

MINUTES OF the 333rd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018 at 8.00PM

Present: Cllr Saxon in the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Bains, Baldwin, Cole, Collingwood, Edmunds, Gallagher, Hollands, Mitchell, Montague, Ridley, Vassiliou & Wallington.

Voting Members: 13

Not Present: Cllr Hobbs and Kaur.

Members of the Public: 2

CC1827/18 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

CC1828/18 Declarations of Interests by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.

At this point the Chairman stated that The Clerk wished to add an agenda item under Standing Order 9.1.15 regarding a proposed excursion to a local theatre for Senior Citizens. The proposal was agreed and the item will be added as Agenda item CC1838/19 and the Closure agenda item renumbered CC1839/18.

CC1829/18 Parish Matters

A resident wished to inform the Council about forthcoming plans to commemorate the WW1 Centenary. The resident stated that the occasion was not only for those who died during the war but for survivors as well. Some 400 people have been identified so far associated with Croxley Green and research is currently in hand in checking war records to capture as much information as possible about the people. Considerably more work was needed to bring plans together and would keep the Council informed on progress.

CC1830/18 Representations from the Public

Representation was made concerning Agenda item CC1834/18 Grant to Friends of Croxley Common Moor. The speaker stated that the proposal for a grant was for the purchase of a wooden bench for installation on Croxley Common Moor in recognition of David Wynne-Jones, a former Councillor and Chairman of the Friends of Croxley Common Moor. He added that Members of the Council will remember well the sterling work that David had done over the years not only for the village as a whole but for his exceptional work in regard to Croxley Common Moor. He continued that David's enthusiasm over the decades had inspired many people about the Moor and its flora and fauna and this should be recognised by way of a permanent reminder of his efforts. The speaker added that part funding of the new bench had been collected by the family and the grant if awarded would cover the remaining costs of the purchase of a bench.

Under Standing Order 9.1.16 It was agreed by members that Agenda item CC1834/18 be brought up the Agenda.

CC1834/18 S137 Grant to Friends of Croxley Common Moor

The Chairman thanked the speaker for his representation and asked Members for their views. Members agreed that that this was a worthy cause. It was asked where the bench would be installed to which it was advised that the location would be on the west side of the moor with the bench facing eastwards. In answer to a question about the necessary permission from TRDC, the current land owner, the Clerk advised that TRDC had agreed to the installation and had assisted in determining the appropriate location.

Members were also advised that when the installation takes place, which will be with the assistance of the Council's Rangers, Members would be invited to its inauguration.

Resolved:

- That a grant of £400.00 be awarded under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

CC1831/18 Minutes

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 332nd Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman

CC1832/18 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1833/18 Committee Reports

CC1833.1/18 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 and to note that the meeting scheduled for 2 January was cancelled.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 be adopted as a report of the meeting and it was noted that the meeting scheduled for 2 January was cancelled.

CC1833.2/18 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1833.3/18 Planning and Development Committee held on 18 January 2018 and to note that the meeting scheduled for Thursday 4 January 2018 was annulled

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 18 January 2018 be adopted as a report of the meeting and it was noted that the meeting scheduled for Thursday 4 January 2018 was annulled.

CC1833.4/18 Any matters arising

A Cllr raised the use of the word 'annulled' but the Clerk advised of its definitions including, not least of which, 'to make or declare void or invalid'.

CC1833.5/18 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of Thursday 11 January 2018 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1833.6/18 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1834/18 This item was taken earlier in the meeting – see above.

CC1835/18 S137 Grant Application for the Croxley Green Home and Produce Annual Show

The Chairman introduced this item and advised that the Finance and Administration Committee had recommended that an S137 Grant of £1,000 be awarded out of the Council's 2018/19 budget.

Resolved:

- That an S137 Grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Croxley Green Home and Produce Annual Show from the Council's 2018/19 budget.

CC1836/18 Croxley Green Parish Council's proposed Annual Report Structure

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Cole to elaborate. Cllr Cole advised that following the Working Party discussions on putting together a Parish Strategic Business Plan it had proved difficult to get input and opinions from third parties that had been approached to move the Business Plan forward. Cllr Cole added that accordingly it was considered that as an interim step a more formal Annual Report be put together to set out what the Council has done and how it has done it in an easy to read format. This would replace the section that had historically appeared in the Parish Pump regarding the Annual Parish Meeting reports on the Council's activities.

Members considered that the production of a separate Annual Report was a good idea. Members were invited to highlight some of the achievements and successes of the Council that they thought were appropriate for inclusion in the Report. Members were also asked that if they had any further thoughts on achievements and successes to let Cllr Cole know within the next two weeks so these could be included.

Resolved:

- That the Parish Council adopts the proposed approach for reporting the Council's activities and expenditure in the Annual Report for 2017-18.

CC1837/18 Youth Project

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Vassiliou to elaborate. Cllr Vassiliou advised that this matter had been discussed at the Environment and Amenity Committee on 6 February. At that meeting it was recommended the matter be brought before Council so set up a working party to take the matter forward. Cllr Vassiliou added that finance had been included in the budget and he considered that something more should be done for the youth of Croxley Green.

A short discussion followed and a number of Cllrs offered to assist with the working party including Cllrs Gallagher, Hollands, Edmunds, Ridley and Vassiliou.

Resolved:

- That a Working Party be established to take the Youth Project forward consisting initially of Cllr Gallagher, Hollands and Vassiliou with other Members joining the Working Party during the course of its work.

CC1838/18 Theatre Trip for Senior Citizens

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk advised that an anonymous benefactor has offered to pay for the hire of the midi-bus that is used for the Council's Friday bus service for senior citizens, to take them to a matinee performance of The Pirates of Penzance in Ruislip on 21 April at 2.30pm.

The Clerk added that he undisclosed donator will pay for the midi-bus so there is no financial commitment from this Council. Those who would wish to take advantage of this would have to pay for their ticket for the Matinee, published price £13, but getting there and back is covered. Once those interested have applied for a ticket the midi-bus, being familiar with the Friday bus service run and local streets, would pick up and drop off as needs be. The Clerk continued that the benefactor is willing to accept the promotion of the excursion to the Matinee is by 'courtesy' of the Parish Council. There would be a very small amount of Council staff time to facilitate the outing.

Members agreed that this was a good idea.

Resolved:

- That the Parish Council facilitates an outing for Senior Citizens to the matinee performance of the Pirates of Penzance on Saturday 21 April.

CC1839/18 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm.