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MINUTES OF the 366th MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES
ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Cllr Cole in the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer
Cllrs Benner, Crabtree, Gallagher, Hughes, Montague, Panju, Parks, Taylor, Tobin,
Whitmore and Yeung.
Voting Members: 12
Members of the Public: 2

CC2334/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Kyriakou and Mitchell.

CC2335/22 Declarations of Interests by Members

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

CC2336/22 Co-option of Two Councillors for Dickinson and Durrants Ward

The Chairman introduced this item and thanked the candidates for attending the meeting.

The Clerk then read out the names of the candidates. The candidates in attendance were Mr Kingsley Jolowicz and Mr Narinder Sian.

The Chairman then invited the candidates to speak for up to three minutes. Mr Kingsley Jolowicz and Mr Narinder Sian spoke for 3 minutes.

The Chairman then called for a proposer and seconder to proceed to co-opt two Councillors.

Resolved:

- That the co-option of two Councillors from those nominated is carried out using the documented co-option procedure that had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved:

- That Mr Kingsley Jolowicz and Mr Narinder Sian are co-opted.

CC2337/22 Parish Matters

No Parish Matters were raised.

CC2338/22 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

CC2339/22 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 365th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2022.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 365th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2340/22 Matters Arising

No items were raised.

CC2341/22 Committee Reports

CC2341.1/22 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 7 & Tuesday 19 July 2022 and Thursday 4 August 2022

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 & Tuesday 19 July 2022, Thursday 4 August 2022 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2341.2/22 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2341.3/22 Leisure, Events and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 5 July 2022

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2022 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2341.4/22 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2342/22 Clerk's Report

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

CC2343/22 CCTV Installation

The Chairman introduced the paper on CCTV Installation and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk advised members that over the last 12 months there has been a rise in the number of burglaries in Croxley Green and the wider Three Rivers area. It is proposed to install CCTV to view the Parish Council office entrance, side access to the depot and large vehicle access to the depot. Members agreed that CCTV could deter a burglary at Parish Council property, could aid the police in identifying any criminals if a burglary was attempted and potentially reduce insurance premiums.

Resolved:

- That the Council accepts the attached quote of £2,663.57 for the supply and installation of CCTV cameras.
- That £180 be included in the Council 2023/24 budget for yearly maintenance costs.

CC2344/22 Recruitment of Two Additional Employees

A recommendation was received from the Finance & Administration committee regarding the recruitment of two new employees – see agenda item FA1639/22. Members discussed the recommendation from F&A.

Resolved:

- That the recommendation from the Finance & Administration committee regarding the recruitment of two new employees is approved.

CC2345/22 Winter Grants for Croxley Green Community Organisations

The Chairman introduced the paper on Winter Grants for Croxley Green Community Organisations and asked Cllr Crabtree to elaborate. Cllr Crabtree advised members that the significant increase in energy costs could leave many residents of Croxley Green in fuel poverty this winter. Community organisations within Croxley Green would be eligible to apply for a grant from Council to support initiatives that will target local residents who are struggling to heat their homes, encourage wellbeing and also reduce cases of isolation and loneliness. Members agreed that funding should be made available to assist community organisations in providing these services to residents in Croxley Green.

Resolved:

- That Council resolves to make funds totalling £5,000 available from the reserves to support this initiative.
- That grants will be made available up to a maximum of £500 per organisation that will be opening its doors, inviting Croxley Green residents to join them for food and/or a warm place to sit, encouraging people to come together.
- That Parish Council officers publicise the availability of grants to churches and community and social organisations that offer this support to the residents of Croxley Green.

CC2346/22 Creation of a Working Group – Election Planning for 2023

The Chairman introduced the paper on Creation of a Working Group – Election Planning for 2023 and asked Cllrs Benner and Gallagher to elaborate. Cllr Gallagher advised members that a working party was formed to promote for the 2019 Election to promote the role of Councillor, support potential candidates and ensure a smooth process for all. Members agreed to creation of a new Working Group.

Councillors are invited to join the Working Group.

Resolved:

- That the Council approves the creation of a new working group Election Planning for 2023
- That the draft terms of reference are adopted.
- That Cllrs Cole and Gallagher become members of the working group.

CC2347/22 Parish Council Office Building Replacement

An update was given to members on the progress made by the Office Building Replacement working group.

CC2348/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman moved, duly seconded, the following motion and it was agreed:

that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CC2349/22 Staff Salaries

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate.

The Clerk referred to the confidential paper that had been circulated to Members with the HR & Compliance Agenda. The paper advised that the HR & Compliance Committee had discussed and agreed the Clerk's proposals for staff salaries.

Resolved

- Members noted the revised salary details.

CC2350/22 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:02 pm