

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 March 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs Mike George (Chairman)
Jack Chapman
Kevin Hagerty
Mike Miller
Richard Olliver
Tony Schofield
Jan Spratt
Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

Alan Jones (Town Clerk)
Joan Walsh (Administrative Officer)

P 4409 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Celia Austin and Simon Marshall be accepted for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register.

P 4410 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

RESOLVED: that the Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, as appended to these minutes, be noted.

P 4411 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present during the Public Forum.

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 4412 Approval of Minutes
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The minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee were presented for confirmation by Committee members and signature by the Committee Chairman.

RESOLVED: noted.

**P 4413 Matters Arising
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No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees

P 4414 Gatwick Diamond Business (GDB)

Members reviewed the former presentation given by Jeremy Taylor of GDB on the proposed second runway at Gatwick Airport (for which a note of thanks had been sent from the Town Council to the Chief Executive Officer).

A preliminary analysis undertaken by GDB on the possible outcome should the proposed second runway be granted, revealed that over three hundred commercial organisations in surrounding areas of Gatwick could become displaced.

Cllr Schofield said he had since been in touch with Jeremy Taylor to firstly identify those organisations likely to be affected. It was thought that businesses in City Place would be office based operations whilst those in Lowfield Heath would be mainly warehousing and light industrial groups. If such companies were looking to relocate, some might consider Horley as a viable alternative but only if suitable commercial premises were available at that time. It was agreed that the best way forward would be for representatives of RBBC, GDB and the Town Council to formulate opinions, and thereafter consult GAL with the aim of assisting them in the planning of any displaced businesses.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4415 Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

The Clerk updated members on a number of topics discussed at the last meeting.

Invitations had been sent out to various organisations to attend the first interactive 'Horley Vision Session, on 5 March, and this was designed to create a strong vision and brand identity for Horley, to promote the town.

A presentation previously given by Peter Boarder at the last Regeneration Forum, referred to a number of projects that have or will be delivered in the town centre, to contribute to the regeneration of Horley.

The Borough's Head of Neighbourhood & Parking Services, Nic Martlew, would be approached to see if he or one of his team could make a presentation on the new enforcement initiative by Surrey Police, at the next HTMG meeting (to be held on 24 March, at Waitrose).

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4416 Deferred Planning Applications

**Crawley Borough Council (CBC) Planning Ref: CR/2012/01465/CC1:
Land R/O Pullcotts Farm Cottages, Peeks Brook Lane, Horley**

The Chairman stated that on review of the above deferred Planning Application, there was nothing contentious about the proposed Discharge of Conditions for this retrospective Change of Use for Stationing Caravans. It was therefore agreed that a response of 'No Objections' be submitted (subsequently sent direct to CBC).

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response of 'No objections' to Planning Application Ref: CR/2012/01465/CC1 - Land R/O Pullcotts Farm Cottages, Peeks Brook Lane, Horley, be noted.

P 4417 Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Applications determined for the period 5 February to 4 March 2014.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4418 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 11 February 2014.

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.

P 4419 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 18 February 2014.

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.

P 4420 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 25 February 2014.

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.

P 4421 Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the week ending 4 March 2014.

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 4422 Planning Appeals Received

The list of Planning Appeals received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4423 Planning Appeals Determined

The list of Planning Appeals determined by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council was reviewed.

RESOLVED: noted.

Ongoing Planning Matters

P 4424 No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4425 North East Sector

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4426 North West Sector

Cllr Schofield reported that a meeting was due to be arranged with the Property Developers and the Borough Council, to resolve the outstanding issues with the remaining landowners.

RESOLVED: noted.

Town Centre Regeneration

P 4427 New Access Arrangements to Central Car Park Service Road, Horley

The Clerk reported that civil works to reverse the one way system around the Central Car Park Service Road had been completed and this was now operational. There were reportedly six advance warning signs on the site, and some of these would be illuminated. The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for these works would run for 18 months and be monitored closely during this time.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4428 Horley Master Plan

The Clerk advised that a comprehensive presentation on the Horley Master Plan was given by Peter Boarder, at the last Regeneration Forum, and a copy of his PowerPoint slides had already been circulated to members for information.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4429 Railway Matters

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4430 Highways Matters

No matters were raised.

RESOLVED: noted.

Local Flooding Issues

P 4431 Horley South East Flood Forum

The Clerk told members that a new Flood Forum for the Horley South East area had been established with representatives from the Drainage Asset Team at SCC, the Environmental Agency (EA), RBBC, HTC and local residents. There had already been a lot of activity in light of the widespread flooding issues and on-going concerns.

CLlr Schofield reported that the Highways & Environment portfolio holder, John Furey, had indicated at a preliminary meeting that a budget had been set to prioritise emergency road repairs and pump away remaining surface water in the areas hardest hit by the floods (including motorways). He said the Borough Council would be providing a geographical map of Horley with the route of the River Mole plus adjoining streams and ditches in order to mark out extreme flood risk areas with supporting evidence and photographs from the public, so that remedial works could be considered. The Chairman added that such information from residents in this exercise was vital, and it was also important to work together with other authorities in the process to avoid any duplication.

The Clerk advised that he had been in contact with the Borough Council's Emergency Plan Officer to discuss the joint formation of an emergency committee and refuge area should evacuation from flooding hazards or any other state of emergency, become necessary in the future.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4432 Reigate & Banstead: Core Strategy

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

Airport Matters

P 4433 GATCOM: Gatwick Flood Disruption Report (Christmas 2013)

The Gatwick Flood Disruption report on Christmas Eve, sent by GATCOM, was received. This independent report by non-executive Director, David McMillan, reviewed the airport's community's response on the day and summarised a list of recommendations which had been accepted by GAL. Members, however, expressed concern about the omission of surrounding areas to the airport that were equally affected by the floods, and that these should be also given due consideration in future flood mitigation. The Clerk said he would take the matter up with GATCOM.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk liaises with GATCOM representatives, to request that surrounding areas to Gatwick Airport, are also included in future flood mitigation.

P 4434	From	Subject	Received	Action
	GATCOM	Weekly Newsletters, News Summaries & Other Updates	Various	Noted.
	GATCOM	Press Release by GAL: "Gatwick to pay Second Runway Council Tax' for local communities"	10.3.14	Noted.
	GATCOM	CAA Consultation: Strategic Plan 2011-16 (Closing Date: 18.4.14) Available to view at: www.caa.co.uk	10.3.14	Noted.
	GACC	Press Releases & Study on New Runway at Gatwick	10.3.14	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4435 Residential Areas of Special Character (RASCs) or Urban Open Land

It was agreed that as Borough Council had been given ordnance survey maps, duly marked up with proposed areas to become RASCs or Urban Open Land in Horley, this exercise was complete and should therefore be removed from future agendas.

RESOLVED: that the item of Residential Areas of Special Character (RASCs) or Urban Open Land be removed from future Agendas of the Planning & Development Committee.

P 4436 Neighbourhood Plan

There was no update.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4437 Letters Received

From	Subject	Received	Action
Gatwick Police	Information Notice: Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems	10.3.14	Noted.

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4438 Diary Dates

Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting (East)

Albert Rooms, 25 March, 7.00 pm

HATs St George's Day Fayre

High Street & Precinct, 26 April

RESOLVED: noted.

P 4439 Press Release

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

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm. Date of next meeting: 8 April 2014