

Croxley Green Parish Council

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Subject: events held/supported by CGPC

Mr clerk

Having trouble with my docs, could this motion retrieved from the archive be added to the Feb FCM for debate, especially in light of the CGS/Croxfest debacle.

Believe originally submitted Oct 2012

Regards

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Council Meeting 25 October 2012

Agenda Item CC1142/12

Events held/organised or supported financially within Croxley Green by CGPC

Introduction

This year it has been a complete debacle on how events are organised by CGPC within Croxley Green. I refer to my motion F&A767/11, which attempted to deal with this, issue but was declined by the F&A committee.

Picnic in the park in relation to the Queens Jubilee was put forward by Cllr Martin as motion CC1049/12 in March and discussed some three months prior to the event, as my motion suggested. Yet not the Queens Jubilee Tree or any other event.

Throughout the year we have received last gasp appeals from the office by emails normally within the week the event was occurring requesting cllrs attend the Revels, never discussed, Dog Show, never discussed, Croxfest, where we as cllrs were informed by the Croxley Green Society that the parish council were taking a stand and a bucket collection for charities, never discussed.

As of today's date Remembrance Sunday isn't posted on the website!

The Queen normally attends the ceremony in Whitehall on behalf on the nation.

The latest debacle being the planting of the Queens Jubilee Oak Tree on Sun Oct 28. Most cllrs had no idea that a date/time had been set and it only came to light prior to cllrs and residents receiving the latest edition of the Pump because the clerk informed us that the Queen had declined to attend which was never discussed by council at any meeting and I requested the date. Council had never discussed possible candidates as guest of honour[s] for the tree planting ceremony.

Some cllrs were aware as the date is publicised in the Pump and referred to in the chairs lead article.

TRDC were unaware of the date when I spoke to J Hughes last week, so are we digging a hole in their land without permission?

I would have proposed if council had ever discussed the event, that via the chairman's monthly article in My Croxley the chairman could have five months ago asked if there was anybody born on Coronation day and if more than one then they could have all

been GOH, also that all the primary schools are invited and a representative of each class could have shovelled some earth into the hole, but never had the opportunity

Discussion Narrative

Council to discuss that a Standard Operations Procedure is adopted on events and that when CGPC organise any generic or new event that it is included on all agendas, E&A/P&D/F&A/FCM where applicable at least three months in advance and that council discuss anything relevant to the event occurring and a report is given to council at the next FCM following the event.

Council to discuss whether a vote of confidence is taken on the F&A committee and the clerk over the handling of organised events or events that are publicly funded by CGPC and held within Croxley Green.

Recommendation[s]

Council to recommend that once a date is known of any event being run or financially supported by CGPC is included on the appropriate agenda until the event is held and that at the next FCM after the event a report is given.

That council have a vote of confidence in the F&A committee and also the clerk on the handling of events within Croxley Green

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its pre-planning application form. He added that concerns had been expressed at the Inquiry by local businesses namely the Croxley Car Centre and Cinnamonds as well as in regards to the facility used by the Sea Cadets and Morris Minors. Further concerns had been expressed also concerning the boat moorings adjacent to Beggars Bush Lane.

Regarding the land swap, this did not go ahead and the Clerk confirmed that the application for an exchange land certificate in relation to the land at Lavrock Lane was no longer required and the relevant parts of the draft Order legislation had been amended.

PD1917/12 (TRDC Site Allocation – School Site, Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green). It was asked when a decision would be made and Cllr Brading advised that the Site Allocation document will go to the Secretary of State for approval. He added that there was currently no planning application for this site and confirmed that TRDC do not support this site as the site for the school. He further added that TRDC prefer one and County Council prefer the other of the two sites (Maple Cross and Mill End).

PD1918/12 (Community Plan). Cllr Jordan informed those present that work on the questionnaire was in its final stages. Cllr Mitchell thanked her for her work on this project.

