

**HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Horley Town Council held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Richard Olliver – Chairman & Town Mayor  
Councillors J Baird, R Bethell, J Chapman, M George,  
M Goldsmith, K Hagerty, Samantha Marshall, V Marshall,  
M Miller, D Powell, T Schofield, R Sherwin, J Spratt and  
F Stimpson

**Also present:** A Jones                      Town Clerk  
C Fenton                              Deputy Town Clerk  
J Searle                                Local Press

**C 3476 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

***RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs C Austin and Simon Marshall be accepted, for reasons as specified in the Attendance Register. (Cllr Robinson was absent.)***

**Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

**C 3477** Cllr Goldsmith declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding one of the applicants to the Horley Edmonds Community Fund

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3478** There were no requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3479 Public Forum**

Cllr Powell advised that volunteers were being sought to clear debris from the banks of the River Mole on 12 April. He added that this year's Himalayan Balsam growth was about three weeks ahead of last year's and was growing in huge amounts on the opposite river bank. Cllr Powell explained that he was working with the farmer responsible for the area, with the aim of spraying the affected areas with herbicides. The growth of Himalayan Balsam on the banks on the Horley side (areas which were sprayed last year) was far more intermittent than in previous years and, in some places, would just require pulling up when it reached a suitable height.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3480 Reports from County Councillors**

No reports were received.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3481 Ordinary Meeting of the Council, 4 February 2014**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council were presented for confirmation by members and signature by the Chairman of the Council.

***RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 February 2014, including all confidential items, be approved.***

**C 3482 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 7 January 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be received.***

**C 3483 Leisure & Amenities Committee, 25 February 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be received.***

**C 3484 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 21 January 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, including all confidential items, be received.***

**C 3485 Finance & General Purposes Committee, 18 March 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, including all confidential items, be received.***

**C 3486 Planning & Development Committee, 14 January 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be received.***

**C 3487 Planning & Development Committee, 11 February 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the approved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be received.***

**C 3488 Planning & Development Committee, 11 March 2014**

***RESOLVED: that the unapproved minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be received.***

**C 3489 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the following:

Presentation of Commonwealth Flag at County Hall, Kingston  
Poppy Appeal Cadet Competition Presentation Night  
Raising the Commonwealth Flag in the Memorial Gardens  
Meeting regarding County Association participation in South of England Show  
Opening of marketing suite, Amherst House Care Home

**C 3489) *RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3490 Annual Report 2013-2014**

***RESOLVED; that MAD Ideas be appointed to produce associated artwork for the approximate cost of £250 plus VAT.***

**Strategy & Forward Planning Group**

**C 3491** Members were updated on the Group's recent meetings, notes of which are appended.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3492** Following a question from Cllr Samantha Marshall, members considered how the Town Council might better engage with local residents. It was agreed that better communication was required, in particular the need to build a database of residents' email contact details.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Liaison Meetings with Surrey Police**

**C 3493** Members were updated on the recent Liaison Meeting, which had been attended by PC Barrie Carr.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3494** Cllr George updated members on the Surrey Police Briefing, given by Surrey Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, which he had recently attended. He explained that he had learned that there was a need to save £30 million over the next six years. Collaboration with Sussex Police and others would be gaining impetus, to deliver savings, as well as exploring other ways of becoming more efficient and improving services.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3495 Freehold Ownership of Langshott Allotments**

The Clerk explained that the solicitors acting for Barratt Homes were very slow to respond to requests from the Town Council's solicitors. He added that the Town Council's associated legal costs were likely to be in the region of £1,200.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**C 3496 Horley Edmonds Community Fund**

It was noted that, following the closure of the Blundell Area Neighbourhood Watch, £106.27 had been donated to the Horley Edmonds Grants Fund.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

## Horley Edmonds Community Fund – Applications for Funding

- C 3497** **RESOLVED:** *that the following grants be awarded:*
- i) Anchor Trust - £400 towards outings for Barnfield residents.*
  - ii) Horley Baptist Church - £1,000 towards Living Stones Church and Community Centre Project.*
  - iii) Urban Ballers Basketball Club - £800 towards providing extracurricular training sessions for local schools (awarded in principle, subject to confirmation that Financial Policy concerns have been addressed).*

- C 3498** **RESOLVED:** *that three further applications for funding be declined.*

- C 3499** **Horley Town Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Liaison Committee**

It was noted that the meeting planned for 9 April had been postponed.

**RESOLVED:** *noted.*

- C 3500** **Consultation regarding Gatwick Runway Options**

Members considered how the Town Council might respond to the Gatwick Airport Consultation on the three possible runway options. Several members were of the opinion that this was not necessarily a valid consultation and stressed the importance that any views put forward by the Town Council should not to be open to misinterpretation. Cllr George added that it was also important to seek the views of Horley residents, regarding a possible second runway at Gatwick Airport, before the Town Council made any final decision.

**RESOLVED:** *that the matter be considered in more detail at the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee and any recommendations considered at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 13 May 2014.*

- C 3501** **Request to hold funfair at Court Lodge Fields**

Following a recent site meeting with the fairground proprietor, members once again considered a request from M&L Pleasure Fairs to hold a funfair at Court Lodge Fields. After discussion, the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED:** *that, subject to there being no adverse comments from Raven Housing Trust, the proprietor of M&L Pleasure Fairs be given permission to bring his funfair to Court Lodge Fields, for the agreed charge of £1,200, subject to the terms and conditions in the correspondence appended.*

- C 3502** **Church Meadows – Request to plant tree**

The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from a local resident, seeking permission to plant a Willow tree in Church Meadows, near to a memorial bench sited close to the entrance by St Bartholomew's Church. She added that Reigate & Banstead officers had raised no objections to the request.

**C 3502) RESOLVED: that no objections be raised and the resident be informed accordingly.**

**C 3503 Diary Dates**

**RESOLVED: that future events be noted, in particular the Horley Town Meeting on 25 April and HATs St George's Day Fayre on 26 April.**

**C 3504 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."**

**C 3505 Concurrent Functions**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent developments.

**C 3506 Council Tax Support Grant**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Members were updated on recent developments

**C 3507 Surrey County Council Pension Fund**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Members considered the way forward.

**Meeting closed at 8.44 pm.**

**Date of next meeting: 13 May 2014 (Annual meeting)**