

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr Seeley in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker
- Cllrs Birch, Brading, Dann, Martin, and Shafe
Voting Members 6
In attendance Cllr Brand
- EA392/07 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Jefford and Cllr Vassiliou
- EA393/07 Declarations of Interest
None declared
- EA394/07 Representations from the Public
There were no members of the public present
- EA395/07 Minutes
It was proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2007 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA396/07 Matters Arising
With regards to item EA388/07 (Active Works List), the Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Parish Council's insurance company to seek guidance on liability issues relating to glass on footpaths being cleared up by the Rangers.
Regarding overgrown trees on the footpath from the Barton Way car park outside the Parish Council Office and New Road, the Clerk also informed Members that he would be adding this item to a forthcoming agenda as a briefing on footpaths that are not on the definitive map.
- EA397/07 Active Works List
The Chairman introduced this item, details of which were attached to, and issued with the agenda.
The question of who pays for the Community Centre hedge cutting was raised and the Clerk confirmed that the Rangers undertake this work as a gesture of goodwill.
A Member asked if there was much dead wood in Croxley Woods to which the Clerk replied that the key areas had been addressed. The Clerk added that a number of bigger trees had been marked for attention as needed. The Clerk stated that Julie Hughes, Principal Landscape Officer at Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) is currently in the process of re-drafting a management plan with Countryside Management Services which will be widely circulated for consultation before being implemented.
The problem of leaves on the steps by Footpath 7 on the Green was highlighted by a Member; these leaves are making the steps extremely slippery. The Clerk stated that he would check the steps and take any necessary action to remedy the problem.

EA398/07 Maintenance Contract with TRDC for the Green and Stones Orchard

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk said that he had written to Peter Brooker, Director of Planning and Leisure at TRDC on 29 October 2007, a copy of which had been previously circulated to members. This letter stated that the Parish Council would be prepared to maintain the Green and Stones Orchard free of charge in perpetuity rather than TRDC outsource this work to contractors.

EA399/07 Tree Bulletin

No tree work to report

EA400/07 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.23 pm.