

CROXLEY GREEN JUNIOR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF the 10th MEETING OF THE JUNIOR COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2009 at 3.45pm

Present: Cllr Brian Norman – Chairman of the Parish Council
David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker
See attached attendance sheet

JC047/09 Appointment of a Junior Chairperson

Annie Bass of Harvey Road School was chosen to be the Chairperson for the meeting.

JC048/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from two Harvey Road Junior Councillors.

JC049/09 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 4 November 2008 were approved as correct and signed by the Chairman.

JC050/09 Matters Arising

The Clerk gave an update on the suggestions for new initiatives:

- Regarding energy saving light bulbs, the Clerk informed Cllrs that the Parish Council now has a supply of these bulbs which are free to Croxley residents.
- To encourage wildlife, the Rangers have been making bird and bat boxes.
- The Clerk stated that subject to approval of budgets, there may be £140,000 available for a major development of Barton Way play area. Mrs Shafe added that she would like the Junior Cllrs to be involved in the selection of equipment. In addition to the play area, the Clerk added that it was hoped that surface markings for children's play would be put into place on the Barton Way multi-sports court.

JC051/09 School Gardening Clubs

Following the recent successful spring bulb planting initiative, the Parish Council Rangers suggested that the school may like to become involved in creating flower beds at their schools. As a result, Cllr Seeley had submitted a budget proposal of £600 to cover the costs of the installation of raised flower beds at the schools.

The Schools are very keen to establish gardening clubs, so much so that Harvey Road School has already started a club. Mrs Shafe asked the Clerk if the Rangers would visit the schools on a regular basis and Miss Card suggested that a weekly visit would be needed. The Clerk and Chairman suggested that in addition to the Rangers help and advice, it may be possible for members of Croxley Green Gardening Club and also grandparents to become involved in this project.

It was asked if a representative from the schools could attend the next Flowers 4 Croxley meeting in order that this subject could be discussed with Rangers to ensure all concerned had the same expectations.

[Post meeting note: The next Flowers 4 Croxley meeting is to be held on 9th February

2008 at 10.30am and a representative from each school is invited to attend.]

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The Revels

Suggestions for the Parish Council stall at the Revels included:

- Games such as knocking down bottles, a crockery smash, darts, coconut shy, buzzing wire, scoring goals, duck catching
- Competitions
- Graffiti designing
- Spinning wheel
- Find the bulb in a pot of mud
- Guess the number of bulbs/seeds/sweets in a jar
- Find the ring in a jar of cornflakes
- A raffle
- A lucky dip
- An assault course
- Raising money for charity. The Chairman informed Junior Councillors that this year his nominated charity was Herts Air Ambulance.

The Clerk added that the Junior Council could be promoted by displaying the work they have achieved ie the road safety charter, posters and photos of the bulb planting and gardening clubs if available.

JC053/09

Any Other Business

One Cllr stated that it was very difficult to cross the road at the junction of Rochester Way and Kenilworth Drive due to the other road junctions nearby and poor visibility. The Clerk said that he would pass these concerns on to Cllr Seabourne who is a Parish Councillor and a District Councillor.

Many Junior Cllrs were concerned about graffiti and thought it would be a very good idea for one wall to be designated just for this purpose. Mrs Shafe suggested that the children may like to do another poster campaign with a slogan on the theme of 'anti-graffiti'. In order to have the posters ready for display by the Easter holidays, the winning posters are to be sent to the Parish Council by the end of February. The Clerk stated that he would issue a press release once all the winning posters had been received at the Parish Council.

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Closure

The next Junior Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 28 April 2009 at 3.45pm. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.34pm.

