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MINUTES OF the 327<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017 at 8.00PM

Present: Cllr Saxon in the Chair  
David Allison – Clerk to the Council  
Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Cole, Hobbs, Hollands, Linhart, Mitchell, Montague, Vassiliou & Wallington.

Not present: Cllr Kaur

Voting Members: 9

Members of the Public: 3

The Chairman gave a statement regarding the death of Cllr David-Wynne Jones. This was followed by a minute's silence in his memory.

The Chairman read out a statement regarding the change in legislation pertaining to the public's right to film/record Council meetings. This previously prepared statement which had been available to all Chairmen of meetings since the legislation had changed was made given that it was the intent of a member of the public to film this meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Standing Order 5.14 be permanently suspended.

CC1747/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bains, Baldwin, Edmunds, Gallagher & Ridley.

CC1748/17 Declarations of Interests by Members

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

CC1749/17 Representations from the Public

Representations were made by two members of the public in respect of Agenda item CC1754/17 Parish Matters. One member of the public commented on the Council's reaction to the comments made by a member of the Croxley Green Residents Association (CGRA) at the Council meeting in June. The second member spoke about the history of the Parish Council; the importance of the small clubs within the community and the value of gaining the involvement of as many people as possible from the community.

The Chairman thanked both members for their comments.

CC1750/17 Minutes

**Resolved:**

- That the Public and Confidential Minutes of the 326<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 29 June 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman

[Two members of the public left at 8.11pm]

CC1751/17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1752/17 Committee Reports

CC1752.1/17 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2017

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Environment & Amenity Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1752.2/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1752.3/17 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 June and Wednesday 21 June 2017.

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 June and Wednesday 21 June 2017 be adopted as report of the meeting.

CC1752.4/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1752.5/17 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 8 June 2017

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 8 June 2017 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1752.6/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1753/17 Working Parties

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk said that the Council currently had 7 working parties.

**Parish Pump:** This working party was no longer needed as it had been decided what will happen with the future of the Parish Pump.

**Land Transfer:** Cllr Mitchell stated that he had a meeting with officers from Three Rivers District Council and had told them which land in question CGPC would be seeking to transfer. However, due to TRDC staff turnover it may be pertinent for CGPC to seek another meeting.

Cllr Mitchell elaborated that he had spoken to all TRDC Croxley Green Cllrs and all supported ownership transfer to CGPC with one supporting CGPC having the land on a long lease. He commented that it was common place in other districts and recently St. Albans had been transferring land to Parishes.

Cllr Vassiliou asked whether CGPC need to get more public support behind their ideas for land transfer. Cllr Mitchell said that it had been mentioned plenty of times in the Parish Pump, MyCroxley and at the Annual Parish Meetings.

**Council Workings:** The Clerk commented that this working party was currently in abeyance and that work should re-continue after the summer recess.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Mitchell explained that the external independent examiner on behalf of TRDC currently had the plan and that TRDC had received over 70 comments during their consultation period. A Cllr mentioned that HAPTC were using copies of the CGPC Neighbourhood Plan on their Neighbourhood Planning training days.

**Watford Road Parking:** This working party was dissolved in June 2016 (Minute

CC1613/61).

**Renewal of Council Building:** Cllr Saxon explained that there had been no meeting of this working party at present.

**Business Plan:** Cllr Cole informed those present that there had been 4 meetings of the working party, that 2 members had given a presentation to the CGRA and that the next meeting would likely be in September.

CC1754/17 Parish Matters

The Chairman introduced this item and referred to the supporting paper that had been circulated with the Agenda and invited comment from Members.

A Cllr asked whether a written statement was necessary if members of the public were to be present at the meeting. A Cllr said that it would be useful if they were not able to attend the meetings.

One Cllr spoke against the proposal as they felt the current system of contacting a Cllr or the Clerk was more than sufficient for members of the public to raise matters which could be brought before Council to discuss.

The Clerk commented that he was supportive of the trial and confirmed to members that it will be only for meetings of the full Council for a three month period.

**Resolved:**

- That, for a trial period of three months, the Council will have a ten minute session at full Council meetings for the public to raise items that are not on the Agenda.

[Three members of the public left at 8.46pm]

CC1755/17 Parish Council Charities 2017-18

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllrs to input their nominations. A Cllr suggested that the Council should pick a charity of which David-Wynne Jones supported. The Chairman thanked the Cllr for his suggestion and that they would pick a charity in relation to David.

The Administrative Assistant commented that volunteers who helped organise the Dog Show have struggled in the past to secure prizes for the tombola as the money raised was not going towards an animal related charity. The Administrative Assistant suggested that the Dog Show should have it's own charity separate from the 2 other charities which the Council raised money for throughout the year.

The Chairman suggested that 1 of the charities should be Housing 21 who help run the sheltered accommodation at Chalmers Court.

**Resolved:**

- That the Parish Council's chosen charities for 2017 will be Housing 21, one still to be confirmed and that the National Animal Welfare Trust will be the official charity of the 2017 Dog Show.

C1756/17 Local Area Forum

Cllr Wallington gave a verbal report from the last TRDC Local Area Forum held on 26 June 2017.

CC1757/17 Croxley Green Beautification Project

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Hobbs to elaborate. Cllr Hobbs explained that it was his desire to increase the number of planters in the village in the hope of creating a natural link between the different areas of Croxley Green. He commented that the first area he would like to address were the shops opposite the Red House along Watford Road. He informed members that he has been in contact with a company called Plantscape and had discussions with Flowers for Croxley.

There was a discussion on the item with positive views. One Cllr commented that it would be pertinent to discuss with the Senior Ranger the amount of extra work that would be required of them and another suggested that it could be worthwhile contacting Croxley Green's County Councillor with their plans.

**Resolved:**

- That the E&A committee discuss the workload, maintenance and watering required with the Rangers along with planting schemes.
- That the Clerk writes a formal letter to Highways seeking agreement for planters to be placed on the wide pavement.
- On the proviso that the above is agreed, invite Plantscape and other similar companies to the Council offices and the location for formal bespoke quotes.

CC1758/17 PART 2

**Resolved:**

- That the meeting proceeds to a confidential Part 2 discussion.

CC1758.1/17 Land Acquisition

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk to elaborate.

**Resolved:**

- Members agreed the recommendations put forward.

CC1759/17 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:26pm.