CC1141.5/12 Finance and Administration Committee held 13 September 2012

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on 13 September 2012 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1141.6/12 Any matters arising

FA833/12 (External Redecoration of the Council Office). The Clerk was asked if the external decoration would start next week to which he replied that the external decoration had been completed.

CC1142/12 Events held/organised or supported by the Parish Council

The Chairman introduced this matter and asked Cllr Ridley if he had a seconder for his proposal and Cllr Brand said that he would second it. A long discussion ensued; Cllr Ridley said that he wants events to be successful but he felt that all Cllrs should have input and be advised of forthcoming events earlier. He added that he knew nothing about the Parish Council stall at Croxfest until the week before the event. It was noted that some events, for example the Revels and Croxfest are not organised by the Parish Council.

Other Cllrs felt that as Parish Council events are included in the budget, Cllrs should be fully aware of forthcoming events. There was also a general understanding that the Cllr who submits a budget item for an event will lead the organisation of the event but if other Cllrs wished to become involved they could offer their help. It was also considered that 16 Cllrs would be too many to organise an event as it would be very difficult to get things moving and it would not work well. It was felt that Cllrs are quite able to organise events without having to hold meetings. It was also pointed out that if any Cllr was unsure about what was going on, they could always ask.

Cllr Martin put forward a counter proposal that any events to be run by the Parish Council are to be included on the relevant agenda a month prior to the event taking place. Also a plan of action to be drawn up & held in the office to give details of preparations/activities/responsibilities prior to the event.

It was then suggested that forthcoming events are put as a standing item on agendas but some Cllrs felt that as they are elected by the public, their time should not be wasted in this way and it was also acknowledged that the Parish Council has only 2 staff to undertake all the administration for Croxley Green Parish Council. It was considered that emails were a satisfactory method of dealing with event organisation

as it was mainly an administrative task. The Clerk reiterated that the Parish Council only has two staff to deal with the administration of the Council and events and that Cllrs fail to understand the level and volume of work that is undertaken in the office.

There was no seconder for Cllr Martin's counter proposal and Cllr Ridley requested a recorded vote for his proposal original proposals. Cllrs Baldwin, Brading, Dann, Edmunds, Getkahn, Isard-Brown, Jordan, Martin, Mitchell, Seeley and Shafe voted against the proposal. Cllrs Brand and Ridley voted for the proposal.

Resolved:

- The motions put forward by Cllr Ridley were not agreed.

CC1143/12

Non sensitive information to be placed on Councils web site

The Chairman introduced this matter and asked Cllr Ridley if he had a seconder for his proposal but he did not and the motion failed.

Resolved:

- There was no seconder for Cllr Ridley's proposal and the motion failed.

CC1144/12

Budgets 2013/14

The Chairman introduced this matter and the Clerk reminded Cllrs that budgets would appear on all agendas and any budget proposals should be submitted as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked about the items which are automatically included in the budget and it was pointed out that Parish Council monies will be spent in a cost effective basis. The Clerk was then asked if suppliers can be changed and another Cllr advised that the budget and spending of the budget are two different matters.

CC1145/12

Farmers Market

The Chairman introduced this item and advised that Cllrs Martin and Mitchell have been working on this project. Cllr Mitchell informed those present that rather than 'Farmers Market', it will be called a 'Local Producers Market' and that it will be held on 9 March 2013 and hopefully would then be held once per month. The location has yet to be finalised but Cllr Mitchell has been given a contact at TRDC so that he can discuss using the area around Community Way. It was asked if it could be held in different car parks but it was felt that it should be established in one place and the location kept the same. Cllr Martin and Mitchell had visited a few local markets and now had a list of local people to contact, with the focus kept on Croxley businesses and the nearby community. Roberts greengrocers of Baldwins Lane have agreed to have a stall. It was expected that there would be 15-20 stalls.

Cllr Mitchell reminded Cllrs to put the date in their diary.

CC1146/12

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm.