

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL (Draft Subject to Adoption)

MINUTES OF the 262nd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011

Present: Cllr Birch in the Chair
Yvonne Merritt (Chorleywood Parish Council) –
Clerk to the Council
Cllr Mark Saxon – Office Manager
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Bains, Bennett, Brading, Brand, C Jefford, Martin, Norman, Seabourne, Seeley, Shafe, Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones.

Voting Members: 14

Not Present: Cllr Hollands (Cllr Hollands expressed his apologies after the meeting)

Public: 1 (left after item CC865/11).

CC863/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dann.

CC864/11 Declarations of Interest by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made throughout the meeting as necessary.

CC865/11 Representations from the Public

Mr Barry Grant made representations in support of item CC871/11 (British Waterways – Waterways Adoption Scheme) stating that this would be a fantastic asset and both the Residents Association and the Keep Croxley Green Group would be willing to support the Parish Council by helping with any work if necessary. He further added that the Parish Council would now be consulted by British Waterways should the occasion arise.

Mr Grant left the meeting at this point.

CC866/11 Minutes

It was pointed out that there were 10 voting Members and not 11 as stated in the Minutes.

Resolved

- that the amended Minutes of the 261st monthly meeting of the Council held on Thursday 16 December 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC867/11 Matters Arising

CC852/10 (Matters Arising – Council Minutes). Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) advised that only one Cllr had volunteered to undertake the task of obtaining grant funding for work undertaken by the Parish Council and thus this initiative would not be going ahead.

CC853.2/10 (Matters Arising – Environment and Amenity Minutes). Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) informed Cllrs that the matter of the orphan land behind numbers 1-6 Dorchester Court was being dealt with by the County Estates Department.

Matter on E&A agenda 1 February 2011 EA738/11.

CC855/10 (Parish Plan). Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) stated that Cllrs Bennett, Martin, Norman and Saxon were the Parish Council representatives on the newly formed Working Group. The group had met prior to this meeting and a 'community led plan' would be developed.

Awaits details from Wendy Jordan.

CC856/10 (Budget 2011./2012). Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) advised Members that Council can finance community events under a S145 Local Government Act 1972.

CC857/10 (Annual Review of Habitual or Vexatious Policy). Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) advised Cllrs that (as well as the three already set up) two more Cllrs had set up their new Parish Council email address. He added that there was an associated cost for the 9 Cllr email addresses which had not been used but it was now probably better to wait until after the May elections before any more are activated.

CC868/11

Committee Reports

CC868.1/11

Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 7 December 2010

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 7 December 2010 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC868.2/11

Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC868.3/11

Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 1 December 2010 and to note that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 December 2010 was cancelled

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 1 December 2010 be adopted as a report of the meeting.
- that it be noted that the meeting scheduled for 15 December 2010 was cancelled.

CC868.4/11

Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC868.5/11

Finance and Administration Committee held Thursday 9 December 2010

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 9 December 2010 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC868.6/11

Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC869/11

Appointment of Temporary Responsible Finance Officer

Resolved:

- that Yvonne Merritt (Clerk of Chorleywood Parish Council) and Tim Perkins (Clerk of Abbots Langley Parish Council) be appointed as Temporary Responsible Finance Officers until such time as their services were no longer needed.

CC870/11

Appointment of a Locum Clerk

Resolved:

- that Yvonne Merritt (Clerk of Chorleywood Parish Council) and Tim Perkins (Clerk of Abbots Langley Parish Council) be appointed as Locum Clerks until such time as their services were no longer needed.

Both the Chair and Cllr Saxon (Office Manager) thanked Mrs Merritt for all her help.

CC871/11

British Waterways – Waterways Adoption Scheme

There was a brief discussion on this matter, Cllr Wynne-Jones commended this idea on behalf of Friends of Croxley Common Moor. It was pointed out that the only cost involved would be that of the Rangers' time.

Resolved:

- that the Parish Council proceeds with the adoption of the length of canal between Lot Mead Lock and the small bridge above Iron Bridge Lock by Cassiobury Park.

Action: Office Manager to write to Karen Fishwick at British Waterways to advise her on the Parish Council's decision and also to place this item on the Environment and Amenity agenda.

CC872/11

PART 2

It was proposed by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Martin that having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the next items on the agenda (CC872.1/11 – CC872.4/11).

Resolved:

- Agreed

CC872.1/11

Minutes

Resolved:

- that both the public version and the confidential version of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 16 December 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC872.2/11

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

The meeting was suspended at 8.21pm whilst Cllrs read a confidential paper and the meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.

CC872.3/11

Staff Matters

An update on current staff matters was given and Cllrs had the opportunity to ask questions.

CC872.4/11

Review of Salary Scales & Allowances

Resolved:

- The decision of the Finance and Administration Committee at their meeting held on Thursday 13 January 2011 (FA677.1/11) was ratified.

CC873/11

Budget/Precept 2011/2012

Resolved:

- That the Precept be set at £245,200 for the financial year 2011/2012.

CC874/11

Correspondence

CC874.1/11

Councillor Requested Correspondence

None.

CC874.2/11

Other correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for Cllrs to note.

CC875/11

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36pm.