

MINUTES OF the 313<sup>rd</sup> MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016 at 8.00PM

Present: Cllr Hollands in the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Bains, Baldwin, Brand, Edmunds, Gallagher, Greenman, Kaur, Ridley, Taft,  
Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones

Voting Members: 12

Not Present: Cllrs Hobbs.

CC1573/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Kataria, Mitchell and Saxon.

CC1574/16 Declarations of Interest by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the time.

CC1575/16 Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

CC1576/16 Minutes

The Clerk brought to the meetings attention that there are a couple of amendments which need to be made. In the Minutes of the meeting it stated that Cllr Greenman was not present. Cllr Greenham had expressed her apologies. It was also pointed out that on page 2 under CC1566/16 Matters Arising the words “to set up meetings with District and County Councillors to discuss the problem and” should be deleted. The Clerk amended the Minutes and would ask the Chairman to initial the amendments when signing the Minutes.

**Resolved:**

- That the Amended Minutes of the 312<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC1577/16 Matters Arising

CC1569/16 Neighbourhood Plan. It was asked whether any comments had been received about the Neighbourhood Plan from the web site. The Clerk advised that no responses had been received to date.

CC1578/16 Committee Reports

CC1578.1/16 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 5 January 2016 and to note that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2 February 2016 was cancelled.

The Clerk advised that due to the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2 February, the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 January had not been signed off by the Committee. Accordingly, the Minutes could not be adopted as a Report of that meeting.

**Resolved:**

- That it was noted the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2 February 2016 was cancelled.

CC1578.2/16 Matters Arising

There was no Report to adopt upon which matters arising could be raised.

CC1578.3/16 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 6 January and Wednesday 20 January 2016

The Clerk advised that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 January 2016 had been amended and re-issued and had not been signed off by the Committee. Accordingly, the Minutes could not be adopted as a Report of that meeting.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 20 January 2016 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1578.4/16 Any matters arising

A Councillor commented that it appeared that TRDC appeared not to take account of the view expressed by the Parish Council on planning applications. It was pointed out to the Councillor that although the Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications ultimately the decision rests with TRDC.

CC1578.5/16 Finance and Administration Committee of Thursday 14 January 2016

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 14 January 2016 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1578.6/16 Matters Arising

A Councillor raised the matter of the number of passengers using the Council's senior citizens Friday bus service to Watford. The Clerk advised that the spreadsheet recording numbers had been redesigned to facilitate a summary being placed on the web site and this will be undertaken when time permits but it was not a priority.

CC1579/16 Defibrillators

The Chairman introduced this item and advised that as the proposer of the motion he did not wish to seek a seconder at this time and withdrew the motion.

By way of explanation for the benefit of Members present the Chairman explained why this was the case. There had been very, very slow progress of the defibrillator installation from HCC funding via the Croxley Green Residents Association which was disappointing. The current position needs to be established and he would be approaching the residents association for timescales and should there be no satisfactory response he may bring his proposal back to another meeting.

A Cllr raised his concern about this matter but it was pointed out that as the motion had been withdrawn, there should be no discussion on the matter. The Cllr continued to raise his concern and the Chairman advised the Cllr regarding his conduct in respect of Standing Orders.

The Clerk also reminded members under Standing Orders that as the motion was not seconded no further discussion should take place on this agenda item.

CC1580/16

Application for a Modification Order to amend the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way over the sports ground in Croxley Green

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Edmunds to elaborate. Before commenting further Cllr Edmunds declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter given that he was the person who had made the application in 2009, all be it that the Investigation Report from HCC had incorrectly got his name wrong.

Cllr Edmunds referred to the Supporting Paper circulated with the Agenda and given the extensive use by members of the public of the walk ways around the edge of the sports field, they should become a public right of way.

The Clerk pointed out that on the map included in the Investigation Report reference is made to access point 4. The Clerk said that it will be observed that there is a diagonal line which also joins the tarmac path in the sports field to public footpath Number 10. This diagonal line is across the Croxley Green Community Association's car park and this should be removed from becoming a public right of way.

A discussion ensued regarding the background to the footpaths and Members generally agreed that the paths should become public rights of way.

**Resolved:**

- That Council supports the application for the public footpaths as proposed with the exception of the section through the Community Association's car park and that the Clerk writes to HCC accordingly.

CC1581/16

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31pm.