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MINUTES OF the 362<sup>nd</sup> MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022

Present: Cllr Cole in the Chair  
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council  
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer

Cllrs Crabtree, Gallagher, Hughes, Mitchell, Montague, Panju, Parks, Taylor, Tobin,  
Vassiliou and Whitmore

Not Present: Cllr Birch

Voting Members: 12

Members of the Public: 1

**CC2266/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Benner, Kyriakou and Yeung.

**CC2267/22 Declarations of Interests by Members**

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.

**CC2268/22 Parish Matters**

A representative of Neighbours Together shared information with Members on Watford and Three Rivers Trust, the What's On Guide and Community Champions. Their aim is to help people feel less isolated and less lonely.

**CC2269/22 Representations from the Public**

No representations were made.

**CC2270/22 Minutes**

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 361<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 25 November 2021.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the 361<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 25 November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**CC2271/22 Matters Arising**

The Clerk advised Members that £155 was raised from the charity collection from the New Year's Eve Firework display.

**CC2272/22 Committee Reports**

CC2272.1/22 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 4 & Tuesday 16 November and Thursday 2 & Tuesday 14 December 2021

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 & Tuesday 16 November and

Thursday 2 & Tuesday 14 December 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2272.2/22 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2272.3/22 Leisure, Events & Environment Committee held on Tuesday 2 November 2021

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2272.4/22 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2272.5/22 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 28 October 2021

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 28 October 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2272.6/22 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

**CC2273/22 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council Officers' and Parish Rangers.

**CC2274/22 Platinum Jubilee Street Party Funding**

The Clerk introduced the paper on Platinum Jubilee Street Party Funding and advised Members that instead of holding a larger central event, that residents are encouraged to organise street parties. Hertfordshire County Council is inviting applications for road closures from residents who want to hold a street party to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council, as it does not make grants to individuals, could support residents by purchasing equipment and provisions allocated equally between those roads that apply to close a road for a street party and also offer administrative assistance to residents to help complete the necessary forms to secure a road closure.

*[Cllr Panju left the meeting at this point and played no further part in the meeting.]*

**Resolved:**

- That £1,500 be included in the Parish Council's 2022-23 Budget to support Platinum Jubilee street parties.
- That the funding be taken from the Council's Coronavirus Earmarked Reserve.
- That the Parish Council offers administrative assistance to residents to help secure road closures.

**CC2275/22 Parish Council Office Building Replacement**

The Chairman introduced the paper on Parish Council office building replacement and asked Cllr Tobin to elaborate. Cllr Tobin gave a verbal update on the activities of the Office Replacement Working Group. Cllr Tobin advised Members that discussions with the Croxley Green Community Centre and Club will take place in February to determine next steps and therefore recommendation 1 and 2 would be withdrawn:-

1. That TEC Architecture be appointed to undertake Stages 2-4, at a total cost of up to £5,000.
2. That funding be taken from the Council's New Office Earmarked Reserve.

**Resolved:**

- That recommendations 1 and 2 be withdrawn.
- That "Council Office Building Replacement" be added as a standing item on future full council meeting agendas until further notice.

**CC2276/22 Return to In Person Council Meetings**

The Clerk introduced the paper on a return to in person Council meetings and the proposal to return to a hybrid meeting system.

*[Cllr Whitmore left the meeting at this point and played no further part in the meeting.]*

**Resolved:**

- That Council returns to hybrid meeting style with some councillors and staff attending council & committee meetings in person and some online from 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.
- That members of the public are only permitted to join online at the current time.

**CC2277/22 Road Safety in Croxley Green**

Members reviewed the following recommendations from the P&D Committee PD4032/22 on road safety in Croxley Green including implementing 20mph zones:-

- To invite residents' views on traffic speeds (and possibly other road safety issues) within Croxley Green through an informal survey of opinion.
- To invite TRDC and Herts CC to nominate an officer (or officers) to work with CGPC to investigate options and develop proposals.

**Resolved:**

- Members voted against the recommendations.

**CC2278/22 Budget 2022/23**

Councillors made no amendments to the Budget schedule that was supplied with the Agenda.

**Resolved:**

- That a precept of £328,290 be set by Council and an overall budget of £370,158.

**CC2279/22 Closure**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22pm