

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 11 October 2016, at 7.30 pm

**Prior to the Planning & Development Committee meeting, a private presentation
was given by the RBBC Environmental Health Officer on Air Quality.**

Present

Cllrs Richard Olliver (Chairman)
Surrinder Banwait
Richard Biggs
Kevin Etheridge
Mike George
Jerry Hudson
David Jackson
Linda Mabbett
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Cllr Samantha Marshall
Cllr Henry Randall
Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Planning & Projects Officer)
Members of the Public (1)

P 5443 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Baker and Marshall, be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 5444 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

Public Forum

P 5445 No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5446 Approval of Minutes

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

Matters Arising

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P 5447 RBBC Withdrawal of Determined Applications

Members were advised that since removal of electronic RBBC Weekly Planning Lists to the Town Council, the outcomes of determined applications had also been withdrawn without notice. Such measures now required HTC staff to

P 5447) produce another report after searching applications direct on the RBBC website under wide-ranging criteria which was clearly a lengthy process. Borough Cllr, David Jackson, advised that guidance notes to help search and track planning applications as well as decisions on the *RBBC Planning Page* would be produced under the direction of Cllr Mark Brunt, in the form of a simplified user manual. Although the Committee thought this would be helpful, it was felt that the matter should be raised at the next RBBC/HTC Liaison Meeting to see if a downloadable file of all determined applications and appeals could also be provided by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5448 Operation Horizon – Outstanding Highways Works in Horley

Cllr Hudson enquired about progress on outstanding highways works in Horley, following an open letter (dated 8 August 2016) from the Town Council to *SCC Chairman, Cllr Sally Marks* and forwarded on to the *Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Flooding, Cllr John Furey*.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Furey was unable to provide immediate responses to the specific roads indicated in the letter. However, he was agreeable to attend a meeting with officers and local county members to discuss future programme considerations in Horley. This would now be arranged accordingly, and all members of the Council would be invited to attend.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arranges a meeting with Cllr Furey, local county and town councillors to discuss Operation Horizon in relation to outstanding highways works in Horley.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 5449 Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5450 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk reported that the results of the further application to the High Street Innovation Fund to improve the vibrancy of Horley town centre, as well as the former capital bid to SCC's Town Centre Revitalisation Fund, were still not yet known. The next HTMG meeting would be held on 24 October, and a further update would be provided at the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5451 Deferred Planning Applications

No matters were deferred.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5452 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 10 September to 7 October 2016.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5453 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 10 September to 7 October 2016.

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 5454 Planning Appeals Received

No Planning Appeals relevant to Horley were received during the period 10 September to 7 October 2016.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5455 Planning Appeals Determined

No Planning Appeals relevant to Horley were determined during the period 10 September to 7 October 2016.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 5456 SCC Public Footpath No. 362c (Horley) - Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2016

The Clerk reported notification from Surrey County Council regarding the above Temporary Closure Order enable works be carried on Public Footpath No. 362c, to remain in operation until completion of the works (no later than 30 September 2017).

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5457 Planning Application No: RE16/01584/CON – Horley Infant School, Lumley Road, Horley

It was reported that the above Planning Application by Horley Infant School for the installation of two natural ventilation units with solar powered boost fans to hall roof, had been approved by Surrey County Council. It was noted that the Committee had raised no objections to the Planning Application, at a previous meeting held on 19 July.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5458 North East Sector (The Acres)

The Clerk advised that a further site meeting had taken place with Barratts to discuss all of the outstanding issues to be resolved, including an electricity supply to the toilet block, and completion of all other necessary repairs.

P 5458) RESOLVED: noted.

P 5459 North West Sector (West Vale Park)

No updates were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5460 Town Centre Regeneration

No updates were received.

RESOLVED: noted.

Railway Matters

P 5461 Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) 2018 Timetable Consultation

The Chairman commented on the GTR Rail Timetable consultation now underway which sets out proposed timetable changes, following completion of the **Thameslink Programme** in 2018. He said that routes affected would include mainline services by rail operators from the South East to central London, and some proposed timetable changes may result in a reduction of trains from Horley to London Victoria with a higher frequency of trains to London Bridge but, nevertheless, on a much lower scale than currently provided overall.

