# HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above-named Committee held at the Albert Rooms, Albert Road, Horley on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Councillors Simon Marshall - Chairman

Jante Baird

Pamela Chandler Mike George Helen Kitajewski Robert Marr

Samantha Marshall

David Powell Fiona Stimpson

In Attendance

C Fenton (Head of Leisure & Deputy Clerk)

J Walsh (Town Clerk)

**Cllr Martin Saunders** 

L 4707 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

RESOLVED: that the apologies of Cllrs Hudson, Kumar, V Marshall and Robinson be accepted, for reasons as specified in the attendance register.

L 4708 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest, in relation to any items included on this agenda.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4709 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4710 Approval of Minutes

Leisure and Amenities Committee, 4 June 2019

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

#### L 4711 "Little Libraries"

It was noted that the Horley Society of Artists were putting plans in place to decorate the Little Library, this had been highlighted in the recent press release about the Café works.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4712 Outside Bodies

It was noted that Cllr Powell would be attending the next Horley RBL Committee Meeting at the end of July and would reiterate the Town Council's view that the WW1 Commemorative Bench, being donated by an anonymous benefactor, be sited in the Memorial Gardens.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4713 Horley Churchyards

It was noted that the next meeting of the Churchyards Committee was to be held on 7 August.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4714 Grounds Maintenance Update

The Head of Leisure explained that an introductory meeting had been held with the newly appointed Burleys Area Manager, following the sudden departure of the previous manager. The Manager had reported that some repairs would be required to the goal posts before they could be put back up and Bennetts had been instructed to carry out the work. A regular monthly meeting with the new manager had been arranged for 14 August.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4715 Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs

It was noted that regular inspections were being carried out and members were updated regarding recent routine repairs.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4716 Mini Goal Posts at Court Lodge Fields

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Bennetts to repair one goal post, fabricate one new goal post, and paint and install both for the total sum of £702 plus VAT be approved.

#### **Youth Services in Horley**

L 4717 The Head of Leisure told members it was understood that the Horley Children's Centre, currently based at Meath Green Infant School was to become the YMCA Horley Family Centre and would be based in the Old Fire Station, alongside the Horley Young People's Centre.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4718 Cllr Powell added that he planned to seek an update regarding monies he had previously raised for Youth Services, which he had passed to Surrey County Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

### **Ornamental Gardens, Horley Recreation Ground**

L 4719 The Head of Leisure advised that Burleys were continuing to water the Bee Bed and would replace any plants which failed during this Summer season.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4720 It was also noted that, as a gesture of goodwill, Burleys would be providing plants worth £500 free of charge to re-plant one of the other beds in the Ornamental Gardens.

RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4721 Replacement Safety Surfacing in Horley Rec Playground

It was noted that Burleys were continuing to water the grassed areas as necessary. Some over-seeding had taken place, however the major part would be carried out in the Autumn, when weather conditions were likely to be more favourable. Bennetts were continuing to sweep the playground paths to keep them free of mud. Regular updates were being provided on the HTC website.

RESOLVED: noted.

### L 4722 Tennis Coaching, Horley Recreation Ground

The Head of Leisure advised that the Development Coach at the Horley Lawn Tennis Club was keen to explore the possibility of extending the "Tennis for Free" initiative to the Horley Rec courts. It was hoped that the Coach would attend the next Leisure Meeting to update members further.

RESOLVED: noted.

### L 4723 Damage to War Memorial

It was noted that there had been some minor damage to the War Memorial, following a small fire on the adjacent paved area. The War Memorials Trust had become aware of this and had contacted the Town Council, offering help and advice, as may be required. The Clerk added that Bennetts would be professionally cleaning the Memorial and this would hopefully restore the structure. Surrey Police had been made aware of the incident and security patrols had been increased. Members suggested that, longer term it may be necessary to have CCTV coverage of the area.

#### RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4724 Lamp Posts, Horley Recreation Ground

The Head of Leisure reported that the electrician from L&C Installations Ltd had now provided a quotation for the replacement lamp post head for the lamp post closest to Vicarage Lane. He had further advised that his company was not able to provide replacement lamp posts, however they would be able to carry out the associated disconnection and re-connection works.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- that the quotation from L & C Installations Ltd to provide a replacement lamp post head in the sum of £624 plus VAT be approved.
- ii) that consideration be given to building up an Earmarked Fund for the longer-term replacement of the Horley Rec lamp posts.

## L 4725 Replacement Picnic Benches, Horley Rec Playground

The Head of Leisure told members that the picnic bench taken away by Burleys for refurbishment had been found to be beyond repair. A further bench in the playground was also in a poor state of repair and Bennetts had suggested that this also be replaced. Members approved the suggestion that two recycled picnic benches (the same as the one in the Court Lodge Playground) be purchased from Earth Anchors Ltd to replace those beyond repair.

RESOLVED: that two Forest-Saver picnic benches be purchased from Earth Anchors Ltd, for the total sum of £893 plus VAT, the budget for Parks Furniture to be utilised for the purchase.

## L 4726 Café in Horley Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised that a Progress Meeting was to be held with Newlyn Contractors Ltd the following Friday, when it was anticipated that a timetable for the Build Programme would be provided.

RESOLVED: noted.

### L 4727 Holiday Activities at Court Lodge Fields

The Head of Leisure confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the Funfair and Children's Centre holiday activities at Court Lodge Fields. The Town Council's terms and conditions for use of the site had been agreed and all necessary insurance documents received.

RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4728 Anti-Social Activities, Innes Pavilion

The Clerk advised that there had recently been incidents of youths climbing on the Pavilion roof and shouting abusive comments to the Pavilion tenant. Some minor damage to the roof fascia had occurred. Surrey Police had been informed of these events. After some discussion the following was resolved:

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) that Bennetts be requested to apply anti-climb paint to the edge of the roof and display relevant warning signs (total cost £192 plus VAT).
- ii) that longer term, consideration be given to upgrading the CCTV Camera System at the Court Lodge site.

## L 4729 Fencing Repairs at Court Lodge Fields

It was noted that Bennetts had carried out necessary repairs to the birds mouth fencing adjacent to the height barrier, in the interest of keeping the area secure.

RESOLVED: that repair costs of £250 plus VAT be approved.

## L 4730 Allotments in Horley

There were no updates to report.

RESOLVED: noted.

## Horley Open Spaces Advisory Committee (HOSAC)

L 4731 Members were reminded that the next meeting of the HOSAC Committee was to take place on 27 August.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4732 The Head of Leisure agreed to contact the RBBC Green Spaces Operations Manager about the car park at Riverside Garden Park, where many dips still remained after the recent re-surfacing works.

RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4733 Horley Conservation Group (HCG)

Members were updated on recent activities, which had included Himalayan Balsam clearance along the Burstow Stream. The Head of Leisure added that details of HCG activities were always included in the monthly HTC newsletter.

RESOLVED: noted.

# L 4734 Other Environment Matters – Wildflower Meadows in Horley

Cllr Powell had made a suggestion that a wildflower meadow might be created on the large roundabout in Cheyne Walk. The RBBC Green Spaces Operations Manager had advised that the Borough was currently reviewing areas being sown with wildflower seed and would welcome suggestions for new areas in Horley.

RESOLVED: that the matter be discussed at the next HOSAC Committee meeting in August.

## L 4735 Horley in Bloom (HIB) 2019

Members were updated on the judging of the Gardening Competitions, which had taken place the previous day. Thanks were recorded to the judges, as well as to HTC Staff who had organised the event. It was noted that both allotment sites would be judged the following week by allotment holders, who would judge the site where they were not tenants. The Awards Ceremony would be at Regent Hall on Friday 4 October, with both Town and Borough Mayors in attendance.

RESOLVED: noted.

### L 4736 Summer Planting

The Head of Leisure advised that the hanging baskets and seasonal planters had been installed by Amethyst in early June, with the exception of the hanging baskets in the Precinct, which would be hung the following week.

RESOLVED: noted.

L 4737 In response to a question from a member, the Head of Leisure advised that vinyl plaques acknowledging sponsors were to be placed on some planters, however this sometimes proved to be a difficult undertaking as it could be hard to find a suitable space when the plants grew really well!

RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4738 Horley Saturday Market

There were no updates to report.

RESOLVED: noted.

## L 4739 Horley Carnival 2019 ("Moments in History")

Carnival Committee Chairman Cllr George advised that a wash-up Carnival Committee meeting was to be held at the end of July to review the recent event, which as always had been very well received by local residents.

RESOLVED: noted.

#### L 4740 Diary Dates

RESOLVED: that forthcoming events be noted, in particular members tours of HTC Open Spaces, School Holiday activities in Horley, Update on the draft RBBC 2025 Plan prior to the P&D meeting on 23 July and Open-Air Cinema on 23 August.

Meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Date of next meeting - 16 July 2019