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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference  
ON 4 JANUARY 2022 at 8.00 PM

**Present:** Cllr Montague – In the Chair  
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council  
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer  
Philippa Hallam-Parker - Ranger

Cllrs Crabtree, Hughes, Kyriakou, Panju, Tobin and Vassiliou  
In Attendance: Cllrs Cole, Gallagher, Mitchell and Parks  
Voting Members: 8  
Members of the Public: 0

**LEE1678/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Yeung.

**LEE1679/22 Declarations of Interest**

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

**LEE1680/22 Representations from the Public**

No representations were made.

**LEE1681/22 Minutes**

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**LEE1682/22 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**LEE1683/22 Ranger's Update**

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

- Acquisition of the new woodland on the back of Long Valley Woods, just off Harvey Road has completed. Approached multiple companies to quote for a tree survey of new woodland and Weston Woods.
- Ranger attended ride-on mower with flail course before Christmas.
- Senior Ranger passed weed spraying course, which will permit spraying the footpaths through summer to control unwanted weed incursion.
- Church hedge has had a cut, hopefully it should stay nice and neat now until the first cut of the season.

- Attempted a fix around the orchard gate entrance from The Green, to prevent puddle build up, and to harden the ground below.
- Offered to help restore the bench we helped install on the moor for late Councillor David Wynne-Jones.

**LEE1684/22 Events 2022**

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2022 and members reviewed the plan for this year. Preparations are underway for Spring events the Treasure Trail, Easter Egg Hunt and Art Competition.

**LEE1685/22 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22**

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22 was reviewed.

**LEE1686/22 LEE Budget 2022/23**

Members made no changes to the Budget which was supplied with the Agenda.

**Resolved:**

- That the LEE Budget for 2022/23, a total of £74,840, is put forward to Council for approval.

**LEE1687/22 Hertfordshire County Council's Street Tree Maintenance**

An update was given on Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) street tree works schedule. HCC will be undertaking a large amount of tree work in Croxley Green, with many trees being marked to be felled. HCC have informed the Council that they will seek to replace the trees where possible in the next planting season.

**LEE1688/22 Annual Firework Display**

Cllr Montague introduced the paper on the Annual Firework Display and asked Cllr Cole to elaborate. The annual New Year's Eve Firework Display is a popular free event that attracts a significant number of attendees.

Members discussed the impact to the environment and agreed to recommend to Council to begin a consultation with Residents over the future of the annual firework display.

**Resolved:**

To recommend to Full Council

- To begin a consultation with the community over the future of the annual firework display; and
- To complete the consultation by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022; and
- Pending the outcome of the consultation and discussion at Council not to confirm the firework display for 2022.

**LEE1689/21 Closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm