## **CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2013 AT 8.00pm

Present Cllr Edmunds – In the Chair

David Allison - Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Brading, Dann, Seeley and Shafe

Voting Members: 5

Not Present: Cllrs Ridley and Vane

EA962/13 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

EA963/13 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

EA964/13 Representations from the Public

There were no public present.

#### EA965/13 Minutes

#### Resolved:

 that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 March 2013 be approved and be signed by the Chairman and to note that the meeting scheduled for 2 April 2013 was cancelled.

## EA966/13 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### EA967/13 Active Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list for June.

The Clerk was asked whether the Ranger had visited any of the school gardening clubs. The Clerk advised that he did not have that information available but would include a post meeting note into the Minutes.

A Cllr noted that on the Works Schedule there was silt removal from the pond at Killingdown Farm and was asked whether this was the pond in Little Green Lane. The Clerk clarified that this was the 'drainage' area opposite the entrance to Killingdown Farm on the area of land outside Croxley House. The Clerk continued, however, that whilst the works should be done at about this time of the year with only one Ranger there was a potential health and safety issue so the works would not be undertaken at this time.

A Cllr asked about the impact of Hertfordshire Highways installing posts on the area of land adjacent to the hedge between Watford Road and Mayfare to stop vehicular parking on the land. The Clerk advised that as things stand, the Parish Council would not be able to trim the hedge when needed using the tractors side flail as the tractor would not be able to access the site. The Clerk added that any works on the Watford Road side would have to be undertaken using the long arm hedge cutter which would be extremely labour intensive. However, the Clerk said that he was minded to contact Highways to see whether it would be possible for a chained access to be installed to accommodate the tractor.

#### Resolved:

• That the Active Works List for June be noted.

[Post meeting note: The last visit by the Ranger to a school gardening club was on 6 March 2013 – Harvey Road JMI].

# EA968/13 The Green, Stones Orchard and other TRDC owned land within the Parish Boundary

The Chairman introduced this item and commented that unfortunately the Chairman of the Working Group, Cllr Bennett, was not at the meeting to elaborate. The Clerk advised that he had emailed the Chief Executive of TRDC for an update and was awaiting a response.

A Cllr stated that there had been a brief discussion about this at TRDC and it was the intent that a small steering group would be set up and that TRDC would be in contact with the Parish Council in the near future to take this forward.

## EA969/13 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.