

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2011 AT 8.00pm

Present Cllr Seeley – In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council  
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Bennett, Brading, Edmunds, Getkahn, Ridley, Shafe and Vane  
Voting Members: 8

EA823/11 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Dann

EA824/11 Declarations of Interest  
The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

EA825/11 Representations from the Public  
There were no members of the public present.

EA826/11 Minutes  
**Resolved:**

- that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2011 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

EA827/11 Matters Arising  
EA819/11 (Nectar/Oasis Areas). The Clerk was asked if there had been any progress and he replied that he had been in contact with Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and they had informed him that they would be very happy to help with information although this could take some time as they are very busy. They advised the Clerk to chase the matter up in one month's time.

EA820/11 (Bee Keeping). The Clerk was asked for an update and he advised that the previous update also applies to this matter.

EA828/11 Active Works List  
The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list for December.

It was pointed out that works undertaken at the Multi-Sports Court were listed under daily as well as monthly tasks. Likewise, the emptying of the litter bins at the Green and Stones Orchard were listed twice; under weekly and monthly works. The Clerk was asked if and how we wash the litterbins as they should be washed every three months. The Clerk advised that he would add this job to the work schedule.

The Clerk was asked about the salt bins and he replied that they are checked and topped up as necessary.

Members noted the Active Works List for December.

EA829/11 A Year in Croxley in Photographs  
The Chairman reported that she had received an email from Mr Williams who had advised that he was no longer a member of Croxley Camera Club. He also added that he was very eager to continue with this project and he had already undertaken a fair amount of work.

It was pointed out by Cllr Ridley that when we made contact with the Camera Club, it was

Mr Williams who took this project forward. However, others felt that the agreement was with the Camera Club rather than an individual. It was asked if there would be any financial implications due to the future sale of photographs etc.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Camera Club to ask for a brief paper giving information about whether the parting was acrimonious and to help Cllrs decide who should continue the project in the event that there is more than one option open to us.

EA830/11 Budget 2012/13

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk referred Members to the draft budget (version 4) dated 25 November 2011.

The Clerk advised that since the issue of version 4, a number of new formal proposals has been submitted for consideration by the Committee. These were individually discussed:

**Refurbishment of Baldwins Lane Play Area (£10,000)** – Members discussed this matter at length given the benefit it would bring to that part of Croxley noting that the Council has already earmarked £10,000 from this year's budget. It was noted that TRDC had postponed redevelopment of the play area until 2013/14 (TRDC provisional funding being £95,000) and Members considered whether in fact that the Parish Council should reduce its funding contribution in 2012/13 to less than the £10,000 proposed.

Resolved:

- That provision in the 2012/13 budget be reduced by £2,500 to £7,500.

**New Years Eve Fireworks 2012 (£5,000)** – It was noted that this is a very popular event with thousands of residents turning up and should be continued.

Resolved:

- That £5,000 be included in the budget.

**Parish Boundary Walk (£1,000)** – It was proposed that a formal circular walk be established as close to the boundary of the Parish.

Resolved:

- That £1,000 be included in the budget.

**Carol Singing at the Library 2012 (£250)** – It was proposed that at Christmas 2012 that a Christmas tree be placed outside the Library and that at appropriate times when residents would be around e.g. Saturday afternoon, that there would also be carol singing with mince pies available. The proposal also included that monies could be collected for the Chairman's Charity.

Resolved:

- That £250 be included in the budget.

The Committee then reviewed the remaining proposals that had been put forward for inclusion in the Environment and Amenity Committee budget namely:

**War Memorial Maintenance (£200)** – It was noted that the Co-Operative Funeral Service had freely offered to clean the Memorial last year but this cannot be guaranteed each year. Accordingly it was proposed that a sum be included in the budget in the event it is needed. Whilst the Parish Council has maintained the Memorial for a number of years, it was unclear who actually owned it.

Resolved:

- That the Clerk contacts TRDC to establish who owns the Memorial;
- That £200 be included in the budget.

**Senior Citizens Outing 2012 (£910)** – Members discussed this matter noting that the proposal for 2012 was for two coaches rather than one given the popularity of the event. It was also noted that the proposed second coach was only a 32 seater and not another 53 seater but the cost was only £50 difference.

Resolved:

- That a second 53 seater coach be used increasing the budget proposal from £910 to £960.

**Hobbies & Craft Taster Day (£750)** – It was stated that this is a very popular local event held at Little Green School which provide the right size venue with adequate car parking to service the event.

Resolved:

- That £750 be included in the budget.

EA831/11 Tree Bulletin

The bulletin of tree works circulated with the Agenda were noted.

EA832/11 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23pm.