



- L 4519**      **Approval of Minutes**  
**Leisure and Amenities Committee, 4 September 2018**

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

**Outside Bodies**

- L 4520**      It was noted that the minutes of the Horley RBL Committee meeting held in September had been circulated to members. Cllr Samantha Marshall planned to leave this Leisure Committee meeting early, in order to attend this evening's Horley RBL meeting, as it would be the last one before the Remembrance Services.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4521**      Cllr George updated members on the recent meeting of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership Steering Group, which had been held at the Town Council Offices. He explained that a small increase in annual contributions would be requested from Funding Partners to cover costs and provide longer term sustainability for the Project beyond March 2020. (Minutes of the meeting are appended.)

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Horley Churchyards**

- L 4522**      Members were updated on the recent meeting of the Churchyards Committee. It was noted that there had been some issues with the grass cutting in the Old Churchyard, now being undertaken by the Borough Council, due to confusion regarding the start date of the Agreement. There were no issues regarding Burleys work in the New Churchyard. Representatives of Burleys and RBBC had been present at the recent meeting. (Minutes of the meeting are appended.)

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4523**      The Committee Chairman reported on the recent Tour of the Churchyards, which had been attended by Churchyard Committee members, Town Councillors and the Head of Leisure. He added that members had been very impressed with the standard of work undertaken by Burleys in the New Churchyard. (Notes of the Tour are appended.)

***RESOLVED: noted.***

- L 4524** Cllr Powell advised that the War Graves would be cleaned and tidied, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. He would be placing crosses on the War Graves, assisted by the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

#### **Grounds Maintenance Update**

- L 4525** Members were updated on recent meetings with the Burleys Area Manager, notes of which are appended. It was noted that the painting of the goal posts was still outstanding (now completed) and Burleys were sourcing hooks for the posts, to prevent further use of tape. Verti-draining of the pitches would be undertaken once the ground was not so hard (now completed).

**RESOLVED: noted.**

#### **Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs**

- L 4526** It was noted that regular inspections were being carried out and members were updated regarding recent repairs.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4527** The Head of Leisure advised that Bennetts had expressed some concern about cracks on the skate park, mainly around the edges. She added that a representative of Bendcrete, the skate park manufacturer, would be visiting the site to assess what repairs might be necessary.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4528** The Head of Leisure confirmed that new play panels had now been fitted to the refurbished multi play unit at the Court Lodge Playground.

**RESOLVED: that payment of £1,358 plus VAT to HAGS be approved.**

- L 4529** **Youth Services in Horley**

Cllr George reported that he had attended a recent Family Joint Services Meeting, where there had been discussion about Children's mental health issues, affecting children as young as five years old. He added that the future structure of Youth and Family services in this area was not yet clear.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4530 Fitness Training in Recreation Grounds**

The Head of Leisure advised members that the Town Council had become aware of individuals using Horley Recreation Ground (and possibly others) for chargeable fitness training sessions. After some discussion, charges for the use of the grounds were agreed, with effect from 1 April 2019, to be highlighted in future newsletters. (Full details are appended.)

**RESOLVED: that the charges, as appended be approved.**

**L 4531 Recent Funfair Visit**

The Head of Leisure reported that there had been no complaints from nearby residents during the recent visit by Beach's Funfair. Cllr Stimpson said that there had been issues with bags of rubbish left outside caravans being torn open by foxes and a large dog, although not apparently vicious, was wandering about the park unattended. The Head of Leisure agreed to raise these points with the fairground operator. (The operator subsequently agreed to place all rubbish bags on a trailer and confirmed that all dogs would be kept on leads.)

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4532 Visit by Circus Wonderland in 2019**

**RESOLVED: that the request by Circus Wonderland to perform in Horley Recreation Ground from 11 – 15 September 2019 be approved.**

**L 4533 Replacement Safety Surfacing in Horley Rec Playground**

The Head of Leisure advised that it was anticipated that work by Southern Landscape 8 Construction Ltd to replace the safety surfacing in the Horley Rec Playground would commence by the end of November.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4534 "Bee Bed" in Horley Recreation Ground**

The Head of Leisure advised that the Burleys Contract Manager had suggested creating a flower bed to attract bees along the Hevers Avenue boundary, adjacent to the garage wall, however, as this was likely to be the location for the proposed café, areas within the Ornamental Gardens were now being considered for the project. Maximum cost for the project would be £1,214.42 plus VAT, although it was likely to be less as smaller areas were being considered within the Ornamental Gardens. The work, if authorised, would take place around March 2019.

