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MINUTES OF the 360th MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

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

Not Present: Cllrs Birch and Kyriakou

Voting Members: 11

Members of the Public: 1

CC2236/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Whitmore, Yeung.

CC2237/21 Declarations of Interests by Members

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

CC2238/21 Co-option of One Councillor for Durrants Ward

The Chairman introduced this item and thanked the candidates for submitting their applications. The Clerk then read out the names of the candidates. Candidates were invited to speak for up to three minutes.

The Chairman then called for a proposer and seconder to proceed to co-opt one Councillor.

Resolved:

- That the co-option of one Councillor 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. Guy Parks is co-opted.

CC2239/21 Parish Matters

No matters were brought to the attention of Councillors.

CC2240/21 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

CC2241/21 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 359th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 29 July 2021.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 359th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 29 July 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2242/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2243/21 Committee Reports

CC22243.1/21 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 July 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 July 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2243.2/20 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2243.3/20 Leisure, Events & Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6 July 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 July 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2243.4/20 Any matters arising

The Chairman requested an update on the installation of festive bows on the lamp posts in New Road. The Clerk confirmed that Ringway (operating on behalf of HCC) did not approve the installation of festive bows in New Road, as they are heritage lamp posts and are not able to be structurally tested. Alternative places to install the festive bows are under consideration.

CC2243.5/20 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 29 April 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 29 April 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2243.6/20 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2244/21 Clerk's Report

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

CC2245/21 Grant Application – Croxley Green U3A

The Chairman introduced the grant application from Croxley Green U3A seeking funds to promote the group to newly retired and senior citizens to increase membership. Members discussed the benefits to mental health and wellbeing by being active and promoting the Croxley Green U3A to residents in the village.

Members requested that the following text be included on the Croxley Green U3A flyer “supported by Croxley Green Parish Council”

Resolved:

- That a grant of £375 be paid to Croxley Green U3A.

CC2246/21 Code of Conduct

The Clerk introduced the paper on adopting the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct which was discussed at the Council Meeting on 29 July 2021 CC2232/21. No comments were received from Councillors, and it was agreed to adopt the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct. Members asked to be advised of any future Code of Conduct training dates.

Resolved:

- That Council adopts the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

CC2247/21 Creation of a Working Group – Climate Change Resilience for Croxley Green

The Chairman introduced the paper on Creation of a Working Group – Climate Change Resilience for Croxley Green and asked Cllr Mitchell to elaborate. Cllr Mitchell spoke about climate change and highlighted that Croxley Green was most at risk from pluvial flooding due to severe storms overwhelming the road drains. Cllrs Mitchell, Gallagher and Hughes expressed an interest in joining the Working Group.

Resolved:

- That the Council approves the creation of a new working group to investigate “Climate Change resilience for Croxley Green”.
- That the draft terms of reference are adopted.
- That a report is presented to Council no later than March 2022.
- That Cllrs Mitchell, Gallagher and Hughes become members of the working group.

CC2248/21 Creation of a Working Group – Remodelling the Parish Council Magazine

The Chairman introduced the paper on Creation of a Working Group – Remodelling the Parish Council Magazine and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk advised members that following on from the work of the Communication Working Group, it was identified that the Parish Council Magazine should be updated to be more relevant, published at more regular intervals and renamed to reflect the work the Parish Council does. Cllrs Cole and Gallagher expressed an interest in joining the Working Group.

Resolved:

- That the Council approves the creation of a new working group to Remodel the Parish Council Magazine.
- That the draft terms of reference are adopted.
- That Cllrs Cole and Gallagher become members of the working group.

CC2249/21 Plaque to Commemorate Mr Dave Edwards and the Christmas House

The Chairman introduced the paper on a plaque to commemorate Mr Dave Edwards and the Christmas House and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk advised Members that a plaque to commemorate Mr Dave Edwards and the Christmas House was an idea suggested by a resident and Mr Edwards' family as part of the Council's Call for Ideas initiative. Cllr Yeung spoke with Mr Edwards' family and the new owners of 3 Lancing Way to determine a suitable plaque and installation place.

Resolved:

- That a budget of up to £400 is allocated to purchase a personalised plaque to be installed on the exterior of 3 Lancing Way.
- That the text for the plaque be approved by the Edwards family.

CC2250/21 Killingdown Farm Appeal

The Clerk introduced the paper on the Killingdown Farm Appeal and asked Cllr Mitchell to elaborate. Cllr Mitchell advised Members that the Killingdown Farm Appeal will be held at a Public Inquiry and the paper requests funds to procure professional expertise to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Members discussed and agreed to change the wording of Recommendation 1 from "That the Parish Council funds 50% of the cost of representation at Killingdown Farm planning appeal hearing up to a total cost of £5,000" to "That the Parish Council funds the cost of representation by John Snow and Bridget Sheppard to speak on behalf of Croxley Green Parish Council using CGPC agreed wording up to a total cost of £5,000".

Resolved:

- That the Parish Council funds the cost of representation, up to a total cost of £5,000, by John Snow and Bridget Sheppard to speak on behalf of Croxley Green Parish Council at the Killingdown Farm appeal hearing, using Croxley Green Parish Council agreed wording.

CC2251/21 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.

Asset of Community Value Right to Bid Legislation Research

Resolved:

- That the matter be progressed as discussed.

CC2252/21 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:36pm