

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr C Jefford in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council
A Taft – Minute Taker
- Cllrs Birch, Brading, Martin, Shafe and Vassiliou
Voting Members 6
- EA458/08 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Dann and Seeley
- EA459/08 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
- EA460/08 Representations from the Public
There were no public present.
- EA461/08 Minutes
It was proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2008 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA462/08 Matters Arising
EA451/08 (Matters Arising). The Clerk was asked whether a copy of the basketball report for January to March 2008 had yet been circulated. The Clerk replied that it had been circulated with the Council Agenda for the meeting which was held 24 April 2008.
EA451/08 (Matters Arising). The Clerk was asked whether he had any more information regarding the Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) Youth Club to which he replied that he did not. He added that he would pass on any further information if he received any.
EA454/08 (Flowers in Croxley). It was asked if the land at 200-208 Watford Road was owned by Hertfordshire County Council to which the Clerk confirmed that the land was privately owned.
EA455/08 (Tallest Sunflower/Largest Pumpkin Competition). Cllr Shafe stated that Little Green School had not received any instructions and the Clerk stated that he was sure instructions had been circulated but would check.
[Post meeting note: a letter explaining the competition was emailed to Schools on 23 April 2008 a copy of which has been emailed to Cllr Shafe. This letter was also emailed to Little Green and Harvey Road Schools 6 May 2008. Planting and aftercare information was delivered to the Schools by the Rangers with the seeds etc in the middle of May, and these instructions were also emailed to Little Green School 19 May 2008. The Schools were asked on 14 May for a convenient date for the Rangers to visit and measure the plants' progress but to date only Malvern Way School has replied.]
- EA463/08 Active Works List
The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk referred to the list that had been distributed at the meeting. The Clerk pointed out that under the works intended for June, the 18 footpaths comprise 5 miles. He also mentioned that the Croxley Green Society had requested that the grass on all of the Revels site be cut short due to the expansion of the Revels. The Clerk added that permission to undertake

this had been sought from TRDC and this had subsequently been obtained. It was asked whether permission had been given by TRDC for the Parish Council to paint the planters at Scots Hill shop parade and the Clerk stated that they had agreed to allow the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of the maintenance of these planters. The Clerk informed those present that the plants taken out of these planters would be used elsewhere if possible eg at the entrance to the Community Centre.

EA464/08 Tea Party

The Chairman introduced this item and informed those present that they were welcome to attend the tea party at the Community Centre on Wednesday 18 June from 1.30pm – 4.30pm to meet with residents and enjoy a cup of tea. It was asked if those wishing to attend could please inform the office.

EA465/08 Play Equipment for play areas in Croxley Green

The Chairman introduced this item and Cllrs Martin and Shafe informed Members that they had had a meeting last week with Alison Phin, Leisure Development Manager at TRDC and were waiting to hear back as to whether TRDC may be willing to help with this scheme. Barton Way play area would be the first project as the need was self evident and it was acknowledged that a substantial sum would be needed to achieve this. Alison Phin has also said she will suggest some play areas for Cllrs Martin and Shafe to visit.

A complaint was expressed by a Cllr that the Parish Council is spending money when in fact it should be TRDC who pay, also that those who use the play areas should raise the money. It was recommended by one Cllr that we look for a growth bid and also that it was not unusual for others (than TRDC) to pay for such schemes.

EA466/08 Village of the Year Competition

This item was introduced by the Chairman who asked the Clerk for an update. The Clerk informed those present that the Judges would be meeting at the Parish Council at 2pm on 5 June 2008 for refreshments, a presentation and time for questions before having a tour of Croxley Green. It was hoped that feedback would be given in order for the Parish Council to build upon. The Chairman thanked the staff of the Parish Council for their help with this competition.

EA467/08 Tree Bulletin

The Clerk referred Members to the tree bulletin that had previously been circulated with the Agenda. He was asked who the Lime tree at 51 Dickinson Square belonged to and the Clerk replied that he believed it to be Hertfordshire Highways. The Clerk was asked what would happen if somebody undertook work on a tree that had a Tree Preservation Order of which they were unaware. The Clerk responded by stating that permission should be sought from TRDC and another Councillor added that it would be a legal offence and ignorance of the law would be no defence. The Clerk said that this year, the Parish Council would be mapping the road/verge side trees in Croxley and it was acknowledged that this would be a valuable undertaking in order to point out trees under threat or at risk and to pass on such information to TRDC.

EA468/08 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43pm.