**L 4534)** ***RESOLVED: that the quotation from Burleys to plant a "Bee Bed" in the Ornamental Gardens for a maximum cost of £1,214.42 plus VAT be approved.***

**L 4535** **New Playground at Court Lodge Fields**

Cllr George advised that staff and pupils from Manorfield School were keen to be involved in the formal opening of the Playground.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4536** **New Signs at Court Lodge Fields**

The Head of Leisure confirmed that it was planned to have new information signs in place at Court Lodge Fields before the end of the current financial year.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4537** **New Multi Play Unit at Michael Crescent Playground**

The Head of Leisure confirmed that the work by Sutcliffe Play was almost complete.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Church Meadows**

**L 4538** ***RESOLVED: that the quotation of £426 plus VAT from Burleys to reduce the size of the current long grassed area (to be cut as medium grass in future) be approved.***

**L 4539** The Head of Leisure advised that Burleys would be providing a quotation to sow perennial seed mixes in the reduced long grassed area, for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Church Road and Langshott Allotments**

**L 4540** The Head of Leisure told members that skips had been provided by Britaniacrest Recycling at both allotment sites for a reduced community price of £250 per skip. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Randall for his assistance with the delivery and removal of the skips.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4541** The Head of Leisure advised that the review of the Allotments Tenancy Agreement had started and she would be working with Church Road Allotments Steward Cllr Henry Randall to produce a revised Agreement, for approval / ratification at the next meeting of this Committee.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4542 North West Sector (Westvale Park) Allotments**

There were no updates to report.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4543 Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)**

Members were updated on the September meeting of the HOSAC Committee, minutes of which are appended.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4544 Horley Conservation Group (HCG)**

Members were updated on recent activities. The Committee Chairman reported that he had recently attended the HCG meeting at Trinity Oaks School, which had included a presentation by the RBBC Countryside Officer. Concern had subsequently been raised by the Borough Council's Deputy Leader that, as part of the presentation, the Riverside Green Chain area adjacent to the Acres had been referred to as the Horley Town Park, rather than a Local Nature Reserve or Country Park. Cllr George added that such a designation would also have an impact on funding available for the area.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4545 Horley in Bloom Awards Ceremony**

Members agreed that the Awards Ceremony had, as always been well attended, with many compliments being received from those who had been there. It was agreed that the amount of food ordered be further reduced for 2019. Regent Hall was still thought to be a suitable venue for the event.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4546 Funding for Summer Planting**

The Head of Leisure told members that County Cllr Kay Hammond had given a grant of £2,500 from her Member Highway Fund towards Summer

- L 4546)** planting at Court Lodge and in Horley Row for 2019. Thanks were recorded for the grant.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4547** Horley Saturday Market

No updates were received.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4548** Horley Carnival, 15 June 2019

It was noted that the Carnival Committee had met earlier in the week. Cllr George advised that regular attendees such as Owls about Town and Tom's Talking Reptiles had been booked to attend in 2019, as well as new arena event, "Flyte of Fancy Sheepdog Show"

**RESOLVED: noted.**

#### **Christmas Tree**

- L 4549** The Head of Leisure told members that Peter Boarder, the Borough Council's Head of Place Delivery had advised that the main refurbishment work in the Precinct would not be starting until January, therefore all Christmas activities could take place as normal. A Christmas Tree had been ordered from Balcombe Estate (total cost, £555 plus VAT) and the Churches had been advised that the Carol Service could go ahead in its usual venue. The Head of Leisure added that, whilst the Horley Day Centre was available for serving refreshments after the Carol Service, the hire charge was more expensive than last year, nevertheless members agreed that this was the most suitable location and the Head of Leisure was asked to confirm the booking.

