

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY AT 8.00 pm

- Present At 8.00pm the Vice Chairman of the Committee was not present (given received apologies from the Chairman). The Clerk called the meeting to order and requested Members to elect a Chairman for the Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Jefford that Cllr Brading chair the meeting. The proposal was agreed.
- D Allison – Clerk to the Council
- Cllrs Brading, C Jefford, Seeley and Vassiliou.  
Voting Members: 4  
Not Present: Cllrs Dann and Martin. At 8.04pm Cllr Martin arrived and Cllr Brading relinquished Chairmanship to Cllr Martin, Vice Chairman of the Committee.  
Voting Members: 5
- EA628/10 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllr Norman.
- EA629/10 Declarations of Interest  
The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made throughout the meeting if necessary. Cllr Brading declared an interest in Agenda Item EA636/10 - Three Rivers District Council's Sustainability Action Plan.
- EA630/10 Representations from the Public  
There were no public present.
- EA631/10 Minutes  
It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Vassiliou that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2009 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA632/10 Matters Arising  
EA624/09 (Active Works List). A Cllr expressed concern over the fact that the Clerk had taken issue with the Cllrs reported tone of not knowing how many Salt Bins the Council had responsibility for. The Clerk stated that had the Cllr sought this information in advance of the meeting then he would have been in a position to respond to the question. The Clerk added that the Minute accurately reported both the tone and the implied accusations made by the Cllr.
- Another Cllr asked what the current situation was in regard to filling the salt bins. The Clerk advised that prior to the current inclement weather the salts bins had been filled. A further supply had been purchased that morning and given that this supply was limited and on a first come first served basis, best endeavours had been made to top the bins up. The Clerk explained that sourcing salt supplies had been extremely difficult given the demands currently being experienced.
- The Clerk added that he had received reports from a number of sources that the salt was being taken by residents for personal use on their driveways which was not the intended use. He continued that the salt was there for the community benefit is treating road surfacing at difficult locations and junctions not on the primary routes for Highways. A number of Cllrs added that they had also seen residents 'bagging up' the salt and taking it. It was suggested that a Press Statement should be issued to clarify this matter for residents in that taking the salt

for personal use was antisocial given its intended purpose. The Clerk said that this whole matter was on the Agenda for the Planning & Development Meeting scheduled for the following evening and that he would raise the matter there so that a draft policy could be formulated and developed for adoption at Council.

EA633/10

Active Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list. The Clerk went through the Works list and elaborated as necessary.

The Clerk pointed out that although the restraining of the wooden bins and benches had commenced, this was not complete due the weather and had been carried forward from last month. The Clerk added that to facilitate this any extraneous items on bins or benches would have to be removed.

A Cllr raised the matter of a bench opposite the Coach and Horses Public House which for some time had been subject to tributes left following a fatal road accident at that location. Cllrs agreed that although the fatality was tragic for the family and friends of the deceased, it was inappropriate to continually have floral tributes left there. Cllrs recognised that the bench had been installed by Three Rivers District Council and that the Clerk should discuss this matter with them.

A Cllr raised the matter of impending works in Croxleyhall Woods. The Clerk advised that his report on this matter was later on the Agenda.

EA634/10

Budget 2010/2011 and beyond

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk guided Members through the budget schedule for their Committee.

It was pointed out that was no information regarding a possible budget submission for the Play Area in Barton Way but subject to this it was agreed that the current proposals be put forward.

EA635/10

Croxleyhall Woods

The Chairman introduced this matter and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk read through a paper that was available to Cllrs at the meeting (see attached).

The Clerk concluded that usually when the Parish Council are intending to undertake works where residents in the immediate vicinity should be aware of such impending work, he would issue a Works Notice to the them. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk prepares such a Works Notice to distribute to the residents in Croxleyhall Woods and to send this to TRDC in anticipation of implementing the agreed action following the site meeting with TRDC.

EA636/10

Three Rivers District Council Sustainability Action Plan

The Chairman introduced the matter and referred the papers that had been previously circulated to Cllrs.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be carried forward to the next meeting of the Committee. Cllrs were asked to submit their comments to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

A Cllr pointed out however, that one of the key issues regarding the Plan was communication/publicity to the residents as to where they can seek help and specific advice to assist in achieving the targets.

EA637/10

Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA638/10

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.