. He said that the dog waste bins are sometimes filled up by professional dog walkers walking several dogs. David said that the bulk of the litter is cans generated from the football fans who also throw the cans into the long grass.

Carol reported that a new playground is planned at Court Lodge.

Riverside Garden Park

Cathy reported that one of the bins hadn't been emptied for several days.

Fiona said that the car park is flooding badly and half of it is unusable due to the depth of water. Lee has been dealing with this and now has funds allocated to improving this. Cathy reported that some cars had received parking tickets recently.

She said that one of the benches is still broken as the wood has rotted – Kevin has noted this. He said that wooden benches are subject to vandalism and also to the wood rotting, especially when dogs urinate against the legs.

Mike reported that the underpass to the airport keeps flooding – we are not sure who is responsible for this area.

#### **Horley in Bloom and South & South East in Bloom Competitions:**

We received two Silver Gilt awards but were told that we had lost marks in the town centre, which is gradually being refurbished, so have decided not to enter this category in 2018.

#### **Horley Conservation Group:**

November – working on the orchard

December – cancelled due to the weather

January – clearing rhododendrons in Langshott woods

February – Riverside Garden Park (working with Horley Piscatorial Society)

The site for the storage container is being looked at. The members of HCG do not feel it is necessary to have a concrete base, merely sleepers.

Lee thanked HCG for their work and reported that R&BBC has a management plan with the Wildlife Trust covering Tanyard Meadows.

David asked if the experiment on dealing with Himalayan Balsam was successful. Kevin reported that the trials are still on-going and have been partially successful, preventing the HB from reseeding properly.

#### **Horley Piscatorial Society:**

A written report was received – enclosed with the minutes. The meeting thanked Lewis for his extensive report. Fiona reported that GAL has been illegally pumping water into the River Mole again and she has photos to prove this.

#### **Riverside Green Chain (The Acres/Westvale Park)**

Most items regarding Tanyard Meadows have already been covered earlier in the minutes. Westvale Park is being signed off in stages as the houses are built.

#### **Any other business:**

Kay said she had a complaint that the allotment hedges along the footpath in Church Road are overgrown. Carol will check this.

Fiona reported a build up of rubbish near the river at the Texaco garage – Lee told her to report it to Dave Chiverton at R&BBC.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 6pm, before P & D.