**RESOLVED: that the actions taken be ratified.**

- L 4550** Members were reminded that the refreshments provided after the Carol Service were for the most part funded by members' donations. Whilst not compulsory, the donations (usually £10 per member) enabled the event to run at practically no cost to the Horley taxpayer.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4551** Precept 2019/20

Members put forward recommendations, for consideration by the Finance & General Purposes Committee in November. These included an

**L 4551)** earmarked fund of £20,000 to ensure that playgrounds had funding in future years.

***RECOMMEND: that the recommendations be put forward for consideration by the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 20 November 2018.***

**L 4552** Diary Dates

***RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular the Remembrance Services on 7 & 11 November, Residents' Forum on 26 November, HATs Christmas Fair on 8 December and Carol Service & Hospitality on 15 December.***

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Date of next meeting – 15 January 2019**



## Gatwick Greenspace Partnership

### Minutes of Members Steering Group Meeting - Horley Town Council Offices

Date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Time 1.30-3.30pm

**In attendance:** Kevin Lerwill (GGP), Thomas Simpson (GGP), Tamara Jewell (GGP), Alexis Pym (Sussex Wildlife Trust), Mary Huggins (Mole Valley DC), Kay Hammond (Surrey CC), Chris Mullins (Crawley BC), Sue Mullins (West Sussex CC), Rod Shaw (Mole Valley DC), Melanie Wrightson (Gatwick Airport Ltd), Thomas Errett (Gatwick Airport Ltd), Mike Waite (Surrey Wildlife Trust), Mike George (Horley Town Council).

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Lisa Creaye-Griffin (Surrey CC), Helen Clack (Surrey CC), Bob Lanzer (West Sussex CC), Jackie Lewis (West Sussex CC), David Greenwood (Surrey CC), Alex Horwood (Reigate and Banstead BC), Elizabeth Brigden (Crawley BC).

#### 2. Appointment of Chairperson

Chris Mullins moved for Kay Hammond (Surrey CC) to chair the Steering Group for the coming year until October 2019. This motion was seconded by Mike George there were no objections by those present. Kay advised the group that Councillor Helyn Clack (Surrey CC) would probably need to be replaced on the SG, as she has recently been promoted.

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting

- Minutes agreed
- Previous Actions were checked
- Action Kay Hammond requested a map as part of annual report showing schools we have worked with across the project area.
- Action - **GGP** to produce at annual review

#### 4. Project Update No.38

- Alexis Pym introduced as GGP's new Line Manager. Pete Crawford remains as Director of the Learning and Engagement Department at Sussex Wildlife Trust.
- Tor Lawrence has recently been appointed as Chief Executive of the SWT after Dr Tony Whitbread's retirement this summer.
- The Gatwick Greenspace Partnership team gave a short presentation highlighting some of their work over the last 6 months as detailed in project update number 38.
- After the presentation, Rod Shaw (Mole Valley DC) suggested that there might be an opportunity for a more formal partnership in future between the Woodland Trust and the GGP, following an enquiry from the WT about establishing a closer partnership with local authorities and other organizations.
- Action – **RS** to follow up with the woodland trust and relay information to **AP**

## 5. Partnership finances

- Update by Alexis Pym of partnership finances and budgets for 2018-19 and beyond. This included a request for a small increase in annual contributions, in order to cover costs and provide longer term sustainability for the project beyond March 2020.
- **Action- AP** to circulate proposal details to the steering group.
- Members discussed various alternative funding streams to support their contributions to the project in future.
- **AP** explained that many other funding streams are being looked into at The Sussex Wildlife Trust, although not exclusively for the GGP's work they could offer further support.

## 6. Review of Strategy

- **AP** explained that a new GGP strategy document is being worked on which ties in with a wider SWT strategy review, it is expected that a draft document should be ready for the SG by the Spring 2019 meeting.

## 7. Any other business

- On request from the steering group GGP updated the SG on their educational work with schools in Horley.
- **MW** (Gatwick Airport Ltd) mentioned that GAL is participating in the Lottery funded "Grow Wild" campaign, hosted by Kew Gardens and Wakehurst Place. Gatwick Airport will have approximately 300 wildflower seed kits available for local community groups and projects.
- **TE** (Gatwick Airport Ltd) announced that GAL has successfully retained The Wildlife Trust's Biodiversity Benchmark Award for the 5<sup>th</sup> year running.
- **MW** (Gatwick Airport Ltd) also thanked the GGP staff for their support at the second Gatwick Family Fun Day at Gatwick Aviation Museum near Charlwood and the "Big Bang" Science, Technology and Engineering Festival at Ardingly Showground.

## 8. Date and venue of next meeting.

The date for the Spring Steering Group Meeting is tbc and the venue will be in "The Barn", Tilgate Park, Crawley (RH10 5PQ). A Doodle Poll will be created for this shortly.

