

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr Seeley – In the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council
Helena Flynn – Minute Taker
- Cllrs Birch, Dann, Jefford, Martin and Vassiliou.
Voting Members 6
In attendance Cllrs Bains, Holland, Saxon and Shafe.
Two members of the public were present.
- EA349/07 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for received from Cllr Brading. Cllr Norman had advised he may be late.
- EA350/07 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Saxon declared an interest in EA357/07 The Revels, being Chairman of the Revels Committee.
- EA351/07 Representations from the Public
None
- EA352/07 Minutes
It was proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Seeley that the Minutes of the meetings held on 3 April 2007 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA353/07 Matters Arising
Under PD587/07 Bus Stop at All Saints Church. It was asked as to whether the perplex panels had been replaced in the bus stop. The Clerk advised that this remained an outstanding action and would be undertaken done as soon as possible.
- EA354/07 Active Works List
The Chairman introduced this item and referred to the information circulated with the agenda. The Active Works List was noted.
It was asked that if a more comprehensive list could be prepared in future along with an exception list of work which was due to be done but had not been completed.
The Clerk advised that the Active work list was purely intended to be a summary of proposed activity and that detailed job sheets were completed daily by the Rangers which are available for inspection at anytime in the Parish office. The Clerk noted the point about exception listing and would give this matter consideration.
- EA355/07 Maintenance Contract with TRDC for the Green and Stones Orchard
The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate further. The Clerk apologised for not preparing the proposed letter to the Chief Executive at Three Rivers District council and confirmed that this would be done as soon as possible.
It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not been approached regarding possible tendering for the works to The Green and Stones Orchard.

It was asked if it could be established whether the Executive decision by Three Rivers District Council was subject to the scrutiny process. The Clerk advised he would check this aspect.

A Member raised the matter of a letter that had been sent concerning a possible breach of contract.

The Clerk advised that he had not seen such a letter but would look into this further.

It was advised that costings for the cut and baling was being actioned.

EA356/07 Damage to the Green

The Chairman introduced this item and referred to the paper circulated with the Agenda highlighting the damage which has resulted on The Green after the removal of the installed wooded posts. A discussion took place as what could be done with regards to no further damage being caused.

The Clerk explained the background as to why the wooden posts were removed, and reference was made to a letter received by Three Rivers District Council from solicitors on the behalf of the residents of Salthram Cottage.

It was proposed by Cllr Vassiliou and seconded by Cllr Jefford that a letter is written to the appropriate Officers at Three Rivers District Council indicating the problems identified and ask what remedial/enforcement action they intend to take. The proposal was agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Birch that bearing in mind the contract to maintain The Green is still with the Parish Council, to ask Three Rivers District Council who would be responsible for any compensation should anyone injure themselves by walking over this area. The proposal was agreed.

EA357/07 Revels

The Chairman introduced this item and asked whether Members had any suggestions they wished to put forward for the Parish Council Stand.

It was decided that photograph's of last years garden competition along with the village sign competition and this year's budget and the Junior Council poster campaign on anti litter should be put on display.

It was proposed by Cllr Vassiliou and seconded by Cllr Martin that we should sell the parish maps at a discounted sum of £1.00 each. The proposal was agreed.

EA358/07 Senior Citizens Seaside Trip

The Chairman introduced this item and elaborated further.

It was confirmed that the sea side trip to Brighton has been organised for 2 July 2007 and there would be 35 residents attending from three sheltered accommodations, Chalmers Court, Shaftesbury Court and Cherwell (Hanover) Court. There was also to be representative(s) from the Parish Council.

It was also pointed out that a risk assessment should be undertaken and that there should be a form with next of kin/contact details.

EA359/07 Annual Garden Competition

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Jefford to elaborate further.

It was confirmed that the entry forms would be available at The Revels along with it also being published in the forthcoming Parish Pump magazine.

The categories would remain the same as last year.

The previous applicants would be sent entrance forms. The judging date along with name of the judges would be confirmed at a later date.

EA360/07

Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA361/07

Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm.