

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF the 254th MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2010

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

Cllrs Bennett, Hollands, C Jefford, Norman, Seeley, Shafe, Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones

Not Present: Cllrs Brand, Dann and Seabourne

Voting Members: 9

Public: 1

CC756/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had previously been received from Cllrs Bains and Brading. Cllr Bennett expressed apologies for Cllr Saxon and Cllr Shafe expressed apologies for Cllr Martin.

CC757/10 Declarations of Interest by Members

Cllrs Bennett and Hollands declared an interest in item CC762/10 (Application for a S137 Grant from Croxley Green Society).

CC758/10 Representations from the Public

There were no representations.

CC759/10 Minutes

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the 253rd monthly meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 February 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC760/10 Matters Arising

CC753/10 (Community Village Hall Flood Prevention Measures). A Cllr asked why reference to using the website had not been made in providing correct and current information about the Community Centre/Village Hall. A Cllr replied that had this been raised at the last meeting, it would have been reported in the Minutes.

CC754.1/10 (Councillor Requested Correspondence). It was asked how Cllrs can be kept informed when the Minutes of the last meeting stated there was no Cllr requested correspondence. It was explained that Cllr requested correspondence is for logging any letters the Clerk has been specifically asked to write and has been requested for inclusion in this section.

CC754.2/10 (Other Correspondence). It was asked why there was no Part Two on this Agenda to discuss the letter to a member of staff. The Chairman replied that personnel issues are difficult and sensitive matters but there was nothing more to say about this matter at this time.

The Clerk reminded Members that they are welcome to come into the office to view correspondence.

CC761/10 Application for a S137 Grant from Croxley Wellness Centre

Resolved:

- That the application for a S137 Grant be refused.

CC762/10

Application for a S137 Grant from Croxley Green Society

Cllrs Bennett and Hollands had earlier declared an interest in this matter and refrained from the discussion.

Resolved:

- That the application for a S137 Grant be approved.

CC763/10

Adverse Weather Conditions Working Arrangements

This item was introduced by the Chairman who advised that there had been no comments submitted by Cllrs regarding this matter. The Clerk added that the matter had been taken up with Hertfordshire Highways.

CC764/10

Annual Garden Competition

The Chairman introduced this item; one Cllr had given this matter some thought and suggested the Garden Competition be put into abeyance and a Best Allotment Competition be instigated. However, this initiative was discounted as the allotments currently hold open days and the Horticultural Society have always 'filled that niche'. Another suggestion was that the winners from the previous year's Garden Competition stand down and judge in order to give others a chance of winning. A final proposition was that an 'Apple Sunday' be held later in the year. The Chairman asked for suggestions to be put forward for the next Environment and Amenity meeting. The idea of asking residents for their ideas via an article in the Parish Pump was also voiced.

Resolved:

- That the Garden Competition be discontinued.

CC765/10

Revels 2010

After being introduced by the Chairman, one Cllr who had put some thought into this matter, made his suggestion that this year the stall have the theme "Croxley Green – a great place to grow up in" and outlined some ideas for the stall such as promotional badges, involvement of Junior Councillors and a display of pictures showing youth facilities. It was suggested that Cllrs form a small 'working group' to bring ideas for the stand from concept to fruition.

CC766/10

Correspondence

The Clerk gave a verbal report of four notable items of correspondence;

15/03/2010 letter to TRDC on behalf of the Junior Council requesting permission to plant shrubs/flowers at the new play area at Barton Way.

16/03/2010 email to the Guild of Sport regarding aeration of Dickinson's field.

17/03/2010 letter received from David Gauke MP regarding a letter he had received from a constituent.

23/03/2010 the reply to this letter after approval from the Chairman.

CC767/10

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.