

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 3 JULY 2012 AT 8.00pm

Present Cllr Seeley – In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Bennett, Edmunds, Ridley and Shafe

Not Present: Cllr Vane

Voting Members: 5

In Attendance: Cllr Brand

Public: 1

EA887/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brading and Dann.

EA888/12 Declarations of Interest

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

EA889/12 Representations from the Public

Regarding item EA893/12 (New Year's Eve Firework Display Quotes/Tenders) surprise was expressed that the Council had not made enquiries regarding the best value for money and another firework company was suggested.

Regarding item EA894/12 (Nectar/Oasis sites on third party land) it was asked if the Croxley Green Residents' Association could be included as they are very keen for this to be progressed.

EA890/12 Minutes

Resolved:

- that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

EA891/12 Matters Arising

EA878/12 (Matters Arising EA868/12; EA860/12 Active Works List). The Clerk was asked if a meeting had been arranged with TRDC regarding them emptying the bins on The Green and in Stones Orchard to which he advised that it was a work in progress.

EA878/12 (Matters Arising; EA868/12 Matters Arising; EA861/12 A Year in Croxley in Photographs). The Clerk was advised that Mr Williams had had an accident and was awaiting an operation although he was willing to release some of his photographs for use on our website.

EA881/12 (Stones Orchard). The Clerk was asked for an update and he replied that he had written a lengthy letter to Julie Hughes at TRDC but as yet had not received a response.

EA883/12 (Footpath between FP10 and New Road). The Clerk was asked for an update and he stated that as per one of the resolutions, this matter would be placed on the Council agenda. He advised that concrete dust is what they use on nearly all of the footpath and bridleway works for Herts County Council. He added that it is basically recycled concrete which has been put through a grader and broken down into fine 1-6mm granules which having been rolled forms a tight compact layer. It is also know sometimes as 'grit sand'. The Clerk was asked about who owns this path and he said that he had

taken this up with TRDC and was waiting to hear back from them.

EA884/12 (Installation of Posts on the Green). The Clerk was asked if there was a problem with the installation of the posts outside Saltram Cottage and the Clerk advised that a site visit was needed to agree the siting given that vehicular access is necessary.

EA892/12 Active Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list for July. The Clerk advised that TRDC had requested that the Parish Council strims a length of FP17 along Mill Lane and therefore this would be included in future. The Clerk was asked about the removal of ragwort from Stones Orchard and the Green to which he replied that there would be no over-zealous activity.

Members noted the Active Works List for July.

EA893/12 New Year's Eve Firework Display Quotes/Tenders

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Ridley if he had a seconder. Cllr Bennett stated that the Parish Council had used the present company for a number of years and pointed out that it would be very difficult to prepare a schedule for tender. He was asked if the Council simply requests a 15 minute display and this was confirmed to be the case. Cllr Bennett added that it was value for money, supported by Council and enjoyed by the many, many people who attend the event. The Clerk advised that financial probity is ensured throughout the budget setting process.

There was no seconder for Cllr Ridley's proposal in accordance with Standing Order 10.2 and the Chairman moved on to the next item.

EA894/12 Nectar/Oasis sites on third party land

The Chairman introduced this item and stated that as a third party we could write to landowners TRDC and Herts County Council to ask them to consider creating nectar and oasis areas. It was pointed out that Croxley Green Residents' Association would be very keen to be involved in this initiative.

Resolved:

- **that the Clerk writes to Three Rivers District Council and Hertfordshire Council to ask them to consider creating nectar/oasis areas.**

EA895/12 Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA896/12 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.