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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON 6 JULY 2021 at 8.00 PM

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

Cllrs Crabtree, Panju, Tobin, Vassiliou, Yeung  
In Attendance: Cllr Cole  
Voting Members: 7  
Members of the Public: 0

**LEE1642/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hughes and Kyriakou.

**LEE1643/21 Declarations of Interest**

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

**LEE1644/21 Representations from the Public**

No representations were made.

**LEE1645/21 Minutes**

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**LEE1646/21 Matters Arising**

The Clerk gave an update on LEE1637/21 Unauthorised Encampment Prevention. TRDCs response to CGPC letter was to question why we thought there would be further unauthorised encampment, which they disagree with, and they do not consider that the bunding needs to be extended. The Clerk advised Members that the CGPC contract to maintain The Green includes a clause that CGPC are not responsible for clearing hazardous waste after an unauthorised encampment.

The Clerk gave an update on LEE1638/21 Barton Way Multi Sports Complex. TRDC do not have the funds to repair the fencing or maintain the area. TRDC did not agree that CGPC should take over the responsibility for the play area. A further meeting with TRDC Officers to be arranged in July.

**LEE1647/21 Ranger's Update**

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

- The Grounds Maintenance Manager left in June and we are down to one Ranger. A Senior Ranger position has been advertised and looking to be filled by August.
- Footpaths have had their first season cut. The Green has been cut 3 times and Stone's Orchard has been cut 4 times. However due to the rain and a broken part on the ride-on (now fixed) the ground is too wet and soft to cut The Green and Stone's Orchard. They will both be cut as soon as weather permits.
- The Grounds Maintenance Manager and Ranger were able to unjam one of the slide down posts on the entrance to the Revels site from the driveway to Little Gillions. The other post had rotted away. If we can get this fixed, it would mean we could use this as an entrance onto the Revels site if the plan to extend the bunding goes ahead.
- Wildflowers on FP14 (Kenilworth Drive to Baldwins Lane) are starting to flower, they look really effective.
- New planters have been installed on the railings in front of the office.
- Watford Road, Baldwins Lane and New Road have been planted with a mix of begonia and busy lizzie plants. Very well received on Facebook and Instagram.
- Dulwich Way/Yorke Mead footpath hedge has been cut back, allowing for social distancing.
- The concrete planters by the New Parade shops on The Green have been planted with 284 plants. Historically plants in these planters have either died due to the overshadowing of large trees or been removed. If this occurs again we may need to discontinue planting there.
- The Ranger has taken and passed the B+E Trailer Test, which will enable them to use the trailer in the depot.
- Potatoes grown in the allotment will soon be ready to harvest. They will be placed in a box outside the office to enable Residents to help themselves. Pictures will be posted on social media.

#### **LEE1636/21 Litter Reduction Sub-Committee**

Chairman provided a verbal update from the Litter Reduction Sub-Committee. Chairman advised Members that the sub-committee had not meet since the last update given at LEE on 4 May 2021. A graphic designer is creating the logo and once artwork has been received a meeting of the sub-committee will be arranged to sign off the artwork and commence production.

The Administrative Officer advised Members that CGPC litter picking equipment is on loan to the Sea Cadets at Cassio Bridge for the next 4 weeks to enable them to litter pick around the clubhouse, playground, the bottom of Baldwins Lane and the canal. Members expressed their thanks to the Sea Cadets for their efforts to reduce the litter and clean up Croxley Green.

#### **LEE1649/21 Dog Bin Relocation**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the relocation of the dog bin from Mill Lane to Weston Wood. Initially rubbish and dog bags were left in the location of the removed dog bin, but this has now stopped. The dog bin in Weston Wood is being used by dog owners and no further negative comments have been posted on social media.

#### **LEE1650/21 Christmas Decorations New Road and The Green**

The Chairman introduced the paper on Christmas Decorations New Road and The Green and asked the Administrative Officer to elaborate. The suggestion to put up decorative bows on lamp posts in New Road came from a resident who saw the Call for Ideas poster in November 2020. Research was conducted into lamp post Christmas decorations but none were large enough to make a visible impact. Initial

costs/designs were obtained from our current Christmas decoration provider Lamps & Tubes.

Members discussed and agreed to change:

**Recommendation 1** from “Agree the number of lamp posts to affix Christmas Decorations to in New Road and The Green and the style of decorations” to “Agree the number of lamp posts to affix Christmas Decorations (Bows) to in New Road”.

**Recommendation 2** be removed as no increase in the current budget will be required.

**Recommendation 3** that “negotiate a discount” is included.

A recorded vote was requested:

<b>Against</b>	<b>For</b>
Cllr Vassiliou	Cllrs Crabtree, Montague, Panju, Tobin, Yeung

Cllr Cole did not state a preference either for or against the proposal.

**Resolved:**

- That recommendation 1 is amended from “Agree the number of lamp posts to affix Christmas Decorations to in New Road and The Green and the style of decorations” to “Agree the number of lamp posts to affix Christmas Decorations (Bows) to in New Road”
- That recommendation 2 is removed.
- That recommendation 3 is amended from “Agree a 3 year contract is signed with Lamps & Tubes to affix Christmas Decorations in New Road and The Green” to “Agree a 3 year contract is signed with Lamps & Tubes, after negotiating a discount, to affix Christmas Decorations in New Road”.
- That Christmas Decorations (Bows) will be affixed to 12 lamp posts in New Road.
- That the Clerk signs a 3 year contract with Lamps & Tubes, after negotiating a discount, to affix Christmas Decorations in New Road.

**LEE1651/21 Events 2021**

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2021 and members reviewed the plan for this year. The delay to lifting COVID-19 Lockdown from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July means that Croxfest has been cancelled this year. A treasure hunt is being written by Cllr Benner that can be launched in August/September for families and individuals to complete at their leisure.

**LEE1652/21 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22**

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22 was reviewed. Members identified events and activities that are not going ahead in 2021/22 due to COVID-19 and requested an indication of how much budget would not be spent due to events being cancelled.

**LEE1653/21 Closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:09pm