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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference
ON 3 MAY 2022 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Montague – In the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer
Anthony Bassenger – Senior Ranger

Cllrs Crabtree, Hughes, Tobin, Vassiliou and Yeung
In Attendance: Cllrs Cole and Gallagher
Voting Members: 6
Members of the Public: 1

LEE1700/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Kyriakou and Panju.

LEE1701/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

LEE1702/22 Representations from the Public

LEE1707/22 - Written representation was received from a resident recommending that the Parish Council seek right of way access to 2 areas of the Croxley Green Boundary Walk. Further information was provided by a representative from the Croxley Green Residents Association.

[Under Standing Order 13.1.15 it was agreed to suspend the meeting between 8:05-8:25pm]

LEE1703/22 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1704/22 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

LEE1705/22 Ranger's Update

The Senior Ranger gave an update on the activities completed. In addition to regular activities, they gave the following updates:

- Allotment beds have been built at Harvey Road School and they were very pleased with them.

- Chickens are the new addition to the Parish Council Preschool Allotment, to help children understand food production.
- Trials of electric tools are taking place to determine best fit for purpose and timeline to replace petrol tools.
- The office was themed for the Treasure Trail and the Jolly Roger flag was flown on the flagpole – children and adults all enjoyed the trail around Croxley Green to find the password and collect their treasure.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was run for the first time since 2019 and was a big success. The Easter Egg Trail was also run this year.
- The Green and Stone's Orchard have had their first seasonal cut this year.
- Obtaining quotes for the treework in the new woodland – only one response so far.
- Outside of the office was decorated with Platinum Jubilee bunting and flag.
- The Orchard hedge by the memorial trees has been cut down to the fence line – the hedge was checked for nesting birds and no evidence was found.
- Wildflowers – still deciding best course of action, but likely to be a rotavator and reseed.
- Looking to replace the flower barrels along Watford Road, Baldwins Lane and New Road.

The Chairman thanked the Senior Ranger for the update and suggested that the running costs of petrol vs electric tools should be included in future papers to replace current tools.

LEE1706/22 Events 2022

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2022 and members reviewed the plan for this year. The Chairman advised Members that there was a good turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt and the 1st Annual Art Competition. Final preparations are being made for the French Market, Preschool Allotment and Croxley Revels.

LEE1707/22 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22 was reviewed.

LEE1708/22 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:06pm