

L 3359) **RESOLVED: noted.**

L 3360 **Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP) – Steering Group Meeting**

Cllr George advised that he had attended a meeting of the Steering Group on 3 February, where there had been some debate about the possible second runway at Gatwick. It was noted that GGP was to produce a paper regarding the impact of a second runway on the environment.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3361 **Horley Churchyards**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Parish Office Manager, explaining that a grant application and Business Plan for 2014 / 2015 were to be submitted, prior to the Town Council making any further payments to the Church. He confirmed that the next meeting of the Churchyards Committee was due to take place at 2.00 pm on 26 March.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3362 It was noted that Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin was to fund the provision of a World War One memorial bench in the New Churchyard, as well as the refurbishment of the twelve war graves there.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3363 **Grounds Maintenance Report**

The Clerk reported that the Retail Prices Index annual inflation stood at 2.7%% in December 2013 and explained that this increase would be applied to the amounts paid by the Town Council for grounds maintenance provided by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and also to the amounts paid by the Borough Council to the Town Council under the Devolved Powers Agreement.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3364 **RESOLVED: that notes of recent meetings with the Grounds Maintenance Area Manager be received. (Copies are appended.)**

L 3365 The Clerk advised that Paul Donoghue, the Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance Operations Manager, was due to retire at the end of March. His replace, Emanuel Flecken, was due to commence employment at the start of March.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3366 **Playground Inspections and Repairs**

RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the Contractor's detailed weekly and daily visual playground inspection reports.

L 3367 Repairs to Table Tennis Tables

The Deputy Clerk advised that the total cost of replacing and strengthening the two table tops at Horley Recreation Ground and removing the table at Michael Crescent was now likely to cost approximately £2,150, higher than previously anticipated. Members stressed the need for the table tops to be strengthened, to help prevent further damage.

RESOLVED: that the total cost to remove one table and replace and strengthen two table tops (approx. £2,150) be approved.

L 3368 Horley Bowling Club – Request for Additional Parking

RESOLVED: that the request be approved, subject to the terms and conditions in the attached correspondence.

Football, Court Lodge Fields

L 3369 The Clerk advised that he had contacted Gatwick Airport about the possibility of a mid-week league being re-started, however, to date, there had been no response.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3370 The Clerk reported that the home football teams were unwilling to undertake the cleaning of the changing rooms. He added that, in the light of late payments by several clubs, a new structure for charging teams for football was to be introduced from August 2015.

RESOLVED: that charges for football pitch hire and the procedure for charging teams be finalised at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

L 3371 Riverside Garden Park

It was noted that cables had been left exposed, following the installation of new street lights along the cycle path. The Clerk added that the contractor, Skanska, had been advised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Langshott and Church Road Allotments

L 3372 The Clerk confirmed that annual invoices had been sent out to the Church Road allotment holders.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3373 Cllr Bethell updated members on the results of soil samples, which he had sent for analysis by the Royal Horticultural Society. He explained that the results for the sample from the Langshott Allotments had shown the soil to be of medium quality.

RESOLVED: noted.

- L 3374** The Clerk advised that he and the Deputy Clerk had attended a meeting with Peter Boarder, Horley Regeneration Project Manager and Judith Shepherd, Borough Solicitor to discuss some of the proposed terms for the transfer of the allotment site. (Notes of the meeting are appended.)

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 3375 Himalayan Balsam (HB) Action Plan

Cllr Powell advised that, to eradicate Himalayan Balsam again this year, the river bank would once again need to be sprayed. He added that the far bank was still extremely badly infested, however the farmer, whose farmland it was, was prepared to allow the area to be sprayed, subject to approval from DEFRA. Cllr Powell went on to explain that, during the winter months, when the shallow rooted HB was not present, the river banks were bereft of any natural vegetation, leading to bank slippage into the river. A meeting was to take place with Simon Court the following week, to agree this year's Action Plan. Following a recent meeting, it had been agreed that GGP and Crawley Borough Council officers would deal with HB upstream from here. In addition community volunteers would pull up HB from roadside ditches.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 3376 Horley Conservation Group

It was noted that Cllrs Simon Marshall, Jack Chapman, Jan Spratt and Graham Knight had taken part in the recent Task Day at Tanyard Pond on 16 February. The event had been very well attended and a large area had been cleared around the pond. Cllr Marshall explained that it was hoped that the Group would eventually become self-led. Members were reminded that the new East Horley Circular Walk was due to be launched on 23 March.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

L 3377 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)

Members were updated on the meeting held earlier. (The minutes are appended.)

RESOLVED: *noted*

(Afternote: since the HOSAC meeting it has been ascertained that the bank erosion at Riverside Garden Park poses a far greater threat, which is beyond the capabilities of GGP.)

L 3378 Royal British Legion (RBL) Centenary Poppy Campaign

The Deputy Clerk reported that, following recent site meetings, it had been agreed to plant additional areas of wild flowers at Church Meadows and along the railings in the Memorial Gardens, the costs for Church Meadows to be funded from Cllr David Powell's Borough Council Members' Allowance. County Cllr Kay Hammond had also agreed to fund the planting of a wild flower meadow at Emlyn Meadows and would be donating £500 from her 2014/2015 Members' Allowance.

L 3378) *RESOLVED: noted.*

L 3379 Volunteer Works

The Deputy Clerk advised that GGP officer Tom Simpson had been in contact with the Gatwick Procurement team regarding the restoration of the neglected tiered flower bed on Network Rail land at the junction of Russells Crescent and The Drive. He had suggested sowing a wild flower meadow in the bottom tier with a few shrubs interspersed and filling the gaps between the existing shrubs in the top bed. The sleeper retainers would also be re-set. Tom was hopeful that Gatwick Airport would fund the costs involved.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3380 Metal Detecting

Members considered a request from a local resident to use a metal detector in open spaces in Horley.

RESOLVED: that the request be approved, subject to the terms and conditions in the attached correspondence.

L 3381 Funfair Request

Members considered a request from a local fairground proprietor to bring their funfair to Court Lodge Fields.

RESOLVED: that a site meeting be arranged with the proprietor and the matter be re-considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

L 3382 Horley Lions Skittles Tournament, 16-20 June 2014

RESOLVED: that a Town Council team be entered at a cost of £36.

L 3383 Horley Saturday Market

It was noted that there continued to be two stalls at the market. The Clerk advised that an approach had been made from the owner of a local pub to hold an Easter Farmers' Market on a Saturday before Easter.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3384 Horley Carnival 2014

Members were updated on recent meetings. (Meeting notes are appended.)

RESOLVED: noted.

L 3385 Horley in Spring / Horley in Bloom

It was noted that the Spring competition had been launched and the main competitions would be launched in April. Barratt Homes would once again be sponsoring the Photographic Competition and entries for all competitions were to be extended to include residents from Hookwood. (Minutes of a recent meeting are appended.)

L 3385) **RESOLVED:** *noted.*

L 3386 **South & South East in Bloom**

RESOLVED: *that the Town Council enter the Town Centre and Park of the Year categories for the total cost of £140.*

L 3387 **Summer Planting**

RESOLVED: *that a red, white and pink scheme be used.*

L 3388 **Diary Dates**

RESOLVED: *that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the meeting with Gatwick Diamond Business representatives on 4 March and the raising of the Commonwealth Flag on 10 March.*

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Date of next meeting: 15 April 2014