

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2009 AT 8.00 pm

Present Cllr Norman in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council  
A Taft – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Birch, Brading, C Jefford, Martin, Seeley and Vassiliou

Voting Members: 7

Not Present: Cllr Dann

EA619/09 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies to note.

EA620/09 Declarations of Interest

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

EA621/09 Representations from the Public

There were no public present.

EA622/09 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Jefford that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2009 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

EA623/09 Matters Arising

EA616/09 (Active Works List). The Clerk was asked if there had been any feedback from the Flowers 4 Croxley group regarding allotment fees to which he replied that at this stage there had not.

EA624/09 Active Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list that had been previously circulated with the agenda. It was pointed out that a note had been inserted at the bottom of the active works list relating to the requirement for Works Variation Notices to be raised for any other work not on the list and this note will be on all future active works lists. One Works Variation Notice had already been issued for December for the collection and installation of the new roll log litter bins in Stones Orchard.

November works undertaken

One Member mentioned that a good job had been done on the Watford Road hedge but perhaps next time the Rangers could liaise with TRDC for the debris to be swept up afterwards.

The Clerk was asked why the hedge at Barton Way/New Road had been cut after the furore this caused the last time it was cut. The Clerk replied that this work was unauthorised and that official disciplinary action had been taken.

The Clerk was asked how many salt bins the Parish Council was responsible for to which he advised that had this information been asked prior to the meeting he would have had it available. The Clerk was then accused of not knowing this to which he objected to both the tone and the implications of the comments made by the Cllr. He was then asked how often the bins are filled. The Clerk informed the interested Cllr that the bins are checked and topped up frequently during the winter for the convenience and use of local residents.

*[Post meeting note: the location of the bins which are the Parish Council's responsibility are:- Chalmers Court (2 bins), Baldwins Lane (next to No. 62), Little Green Lane (between Links Way/Canterbury Way) – note that this salt bin has gone, Oakleigh Drive (outside No. 13), Rousebarn Lane (junction with Little Green Lane), Uplands (off Copthorne Road), Windmill Drive (next to No. 123), Winton Drive, Corner of Sycamore Road and Watford Road. Salt bins which are not the responsibility of the Parish Council are located at Copthorne Road (opposite No. 52, Copthorne Road (footpath junction), Copthorne Road (near Uplands) and Copthorne Road (junction with Scots Mill Lane.)]*

EA625/09 Budget 2010/2011 and beyond

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk advised that apart from contractual matters, he had received four budget submissions for the Environment and Amenity Committee:-

- 1 Quiz Night (211/4602) £250
- 2 Senior Citizens Outing (299/4611) £350
- 3 Flowers 4 Croxley (299/4934) £2,000
- 4 School Gardening Clubs (299/4936) £2,000

There was some discussion among Members regarding the Flowers 4 Croxley budget submission. Members generally felt that as the group is now responsible for its own accounts a budget sum would be more appropriate under the S137 Grant budget in Finance and Administration. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that a S137 grant is the facility to award money when no other statutory power to incur expenditure exists.

The Clerk added that there was a contractual obligation regarding emptying the dog bins that are the responsibility of the Parish Council which amounted to £8,200 and the purchase of dog waste bags (which are free to residents) at a cost of £1,800 making a total of £10,000 for dog hygiene. The Clerk pointed out that this sum included a marginal contingency sum.

The Clerk had also included sums of:-

£1,000 for plants, shrubs and trees (203/4048)

£7,000 for Christmas lights (211/4605)

£50 for the library Christmas tree (211/4608)

£1,000 for the maintenance of the multi-sports court (221/4042)

The Clerk added that submissions were yet to be submitted by Cllrs for the Craft Workshop day, Fireworks 2010 and Play Areas.

It was proposed by Cllr Brading and seconded by Cllr Martin that subject to the issues raised the Clerk moves forward with the proposals as seen and the proposal was agreed.

EA626/09 Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA627/09 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.