

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present: Cllr Birch in the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Bains, Bennett, Brading, Dann, Hollands, C Jefford, Martin, Norman, Saxon, Seeley, Shafe, Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones

Not Present: Cllrs Brand and Seabourne

Voting Members: 14

Public: 1 member of public arrived during CC780/10S

CC777/10/S Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies to note.

CC778/10/S Declarations of Interest by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

CC779/10/S Representations from the Public

There were no public present at this point.

CC780/10/S Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2010 and approval of the Annual Return (Sections 1 and 2)

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk advised that the notice stating that the draft accounts were available for inspection between 26 April and 24 May 2010 had been displayed although that nobody had asked to inspect them.

Members discussed the accounts and various points were raised:

On page 4 of the accounts, Capital Expenditure referred to note 8 although there was no mention of Capital Expenditure within note 8. It was pointed out that there was no annotation relating to the firework expenditure. It was asked why the figures in the Chairman's Charity income and expenditure for 2010 did not equate and the Clerk explained that this was because there were still monies to be paid to charities.

On page 8 of the accounts under Tenancies, it was pointed out that the landlord and tenant had been transposed. The landlord should be Three Rivers District Council and the tenant should be Croxley Green Parish Council.

On page 9 of the accounts, Freehold Land and Buildings was queried. The Clerk advised that this was consistent with previous years' accounts and added that the land the depot was built on is owned by the Parish Council. Under the heading of Infrastructure Assets, Members questioned the value of the flagpole and also the fact that there was no value shown under Gates and Fences. Also queried was the fact that there was no mention of the electrical connections on various lamp posts for the Christmas lighting. It was also asked why depreciation of Vehicles and Equipment and Infrastructure Assets had not been included and why some figures were inexplicably higher/lower than the previous year. The Clerk stated that the Accountants take the figures from the Parish Council's insurance policy. He added that the insurance company had presented the information in a different way but the figures are commensurate with our asset register and although items appear under different categories, they are collectively covered. The Clerk stated that he will take this matter up with the insurance company.

It was suggested that the matter of the way in which our assets are accounted for be placed on a future Finance and Administration Committee Agenda.

It was asked if these points could be taken up with the Accountants for the future.

Resolved:

- That the Annual Accounts for 2009/10 be approved and signed accordingly and that the Annual Return Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) be signed;
- That Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) be signed;
- That the Council agree to items 1 – 8 relating to the Annual Governance Statement be answered in the affirmative (“yes”) and that item 9 be answered as “Not Applicable” as the Council has no Trust Funds.

CC781/10/S

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.