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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference
ON 1 MARCH 2022 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Montague – In the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer
Anthony Bassenger – Senior Ranger
Philippa Hallam-Parker - Ranger

Cllrs Crabtree, Hughes, Tobin, Vassiliou and Yeung

Not Present: Cllrs Kyriakou and Panju

In Attendance: Cllr Gallagher

Voting Members: 6

Members of the Public: 0

LEE1690/22 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

LEE1691/22 Declarations of Interest

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

LEE1692/22 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

LEE1693/22 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1694/22 Matters Arising

A councillor asked if the purchase of the new woodland had been publicised to the community. The Chairman confirmed that information was shared on the Parish Council website and social media channels.

A councillor asked if the cutting of the All Saints Church hedge can be included in the Parish newsletter. The Clerk confirmed that it would be included.

LEE1695/22 Ranger's Update

The Senior Ranger gave an update on the activities completed. In addition to regular activities, they gave the following updates:

- All training has been booked for the Ranger to enable her to complete her qualifications.

- Fallen trees due to Storm Eunice have been cleared off the footpaths and regular checks have taken place to ensure no further damage.
- Testing electric tools from Milwaukee, Husqvarna, Stihl and Makita to determine if they are suitable to replace the existing petrol tools.
- Bulbs donated by a resident have been planted in the woodlands.
- Thank you to Cllr Gallagher who infilled the muddy path at the entrance to Stone's Orchard from The Green with stones. This has helped alleviate the flooding issue under the gate.
- A tree in Stone's Orchard has fallen apart, but does not present a danger to the public. The ground around the tree is treacherous underfoot and not suitable to stand on to operate a chainsaw. As soon as the ground firms up, Rangers will deal with the tree.

LEE1696/22 Croxley Green Tree Surveys

Tree Surveys have been completed on Weston Wood and the new Woodland. A comprehensive plan has been provided by the arborist and trees requiring action this year will be dealt with promptly.

LEE1697/22 Events 2022

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2022 and members reviewed the plan for this year. The Chairman advised Members that there was a good turnout for the Wassail. The Administrative Officer advised Members that the Treasure Trail had got off to a slow start due to the weather, but feedback from those completing the trail were very positive. Final preparations are being made for the Easter Egg Trail, Easter Egg Hunt and Art Competition.

LEE1698/22 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2021/22 was reviewed.

LEE1699/22 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm