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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5 JULY 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 Benner, Hughes, Panju, and Yeung

In Attendance: Cllr Gallagher

Voting Members: 5

Members of the Public: 1

LEE1709/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Kyriakou.

The Chairman gave their thanks to Cllr Cliff Vassiliou for the many years of dedicated service to the community and LEE Committee.

LEE1710/22 Declarations of Interest

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

LEE1711/22 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

LEE1712/22 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1713/22 Matters Arising

A councillor asked for an update on the Boundary Walk right of way. A member advised that the County Councillor had discussions with the landowner and hoped to share news soon.

LEE1714/22 Ranger's Update

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

- Urgent tree works have been completed in Weston Wood and the new Woodland. Larger logs will be taken away, with remainder left for habitat. Investigating getting a carver to carve designs into leftover stumps.

- The Green, Stone's Orchard and multiple footpaths have been cut. The Green and footpaths have been cut using demonstration electric tools to assess their suitability.
- The Revels was a fantastic event – next year we will look a hiring a bailer to remove the loose grass after it has been cut.
- The Orchard gate has been broken again.
- The wildflower meadow has been sown.
- Rangers have helped Croxley Danes School get their allotment planters up and running.
- Looking into replacement barrels for the existing ones that are beyond repair.

LEE1715/22 Purchase of Electric Grounds Maintenance Equipment

The Senior Ranger spoke about the paper on the purchase of electric grounds maintenance equipment and advised members that equipment from various suppliers had been loaned to the Parish Council to test. In addition to the fuel savings, the electric tools have the following benefits

- reduction in hand arm vibrations
- reduction in pollution from petrol fumes and noise levels
- equipment is lighter, consistent balanced machine weight results in no changes to machine weight as currently happens with petrol tools.

The Council currently has £50,903.72 in ear marked reserves for equipment replacement and funding for the purchase will be taken from there.

Resolved:

- That the committee accepts the attached quote from RT Machinery at a total cost of £4,311.18

LEE1716/22 NYE Fireworks Consultation

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the feedback received from Residents on the NYE Fireworks Consultation. The majority of respondents were in favour of the event continuing in its current format and highlighted the sense of community that it fostered.

LEE1717/22 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 French Market and Croxley Revels. The Administrative Officer advised Members that 25 street parties were held in Croxley Green for the Platinum Jubilee and that items the Parish Council bought for the celebrations were gratefully received.

LEE1718/22 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2022/23

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2022/23 was reviewed.

LEE1719/22 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:08pm