

## **Full Council Meeting – 30th September 2021**

### **Agenda Item Number CC2247/21**

### **Climate Change Resilience for Croxley Green**

#### **Introduction**

Climate change is upon us. This is not about the why and how much our activities have affected the climate, but recognising that it is happening and we need to try and make ourselves as resilient as possible now. I would like to set up a working party to, in essence, carry out a risk assessment for Croxley Green and report back on any actions we consider need to be carried out. Also, we will push for other organisations to do their mandatory duties that should mitigate any risks.

#### **Discussion**

What are the risks due to Climate change? We have seen some very severe flooding around the world and in the UK. In July there was bad flooding in many parts of East London, and I remember that day as I could hear the thunder from here. There have been more fires than any other year across the world, and they have happened in this country. We can have very hot spells, that can cause risks to some people, and of course sometimes very cold weather. If we take flooding, if we have a downpour of 50mm of rain in say 2 hours then Croxley Green would be badly hit. This would mainly be due to what is called pluvial flooding which is where the road drains cannot cope with water, and houses get flooded.

I want to review all the areas where there may be a problem, and work with Hertfordshire County Council to ensure maintenance is carried out, i.e. the road gulleys are kept clear.

Fire is a risk and we are blessed with many woodlands around Croxley Green. I believe an initial meeting with the Fire Brigade to review what they would do if there was a serious fire in any open space, and again what needs to be improved. For instance, do we have enough fire Hydrants in the right places?

We need to review what problems would occur during a very hot or cold spell, and is there anything we can push to be done, get information to residents or take on ourselves.

#### **Recommendations**

1. To agree to set up a working party with terms of reference attached to meet and take this "Climate Change resilience for Croxley Green" forward.
2. To report back to full council in March 2022 at the latest.
3. Any budgetary issues identified should be put forward in the forthcoming budget round.

If agreed, please can we have volunteers to join this working party.

**Cllr Chris Mitchell**  
**September 2021**

## ANNEX A – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE FOR CROXLEY GREEN WORKING GROUP**

##### **1. Membership**

Members of the working group will be appointed by the Parish Council and membership will be reviewed annually.

Members of the public may also be members of the working group, subject to agreement by the Parish Council.

##### **2. Leader**

The leader of the working group must be an elected Member and will be chosen by the working group and agreed by the Parish Council. This will be subject to review annually.

The leader will be the working group's main point of contact for Council staff, Council members and members of the public.

##### **3. Responsibility and powers**

Working groups cannot make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council.

The working group will report its recommendations to the Council for approval.

The working group will report progress to the Planning & Development Committee.

##### **4. Purpose**

The purpose of the working group is to assess climate change resilience for Croxley Green.

##### **5. Meeting Schedule**

The working group is to meet on an ad-hoc basis at times convenient to Members.