

# CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF the 282<sup>nd</sup> MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2013

Present: Cllr Bennett in the Chair  
David Allison – Clerk to the Council  
Amanda Taft – Administrative Officer

Cllrs Baldwin, Brand, Dann, Edmunds, Isard-Brown, Jordan, Martin (arrived late during Representations from the Public), Mitchell, Ridley, Seeley, Shafe, Vane and Wynne-Jones.

Voting Members: 14

Members of the Public: 4

CC1176/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brading and Getkahn.

CC1177/13 Declarations of Interest by Members

The Chairman advised that all Cllrs would have to make a declaration in the form of a disclosable pecuniary interest in setting the precept but that this would be dealt with under item CC1184/13.

The Chairman recommended that any other declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

CC1178/13 Representations from the Public

Representations were made by the Chairman of Croxley Green Community Association who repeated the information he gave at the meeting with representatives of the Parish Council held on 6 December 2012.

[The minutes from this meeting have not yet been circulated as they have not been agreed by all parties as a correct record – see CC1181.6/13 below].

CC1179/13 Minutes

**Resolved:**

- That the Minutes of the 281<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting of the Council held on Thursday 20 December 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- That the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Council held Thursday 10 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC1180/13 Matters Arising

CC1166/12 Matters Arising (CC1158/12 Rickmansworth School Swimming Pool). An update on the situation regarding the closure of the pool was requested. Cllr Mitchell advised that the person who deals with the maintenance of the pool had agreed to have a meeting with him.

CC1166/12 Matters Arising (CC1159/12 Parish Council Acquisition of The Green, Stones Orchard and the Sports Ground). The Clerk was asked whether any progress had been made on this matter to which he replied that this matter was on the agenda for discussion.

- CC1181/13 Committee Reports
- CC1181.1/13 Environment and Amenity Committee Tuesday 4 December 2012  
**Resolved:**
  - It was noted that the Environment and Amenity meeting scheduled for 4 December 2012 was cancelled.
- CC1181.2/13 Any matters arising  
 There were no matters arising.
- CC1181.3/13 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 December and Wednesday 19 December 2012  
**Resolved:**
  - That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 19 December 2012 be adopted as reports of the meetings.
  - It was noted that the Planning and Development meeting scheduled for 5 December 2012 was cancelled.
- CC1181.4/13 Any matters arising  
 PD1986/12 (Planning Applications). A Cllr asked why application 12/1968/FUL (Tesco's renewal of planning application 08/2239/FUL) had been discussed. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council objected as the same views were held for the renewal of the application as they were when the original application was discussed.
- CC1181.5/13 Finance and Administration Committee held 13 December 2012  
**Resolved:**
  - That the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on 13 December 2012 be adopted as a report of the meeting.
- CC1181.6/13 Any matters arising  
 FA866/12 Matters Arising (FA858/12 Matters Arising; FA849/12 Matters Arising; FA840/12 Matters Arising; FA829/12 Matters Arising; FA822/12 Community Hall). The Clerk was asked when the minutes from the meeting would be circulated and he advised that he was still waiting for confirmation that they were a correct record.  
 FA867/12 Monthly Accounts. The Clerk was asked why the accounts are not circulated with the agenda to which he replied that the accounts are not prepared at the time the agenda is issued.
- CC1182/13 Village Centre Project  
 This item was introduced by the Chairman who asked Cllr Mitchell to elaborate. Cllr Mitchell advised that the members of the Village Centre Project Board had met with key stakeholders including representatives from New Road Surgery and Croxley Green Community Club and also an Officer of TRDC. The project was now at the stage of requiring architects; the tenders had been received and are currently in the safe. Once the architects have established what is possible and what will fit, this together with the results from the Community Plan Questionnaire and the current land transfer project will feed into the Community Plan and, in turn, the Neighbourhood Plan.  
 It was considered that a village centre would be a focal point to bring the village together and create facilities that residents are asking for and they deserve to have. Contrary to these views one Cllr felt that this would turn Croxley from a village into a

suburb. Concern was expressed about the lack of reporting back to Council.

**Resolved:**

- That the funding of £3,000 be retained in the budget for 2013/2014 and that the pre-feasibility options are reviewed by Council prior to commencement of public consultation and that updates are given to Council every two months.

CC1183/13

Rescinding Village Centre Project (CC1075/12)

Cllr Ridley requested that his proposal be withdrawn.

The Clerk stated that he took exception to the first line of the introduction of Cllr Ridley's supporting paper which stated that 'the above motion was never proposed / seconded in May 2012...' as it was factually incorrect. The Clerk wished to make it clear that every resolution is proposed and seconded as set out in the Council's Standing Orders and the vote at the meeting is recorded in the Minutes as 'resolved'.

CC1184/13

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Setting the Precept

The Chairman stated that as of this year, under the Localism Act, all Members must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in the setting of the Precept. Following guidance from SLCC and NALC, if this dispensation is not sought, Members could be liable to criminal prosecution. The Chairman suspended the meeting for a few minutes in order that all Cllrs could complete and sign their forms. The Clerk pointed out that Cllrs Brading and Getkahn, who had expressed their apologies, could complete their forms in due course and would be included in the dispensation. A recorded vote was requested and Cllrs Baldwin, Bennett, Brand, Dann, Edmunds, Isard-Brown, Jordan, Martin, Mitchell, Ridley, Seeley, Shafe, Vane and Wynne-Jones voted for the proposal.

**Resolved:**

- That a general dispensation be granted to all Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest in setting the Precept and
- That a general dispensation for all Members for setting the Precept continues until the current term of office for Cllrs expires

CC1185/13

Budgets 2013/14

The Chairman introduced this matter and reminded those present that following the resolution of the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 10 January 2013 that the Finance and Administration (F&A) Committee budget of £262,291, which includes the Precept, was to be put to Council for ratification. The Clerk pointed out that the £14,315 grant from Three Rivers District Council (included in the budget) probably may not be awarded next year. The Clerk also pointed out that on the figures being discussed there was a difference of £297 which was due to roundings of computer calculations and the actual F&A budget figures figure would be £262,588. The Clerk added that taking all income and expenditure into account, the Council's overall budget would be £265,588.

There was a discussion about the amount that had been agreed under S137 Grants but the Chairman stated that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10 January had now been agreed and any queries should have been raised with the Clerk prior to this meeting.

A recorded vote was requested and Cllrs Baldwin, Bennett, Brand, Dann, Edmunds, Isard-Brown, Jordan, Martin, Mitchell, Ridley, Seeley, Shafe, Vane and Wynne-Jones voted for the proposal.

**RESOLVED:**

- That the Precept for 2013/14 be set at £248,243.

CC1186/13

The Green, Stones Orchard and other TRDC owned land within the Parish boundary

The Chairman introduced this item and referred Members to the supporting paper and agenda item CC1159/12. He envisaged there would be lots of work involved in this project and the suggestion was to form a Working Party to help. He stated that all Cllrs would be welcome to attend any meetings of the Working Party who would report back to Council at least every two months.

Resolved:

- That a Working Party be set up on the terms of the proposal set out in the supporting paper

Cllrs Bennett, Edmunds, Jordan, Vane and Wynne-Jones volunteered to be the members of the new Working Party.

CC1187/13

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.