

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr C Jefford in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council  
A Taft – Minute Taker
- Cllrs Brading, Martin, Norman and Shafe  
Voting Members: 5
- EA546/09 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Birch, Dann, Seeley and Vassiliou
- EA547/09 Declarations of Interest  
The Chairman recommended that declarations of interest be made throughout the meeting if necessary.
- EA548/09 Representations from the Public  
There were no public present.
- EA549/09 Minutes  
It was proposed by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2009 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA550/09 Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.
- EA551/09 Active Works List  
The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk referred Members to the Active Works List that had been circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk stated that although the Active Works List looked short, extensive work had been undertaken. It was agreed that March was not a good month to cut the hedge at Mayfare and this would be postponed until September or October. It was asked if infill of the hedge could be undertaken and the Clerk stated that he would be placing an order for hedging plants in the next few days for delivery in September. The Clerk was then asked if it would be possible to have trees planted along the footpath from Baldwins Lane to Kenilworth Drive. The Clerk clarified that Hertfordshire Highways have agreed that the Parish Council can maintain this footpath but he would have to look into the issue of trees.
- EA552/09 Parish Pump Magazine  
The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Shafe to elaborate. Cllr Shafe said that an extensive list of articles had been drawn up and also that people had been identified to write the articles. A print date of 20 April had been set, with the delivery date of 27 April in order to include details of future events in a timely manner. The Clerk stated that it was positive to have an extensive list but it would be preferable to actually have the articles so that the magazine can be put together. Cllr Shafe added that Cllrs Martin and Shafe were prepared to assist in preparing this edition of the Parish Pump for publication. The Clerk stated that two pages had already been allocated to the budget and the Chairman had submitted his article. Cllr Brading advised that he would like to write an article in conjunction with Officers at Three Rivers District Council on the subject of dog fouling following many complaints on this issue from local residents. The Clerk said that he would set a date for the Editorial Committee to meet up to discuss these issues in more detail.

EA553/09 Garden Competition 2009

The Chairman introduced this item and it was suggested that planning of the Garden Competition begins now so that any changes to the entry form can be made in time for it to be included in the Parish Pump. It had been suggested to the Clerk that a new category could be that of 'Low Maintenance and Eco-Friendly'. Also, as the schools are in the process of establishing Gardening Clubs, this could be another category. It was asked if the Gardening Club would be involved again but there was some doubt about their intentions. It was then asked that if Councillors were to be asked to act as judges that as much notice of dates and times as possible could be given. The Clerk advised that it may be best to discuss these issues in greater detail and this may be something Flowers 4 Croxley may like to be invited to take on.

EA554/09 Revels 2009

This item was introduced by the Chairman and the Clerk advised that he would not be in attendance at this year's Revels which are to be held on 20 June. The Clerk was asked if the Rangers would be in a position to help but he was unsure of their availability. This subject had been put to the Junior Councillors who had many suggestions for the stall including 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 and raising money for charity. It was suggested that the Junior Councillors may like to have time slots throughout the day but nothing was decided. It was asked that 'Revels 2009' be put on the Agenda for Council.

EA555/09 Senior Citizen's Seaside Coach Trip

The Chairman introduced this and the Clerk clarified that a coach had been booked to take the senior citizens to Eastbourne on Monday, 8 June.

EA556/09 Quiz Night

The Chairman introduced this item and thanked everybody involved in the quiz for their help. The evening was a great success, the winning team was that of Cllr Birch. The sum of £863.42 had been raised for the Chairman's Charity (Herts Air Ambulance) with £106 raised by Herts Air Ambulance themselves, through sales on the night of the quiz.

EA557/09 Tree Bulletin

The supplement which was available at the meeting detailing applications for work to trees in Croxley Green was noted by Cllrs.

EA558/09 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.