

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2012 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Wynne-Jones - In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Baldwin, Martin and Mitchell

Voting Members: 4

Members of the Public: 0

PD1739/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Isard-Brown and Jordan.

PD1740/11 Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare interests as appropriate during the course of the meeting.

PD1741/11 Representations from the Public

There were no representations.

PD1742/11 Minutes

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2011 and Wednesday 21 December 2011 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

PD1743/11 Matters Arising

PD1727/11 Part Night Street Lighting – It was reported that as soon as Cllr Drury has available the information regarding this matter, he will be invited to attend a Committee meeting to report.

PD1744/11 Planning Applications

In the following applications “NGFO” means No Grounds For Objection:

<u>New single storey rear extension, including demolition of existing single storey extension</u>
40 Rugby Way Croxley Green Rickmansworth WD3 3PH
Ref. No: 11/2546/FUL Received: Mon 12 Dec 2011 Validated: Fri 23 Dec 2011 Status: Pending Consideration
Croxley Green Parish Council Decision: NGFO

<u>Demolition of existing fishing hut and erection of replacement fishing hut</u>
Croxley Green Watercress Farm And Fisheries Rousebarn Lane Croxley Green Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 3GG
Ref. No: 11/2547/FUL Received: Mon 12 Dec 2011 Validated: Wed 21 Dec 2011

Status: Pending Consideration
Croxley Green Parish Council Decision: NGFO

<u>Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side and rear extension and rear conservatory</u>
16A Copthorne Road Croxley Green Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4AE
Ref. No: 11/2498/FUL Received: Mon 05 Dec 2011 Validated: Fri 30 Dec 2011
Status: Pending Consideration
Croxley Green Parish Council Decision: NGFO

<u>Loft conversion involving hip to gable extension, rear dormer window and front rooflights.</u>
43 Winton Crescent Croxley Green Rickmansworth WD3 3QX
Ref. No: 11/2489/FUL Received: Mon 05 Dec 2011 Validated: Fri 23 Dec 2011
Status: Pending Consideration
Croxley Green Parish Council Decision: NGFO

CERTIFICATES OF LAWFULNESS, DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS AND NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION ONLY

Members noted the following applications:

<u>Non Material Amendment to planning permission 05/1382/FUL: Change external facing brick type where identified within the revised materials schedule</u>
Durrants Lincoln Way Croxley Green Hertfordshire
Ref. No: 11/2496/NMA Received: Mon 05 Dec 2011 Validated: Mon 05 Dec 2011
Status: Application Permitted

PD1745/11 Recent Decisions by Three Rivers District Council

APPROVED

Application:	Retrospective: Installation of 7 Solar PV panels mounted on A-frames on flat roof of ground floor rear extension
Address:	49 Canterbury Way Croxley Green Rickmansworth
Reference No:	11/2421/RSP
CGPC Decision:	NGFO
TRDC Decision:	Approved

PD1746/11 Appeals Against Planning Decisions

There were no Appeals to note.

PD1747/11 Budget 2012/13

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk referred to version 5 of the budget schedule and advised that two additional budget items have been included - Queens Diamond Jubilee Tree (£150) and Allotments project item (£0 in 2012/13). The Clerk added that following the Environment & Amenity Committee (E&A) meeting the night before, it was considered more appropriate that the budget proposal for a Farmers Market was more an E&A matter, as an Event, rather than a Planning & Development Committee matter. Accordingly the financial provision has been moved to the E&A budget proposals.

The Clerk went through each of the items in the budget.

In regard to the proposal for reducing roadside street clutter (£0 in 2012/13), Cllr Mitchell explained that Cllr Bennett would be the lead Councillor on this matter with him supporting and it was intended initially to undertake an audit of the street signs etc and then discuss with Highways appropriate actions and to encourage Highways to approach the Parish Council on any proposals for new signage. Cllr Mitchell continued that whilst no monies were included in the 2012/13 budget year whilst the audit was taking place future funding may be required to execute any agreed action between Highways and the Parish Council.

Cllr Mitchell then went on to explain his budget proposal for Carbon Footprint reduction for houses in Croxley that with the many professional workman in Croxley more needs to be done to draw their attention to what's available on the market to assist house owners reduce their carbon footprint. Cllr Mitchell continued that the first stage may well be to get interested local businesses together with involvement from the Building Research Establishment. The second stage would then be an awareness campaign.

Resolved:

- that £500 be included in the draft budget for an awareness campaign on carbon footprints.

Members then discussed the financial provision for the Community Plan which was provisionally in the draft budget at £3,000. It was noted that the current years provision would not be fully expended and unused funds would go into general reserves. The Clerk advised that perhaps the way forward would be to maintain the budget provision as £3,000 but to allocate £1,500 from reserves.

Resolved:

- that £1,500 be allocated from Reserves in 2012/13 against the budget provision of £3,000 for the Community Plan.

The Clerk summarised that making the changes as discussed at the meeting resulted in the draft Planning and Development Committee budget being £10,500. It was proposed that this figure be taken forward for Council approval.

Resolved:

- that the draft budget proposals totally £10,500 be taken forward for Council approval.

PD1748/11 Pedestrian Crossings Harvey Road/Watford Road and by Shell Garage, Watford Road

The Chairman introduced this item and advised that the Section 106 contributions from the IMC site, Harvey Road, have been received by Hertfordshire County Council and that the final design of the crossings have been completed.

The Chairman continued that installation of the signalised crossings have been included in Highways next financial year delivery programme circa August 2012.

PD1749/11 Zero Carbon Homes

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Mitchell to elaborate. Cllr Mitchell referred to the supporting paper circulated with the Agenda adding that this was a joint submission with Cllr Jordan.

Cllr Mitchell explained that by 2016 all newly built homes will be required to be zero carbon emission standard. However, new houses are currently being built now but not necessarily to the level 6 standard and are more likely to be around the level 3 mark. Cllr Mitchell continued that as there will have to be a progressive move towards the level 6 standard that any new proposals for new homes should be built to level 6 standard now.

Cllr Mitchell added that the Parish Council should do what it can to influence and comment on new proposals to achieve the level 6 standard as soon as possible and that the Council should adopt a suitable policy accordingly.

Members agreed with this approach.

Resolved:

- that the Committee recommend to Council adopting the policy that the Council wish to see any new housing in Croxley Green built to Code of Sustainable Housing level 6, unless there is good reason not to.

PD1750/11 Village/Community Plan

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Mitchell to elaborate. Cllr Mitchell advised that a draft questionnaire had been prepared and was being tested by members of the Steering Group. Cllr Mitchell continued that wider testing trials will also take place before the questionnaire is finalised.

PD1751/11 Community Plan Questionnaire for Residents – Survey Monkey

The Chairman introduced this item and Cllr Mitchell referred to the supporting paper prepared by the Clerk and explained that once the questionnaire was finalised it will be necessary to have an easy system for members of the public to submit comments and for the responses to be analysed.

Members discussed the merits of the on-line web based programme called Survey Monkey and agreed that the Gold package seemed eminently suited to the needs. The Clerk stated that although you pay an annual subscription of £299.00 you can unsubscribe at any time for example after it is considered that no more responses are likely to be received and all the information gathered and analysis undertaken electronically can be downloaded for use in other computer programmes.

Resolved:

- that the Committee recommend to Council that the Gold package of Survey Monkey be subscribed to at a cost of £299.00.

PD1752/11 Highways

There were no Highway works to note.

PD1753/11 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.