

MINUTES OF the 332nd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018 at 8.00PM

- Present: Cllr Saxon in the Chair
David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant
- Cllrs Baldwin, Cole, Collingwood, Edmunds, Mitchell, Montague, Vassiliou & Wallington.
- Voting Members: 9
Members of the Public: 0
- CC1818/18 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Bains, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hollands, Kaur, Linhart & Ridley.
- CC1819/18 Declarations of Interests by Members
The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.
- CC1820/18 Parish Matters
There were no residents present to speak during the session.
- CC1821/18 Representations from the Public
No representations were made.
- CC1822/17 Minutes
Resolved:
- That the Minutes of the 331st Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21 December 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman
- CC1823/17 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- CC1824/17 Committee Reports
- CC1824.1/17 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 5 December 2017
Resolved:
- That the Minutes of the Environment & Amenity Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 could not be adopted as a report of the meeting due to a meeting cancellation on January 2.
- CC1824.2/17 Any matters arising
There were no matters arising.
- CC1824.3/17 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 7 & 21 December 2017
Resolved:
- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meetings held on Thursday 7 & 21 December 2017 be adopted as report of the meeting.

CC1824.4/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1824.5/17 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 14 December 2017

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of Thursday 14 December 2017 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1824.6/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1825/17 HCC Libraries Consultation

Members discussed the Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Inspiring Libraries consultation and decided that Croxley Green Parish Council will not make an official response via the consultation survey at this time. The Clerk will however write to HCC asking to be kept involved in the process as it progresses.

Resolved:

- That the Clerk writes a letter to Hertfordshire County Council requesting to be kept updated with any developments to the Inspiring Libraries strategy.

CC1826/17 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:39pm.

David Allison
Clerk to the Council



The Council Offices
Community Way
Croxley Green, Rickmansworth
Hertfordshire WD3 3SU

Our Ref: 1077 - 475

Your Ref:

Tel: 01923 710250
Fax: 01923 896425
Email: info@croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk
Web: <http://www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk>
Twitter & Facebook: @CroxleyGreenPC

31 January 2018

Andrew Bignell
Head of Libraries & Heritage Services
Hertfordshire County Council
County Hall (CHO222)
Pegs Lane
Hertford
SG13 8DN

Dear Andrew,

Inspiring Libraries: The Next Phase 2018-2021

I refer to the Consultation currently being undertaken in respect of the above.

As you know from our discussions in September 2014 regarding the initial 'Inspiring Libraries' strategy 2014, the Parish Council appreciates that your strategy is countywide. That said, however, this Council's interests is naturally focusing only on Croxley Green library and how best your strategy and its next phase can be dovetailed, applied and implemented in practice to mutual advantage with this Council's aspirations locally.

Members of this Council recently discussed 'The Next Phase' and wish to convey that we fully support Croxley Green library in the way it currently operates and wishes to ensure that the local library service is delivered effectively and creatively to continue to serve the local community. Reemphasizing the fact that your consultation is countywide, it is considered that there may be alternative financial models that have not been expressed in the consultative document particularly as to how this Council could engage with the library service.

This Council wish to continue to be involved with and informed about your consultation and in particular any developing strategy that would potentially have an impact locally with Croxley Green library. We would welcome further discussions with you at that time to see how best matters could be progressed.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Allison'.

David Allison
Clerk to the Council