**Action- KL** to circulate a Doodle Poll for dates in early March 2019 (possibly the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). A separate Doodle Poll for the Autumn 2019 meeting (and optional site visit) will also be created soon.

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## Minutes of the Churchyard Committee meeting 10/10/18

Present: Rev Les Wells, Sue Middleton (sec) , Thiru Jesudason, Roy Page, Michael Gardner, Richard Moore

Michael George (Cllr), Simon Marshall (Cllr) standing in place of David Powell,

Carol Fenton (deputy town clerk)

Tom Hughes (Contract manager for Burleys) Michael Hill (RBBC) present for part of the meeting

Apologies: Roger Kidd, James Baker

- 1) **Prayer** – The meeting opened with a word of prayer by Rev Les Wells.
- 2) **Tom Hughes** – Reported, they have a final cut in late October for both the verges & grass over the Graves, No further work envisaged till the New Year in April 2019. He was complemented on their work by members of the committee.
- 3) **Michael Hill** - Reported due to some confusion as to when they were due to start, so far only two cuts have been done of the area over the graves. He reported a final cut is scheduled for 29th October. He was reminded that Alan Bixby had agreed four cuts He was told the fortnightly cuts of the front lawn & verges were satisfactory. Both Tom & Michael left after being invited to the next meeting.
- 4) **Minutes** of the previous meeting was passed as correct.
- 5) **Matters arising** –
  - a) **Clearing of surplus soil** – Michael Gardner reported that Roger Kidd & he had managed to move 90% of the soil, which he then used to backfill the sunken graves.
  - b) **Clearing of the paths of weeds.** Michael & Roger had not managed to do  
Action- Michael to contact County Care the charity for Learning disability who have, previously helped.
  - c) **Grants towards Tarmac repair** – Roy reported that both Keir & Britania Crest showed no interest when he approached them. But he had just submitted a grant application to the Surrey Community Foundation Trust for £2,000.00.
  - d) **Essential tree work** – Lifting of several crowns due on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Roy reported that the grant of £500.00 should have been received from County Cllr Kate Hammond's allocation  
Action – Thiru to contact Steve Whitcher, Parish treasurer to check receipt.  
Action – Michael has asked the chippings be left for him to use in the churchyard.
  - e) **Notices on waste bins** – in place. So far no problems reported
  - f) **War Graves Signage by CWGC** – Thiru, reported it was altered on the Archdeacons direction. Now, one will be on the boundary wall inside the Old

Churchyard, a second sign on the pillar of the gate leading to the church & one on the pillar of the gate leading to the New Churchyard.

g) Re – Ornamentation around the graves – Remains problematic.

Action - Rev Les to look into this.

**6) Contracts for grass maintenance for year beginning April 2019**

**New Churchyard-** Burleys will hold the contract at the same price as the current year.

We need to apply for the council grant by March 2019.

For the following year – It was advised we should again call for tenders.

**Old Churchyard** – Action- Thiru to remind Green Spaces team of RBBC, of the terms of agreement.

**7) Any other Business**

a) Michael Gardner reported he planned to trim the saplings sprouting in the new churchyard

b) Children's area for Burials & interment of ashes, need to be extended. Discussion followed how best to do this. Thiru reported a previous query to the Diocese we set a space bordered by a low hedge, required faculty, involvement of the architect etc & was not pursued.

Action – Les to look at a more appropriate area than at present.

c) For future tree work – Carol Fenton suggested “ Heatherlands Tree Care “ As the council found their prices competitive

Action – Carol to provide contact details.

d) Michael George suggested we inform John Mcinally Heritage officer for the Borough that the Lychgate needs repair.

**8) Date of next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**9) The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Rev Les Wells.**

## Churchyard walk with Horley Town Councillors 20/09/18

Present – Rev Les Wells, Thiru Jesudason, Michael Gardner, Richard Moore

David Powell (Mayor), Carol Fenton (Deputy town clerk),

Simon Marshall, Valerie Marshall, Samantha Marshall, Henry Randall (Councillors)

### New Churchyard

The councillors were very pleased with the state of grass maintenance. It was pointed out to them, that several trees were due to have the crowns lifted. Kay Hammond, C. Councillor), has promised £500.00 towards this from her allocation.

### **Tarmac**

Huge potholes, it was noted were a risk to the vehicles at funerals, especially coffins being unloaded from hearses. They were advised we were seeking a grant towards the cost of repair

### **Sunken Graves**

The surplus soil at present heaped near the rear hedge is to be used to backfill these, fairly soon.

### **Rear Hedge**

Volunteers from church have cut a long length, which was too close for contractors to cut, from their vehicle.

### Old Churchyard

#### **RBBC now responsible for grass maintenance**

It was noted though the verges & the front lawn was cut fortnightly & was satisfactory the grass over the graves was overgrown. They have only cut it twice this year. As per agreement they are due to cut four times per year.

Action – David Powell to speak to Alex Horwood B. Councillor & Portfolio holder for grounds maintenance)

Carol Fenton to extend invitation to Michael Hill to the next Church yard committee meeting

### **Lychgate ( Boer War Memorial)**

In urgent need of repair to roof (Now Grade II listed by English Heritage)

Action – David Powell to inquire from British legion if they would be able to help.

**Notes of a Monthly Grounds Maintenance Meetings with Burleys representatives, held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 3.00 pm in the Town Council Offices, 92 Albert Road, Horley**

Present: Carol Fenton HTC  
Cllr Simon Marshall HTC

Tom Hughes (Contract Manager) Burleys

**Horley Rec:** It was agreed that the seasonal beds in the Memorial Gardens were still very good, with the grass there being cut weekly. It was agreed to look at other areas in the park for the suggested "Bee bed", possibly in the Ornamental Gardens. Tom was asked to provide a quotation for the winter bedding in the Memorial Gardens, in readiness for the Remembrance Services in November. Carol said that the new safety surfacing in the playground would be installed in late October/early November. Simon advised that there were some small holes in the main grassed areas, following the recent Country Fair and visit by the Circus. Simon and Tom agreed to look at these following the meeting.

**Court Lodge Playing Fields:** Tom advised that two weeks' notice would be required to mark out the 7v7 pitches. Tom agreed to check whether the front and rear patios of the Innes Pavilion had been weeded and weedkilled. The verti-draining of the pitches would take place in October/November.

**Emlyn Meadows:** All okay

**Michael Crescent Centenary Park:** All okay

**Church Meadows:** Having agreed to have one central long grassed area next year, Tom said he would provide a quotation for a tractor to cut and collect the grass in the remaining parts of this year's long grassed area, to enable those areas to be cut as medium grass in future. Tom agreed to put forward ideas for perennial wild flower seeding in the new long grassed area.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 11 October 2018 at 3.00 pm**

**Notes of a Monthly Grounds Maintenance Meetings with Burleys representatives, held on Thursday 11 October 2018 at 3.00 pm in the Town Council Offices, 92 Albert Road, Horley**

Present: Carol Fenton HTC  
Cllr Simon Marshall HTC

Tom Hughes (Contract Manager) Burleys

**Horley Rec:** Everything was okay with the funfair. Winter bedding due to go in early November. Details of Remembrance Services were explained to Tom. Carol said that the area along the boundary behind the car park still required clearing.

**Court Lodge Playing Fields:** Tom advised that the goal posts were ready to paint. He suggested installing hooks on the goal posts. Tom advised that he believed the weeding of the patios was complete. Vert-draining would go ahead when the ground was suitable.

**Emlyn Meadows:** All okay

**Michael Crescent Centenary Park:** Playground equipment about to be installed.

**Church Meadows:** Go -ahead given for tractor work to reduce grass length. Tom to check best time for wild flower planting.

**Langshott Allotments:** Flail cutting to go ahead, plus hedging by railway line to be cut back and car park to be weed-killed.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 3.00 pm**

## **Fitness Training in Horley Town Council Recreation Grounds**

It has come to our attention that private individuals are running physical training sessions in Horley Recreation Ground and charging for them. As a Council we have yet to set any policy or procedures around this. We know of one business (Star Bright Bootcamps) that holds 45 minute sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday at a cost of £25 per month or £10 pay as you go.

### **Proposals for using Recreation Grounds owned by Horley Town Council:**

Frequency of sessions per week	Annual charge per park
Once	£150
2-4	£350
5-7	£500

Horley Town Council reserves the right to refuse permission to use the Recreation Grounds

Users to submit proof of risk assessment and public liability insurance to the sum of £5,000,000 minimum

No charge to be levied for any free sessions but risk assessment and public liability insurance still required.

All users to complete the required application form.

An annual fee to be charged based on the number of sessions per week.

New businesses to be given a free three month charge free period to allow them to establish the business. Risk assessment and public liability insurance still required.



## **HORLEY OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 6pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr Simon Marshall, Cllr Valerie Marshall, Carol Fenton, Cathy Cooper, Cllr Mike George, Cllr Samantha Marshall, Cllr Fiona Stimpson, Cllr Henry Randall.

### **Apologies for absence:**

Kevin Lerwill (GGP), Cllr David Powell, Lewis Keen.

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

The minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2018 were agreed.

### **Open Spaces:**

#### **Horley Recreation Ground**

Samantha said that the grass needed cutting at the recent dog show, but Carol reported that Burleys had problems with their mowers last week.

Random persons have rung Carol and said they are training in the rec. Carol said they need public liability insurance, but she doesn't know who they are.

Samantha reported several holes in the rec seen at the recent dog show. She said they could be dangerous if someone put their foot in them. The circus will need to ensure that the surface is flat before laying the circus tent. Henry thinks they might be rabbit holes.

#### **Church Meadows**

Henry said that everything has been cut today. He said there are some obstructions in the river caused by branches.

#### **Bay Close Open Space**

Nothing to report.

#### **Emlyn Meadow**

Samantha has some photos from earlier in the year showing obstructions in the river and said it is very green and stagnant looking, as if the river isn't flowing properly. Fiona is now living on the edge of EM for a few months and remarked on how well used the area is. We are still hoping that the developers will give us Bolters Wood for a nominal fee, although we would then be responsible for any tree surgery. Samantha reported some youngsters smoking marijuana a few weeks ago and was told by the police that she should have dialled 999.

#### **Yattendon Road Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

#### **Michael Crescent Centenary Park**

New play equipment is due to be installed in early October. Carol reported that the other equipment needs painting.

#### **Court Lodge Playing Fields/Riverside Walk**

Mike reported that new "No dogs Allowed" signs have been put up in the playground.

A camp fire was lit in the woods last week – the fire brigade was called to extinguish it.

The grass cutting is very piecemeal – the contractors are only cutting the pitches then coming back later to do elsewhere. Last week they marked the pitches a few days before the grass was due to be cut.

There is a chestnut tree in the wood with a split trunk and it is leaning – R&BBC need to deal with this. Carol will contact them.

Mike said that most of the parks in Horley are subject to a "no drone zone" due to the proximity of the airport. All new drones purchased will have a warning on them. It was agreed that the airport should be publicising this fact and it should not be the responsibility of the Councils to put this on their noticeboards in the parks.

**Riverside Garden Park**

Cathy said it was reasonably litter-free.

There are at least two deer there, including a stag.

There are a lot of cyclists, walkers and dog walkers. Cathy said there are holidaymakers from the Holiday Inn walking round with their children whilst killing time before their flights.

She said there are now signs asking visitors not to feed bread to the ducks, but sweetcorn and halved grapes are acceptable.

Cathy said that one of the fishermen had received two parking tickets despite displaying his badge. He has now received a letter of apology. There is a red mini that parks there daily from 8am. Cathy was asked to take a photo of it and send it to R&BBC.

**Horley in Bloom Competition:**

The Awards ceremony is on Friday 28 September.

There were 54 entries to the photographic competition. Carol said it might put off some entrants by insisting that entries should be mounted, so this is not compulsory but it makes the photos look better. Carol suggested having an animal category, as a lot of the photos are of pets – this could generate extra interest. Photos can be taken at any time of year.

**Horley Conservation Group:**

The next meeting is on 8 October.

**Horley Piscatorial Society:**

It was noted that the Society had submitted its tender to RBBC for the renewal of its Licence.

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

Carol said we are still waiting to hear about the new Westvale allotments.

The new bus service is now running from 1 September.

The committee was not convinced that drivers would take their cars the long way round and down the A217.

**Any other business:**

Samantha reported that she will be taking Cllr Giorgio Buttironi around the recreation areas on 18 September, as he was unavailable for the previous visits, and said that anyone who wants to join them would be welcome.

The churchyards tour will now be on 20<sup>th</sup>, not 13 September.

The alterations to the precinct are due to start soon but the planters will need to be moved first.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 5 February at 6pm, before P & D.