Cllr George explained that the results of a route study had highlighted that some train services to central London might best be served via London Bridge station (as the London terminal and central transport hub) with better connections. As a consequence, however, train services from Horley to London Victoria would be cut, and the alternative route would be via Gatwick to London Victoria but at a considerably higher cost to travel.

Members felt that the impact of these proposed timetable changes would ultimately result in even more reduced services for Horley passengers on trains which are already often overcrowded and unreliable, and this was clearly unacceptable in view of the rapidly expanding population of Horley. It was decided that the Chairman would write to the Department of Transport and Network Rail, to express the concerns of the Town Council during the consultation process.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman writes to the Department of Transport and Network Rail, to raise concerns about the capacity and efficiency of train services to London for Horley commuters, following completion of the Thameslink Programme.

Highways Matters

**P 5462 Surrey Highways Reference: HEWS-70775856475
"No Entry Signs" - Albert Road & Lumley Road, Horley**

The Clerk updated members on a reply from SCC Highways regarding the "No Entry" signs in Albert Road and Lumley Road which are frequently ignored by some motorists. As a result, the County Council will shortly be conducting a consultation exercise with local residents in the form of a letter drop, seeking their views to ascertain if removal of these existing and ineffective traffic signs would be supported. Members thought another option would be to keep the signs in place with the installation of a new structure with upright metal bars to prevent vehicle access.

P 5462) **RESOLVED: noted.**

P 5463 **SCC Highways Bulletin**

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

Airport Matters

P 5464 **Gatwick Route 4 Modifications**

Cllr George updated members on the last NATMAG meeting held on 29 September, at which time the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) gave a report on work it had undertaken to resolve the matter of aircraft overflying Horley.

The group concluded that there had been a significant increase since the introduction of the redesigned Route 4 and that this was in clear breach of the Horley overflight rule. It was also pointed out that aircraft should not be vectored until overhead the M23 (thereby avoiding Horley but still allowing for vectoring to take place), and NATs agreed to further investigate this issue.

In the meantime, Cllr George advised that weekly statistics, showing the total number of flights that used Route 4 and those that flew through the 'Horley Gate' were being collated together with the percentage rates. This information along with other regular Route 4 Updates had been published on the Town Council website (click [here](#) to view).

RESOLVED: noted.

P 5465 **RBBC Air Quality Presentation**

Members commented that the comprehensive Air Quality Presentation provided before the meeting, by the RBBC Environmental Health Officer, was very informative and interesting. A letter of thanks would be sent from the Town Council and a copy of the presentation slides would be forwarded to all members.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk forwards a copy of the Air Quality Presentation to all members and sends a letter of thanks from the Town Council to the RBBC Environmental Health Officer.

Recent Airport Communications

	From	Subject	Received	Action
P 5466	GATCOM	Consultation: Greater Thameslink Railway (GTR) 2018 Timetable (Views to GATCOM)	29.9.16	Noted.
	GATCOM	GATCOM Weekly Newsletters (3)	16.9.16) 23.9.16) 30.9.16)	Noted

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 5467 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Consultation:
Development Management Plan (DMP), Regulation 18**

RESOLVED: *that the Town Council's formal response to the above RBBC Consultation on Development Management Plan, Regulation 18, be noted. (A copy is appended to the signed copy of these minutes.)*

P 5468 Proposed Horley Business Park

There was no further update.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 5469 Precept Requirements 2017/18

RESOLVED: *that no specific requirements be budgeted for the Planning & Development Committee.*

P 5470 Letters Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
RBBC	Planning Policy E-Bulletin	15.9.16	Noted.

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 5471 Diary Dates

- **Gatwick Airport Tour**
Thursday, 27 October 2016, 9.00 am
- **Planning Update Event for Surrey Parishes**
*Wednesday, 9 November 2016, Masonic Hall Dorking Hall, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG (registration: 6.30 pm, conclusion: 9.00 pm)
To be attended by Cllrs Olliver, Biggs and George.*
- **Rededication of the Garden of Remembrance**
War Memorial, Brighton Road, 9 November, 11.00 am
- **National Two Minutes Silence**
Pedestrian Precinct, 11 November, 11.00 am
- **Remembrance Day Parade & Service**
13 November 2016, from 10.00 am

RESOLVED: *noted.*

P 5472 Press Release

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