



MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMUNITY CENTRE, COMMUNITY WAY,
CROXLEY GREEN, WD3 3PA
ON THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Chairman of the Meeting - Cllr Saxon, David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Chairman of the Parish Council Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant

Present – 34

AP111/18 The Chairman welcomes members of the press and public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members of the press & public to the Annual Parish Meeting.

AP112/18 To present the Hazel Seeley Award to the winning nominee who has improved the lives of people within the Parish or to have provided services to the Community of Croxley Green

The Chairman informed those present that the Parish Council had established an annual Civic Award called the 'Hazel Seeley Award' to present to someone who has improved the lives of people within the Parish or provided services to the community of Croxley Green. The Chairman noted that the award is named after Hazel Seeley who had served on the Parish Council for some 18 years. The Chairman then announced that this year's recipient would be Mrs Susan Hillier. The Chairman commended the voluntary work Susan carries out with many organisations in Croxley Green and that she was a very worthy winner of the award. The Chairman added that he was disappointed with the low number of nominations received this year despite the great work carried out by so many in the community. Susan Hillier was unable to attend the meeting due to voluntary commitments so the award was collected by her husband on her behalf.

AP113/18 Presentation of trophies to the winners of the Parish Council's Christmas Lights competition

The Chairman informed those present that the Council held its first Christmas Lights Competition over the festive period and that he, along with the Vice Chairman, had enjoyed the judging process and were very pleased with the number of entries across both categories.

The Chairman announced that the winners of the inaugural Christmas Lights Competition were David & Carolyn Gregory from Baldwins Lane and the Croxley Green Community Association, who won the Individual and Communal trophies respectively.

The Chairman added that the competition will be held again this Christmas.

AP114/18 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2017

Those present were advised that the minutes were published on the Council's website on 30 June 2017 & had been available to view since that time.

AP115/18 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

- AP116/18 To receive a verbal report from Croxley Green's Police Community Support Officers
- PCSO Steve Jacob gave a report on the number of reported crimes in Croxley Green. PCSO Jacob made comment that Croxley Green had seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and motor crime. He also informed the public of the plate safe & property marking events which had been held over the year and that more will be held in the village soon. He also spoke about the OWL network which was in operation in Croxley Green and that residents who wished to take part in the service should get in contact with himself or PCSO Jenkins.
- AP117/18 To receive the Parish Council's Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2018
- Cllr Mark Saxon, as Chairman of the Council, informed those present that the Council had, for the first time in this format, produced an Annual Report detailing what Croxley Green Parish Council has been up to over the previous year. The report contains information on all the different aspects of the Council's activities as well as a copy of the Council's budget. The Chairman explained that the Annual Report was the outcome from the Council's working party which was set up to look into the possibility of producing a strategic business plan for the council.
- The Chairman thanked all those who had contributed to the report & especially those who had been members of the working party.
- The Chairmen from each of the Council's committees also gave verbal reports on the activities of their committees in 2017/18.
- All committee reports, as well as the Chairman's annual summary, can be read in the 2017/18 Croxley Green Parish Council Annual Report which can be read online at: <http://croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk/images/downloads/AnnualReportFINALv225Apr18.pdf> or physical copies collected from the Parish Office.
- AP118/18 To consider any other interest in the Parish
- Cllr Mitchell took this opportunity to inform the public about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding which the Council had received over the past year. He explained that the funding is received from planning developments in the area and all money received by the Council must be spent in a 5 year period, in areas which the Parish Council has authority and to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of the area. Cllr Mitchell commented that the Parish Council would be launching a consultation on their website in the near future to help generate ideas for how best the funding can be spent to benefit the community.
- The Chairman commented that the Parish Council is always willing to support local community groups by the way of a financial grant and suitable applications are welcome throughout the year.
- A resident spoke about how beautiful they thought the village's floral displays were looking and that the Parish Council should consider entering the village into Britain in Bloom.
- Another resident spoke about how they had been informed that Watford General Hospital was considering introducing car parking charges for Blue Badge holders.
- Finally, a resident spoke on behalf of all those who use the Community Bus provided by Croxley Green Parish Council on Friday's. He stated that it is a fine service and appreciated by many older residents in the Community.
- AP119/18 Closure
- There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm.