

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2009 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr Seeley in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council
A Taft – Minute Taker
- Cllrs Brading, C Jefford, Martin, Norman, Shafe and Vassiliou
Voting Members: 7
Not Present: Cllr Birch
- EA523/09 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Dann
- EA524/09 Declarations of Interest
The Chairman recommended that declarations of interest be made throughout the meeting if necessary.
- EA525/09 Representations from the Public
There were no public present.
- EA526/09 Minutes
It was proposed by Cllr Vassiliou and seconded by Cllr Norman that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2008 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA527/09 Matters Arising
EA520/08 (Active Works List). The Clerk was asked if whips were available free from Herts Groundwork to which he had replied that in his experience to date they were not.
- EA528/09 Active Works List
The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk referred Members to the Active Works List and apologised that it had not been circulated prior to the meeting due to the early distribution of the Agenda. It was asked how the tree plotting was progressing and the Clerk confirmed that this was close to completion. The Clerk was asked if the arisings from pruning work would be chipped and spread on the paths and the Clerk stated that this was indeed the case.
- EA529/09 Budget 2009/2010 and beyond
This item was introduced by the Chairman and the Clerk referred Members to the budget proposals and the draft budget, version 9 dated 8 January 2009 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 4038/203 Maintenance Contracts – The Clerk was asked if the £1,300 for the Spring cut and bale of the Green should be paid for by Three Rivers District Council rather than the Parish Council. The Clerk informed Members that he had a meeting scheduled for Thursday with Peter Brooker and he would mention this to him then.
- 4607/211 Youth Sport Activity – Cllrs queried what measures the club had taken to obtain funding (ie charging subscriptions or grants). It was acknowledged by Cllrs that although steps had been taken to reduce costs, they believed these changes would have a detrimental affect on the sessions. After a long discussion it was proposed by Cllr Vassiliou and seconded by Cllr Martin that the sum of £2,475 be removed from the budget recommendation to Council and the proposal was agreed.

4609/211 Craft Workshop Day – It was noted that there had been a £500 under spend in last year's Craft Day; once this money has been transferred into Reserves, the net effect will result in a budget figure of £600.

4612/211 Community Bus Social – It was asked if the description for this account could be amended to read Senior Citizen's Tea Party. In the next financial year it is intended that the schools be invited to take turns in hosting the tea and the children will wait on and entertain the guests. As there will be a bigger hall and kitchen, more people can be invited and the only costs incurred will be for crockery hire and food.

4037/299 Grounds Maintenance – The Clerk was asked what the projected actual sum of £450 was for and he stated that he did not have this information to hand but would add the requested information to the Minutes.

[Post meeting note: This sum relates to the flower beds at the library.]

EA530/09

Quiz Night

The Chairman introduced this item and Cllr Jefford informed those present that the Charity Quiz Night in aid of Herts Air Ambulance would be held on 21 February 2009 and help setting up, donations of raffle prizes and Cllr participation in the quiz itself would be most welcome.

EA531/09

Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA532/09

Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.