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MINUTES OF the 323rd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017 at 8.00PM

Present: Cllr Mitchell in the Chair
David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Bains, Baldwin, Cole, Edmunds,
Gallagher, Hobbs, Kaur, Linhart,
Montague, Ridley, Saxon and Vassiliou.

Voting Members: 13
Members of the Public: 1

CC1700/17 Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hollands & Wynne-Jones.

CC1701/17 Declarations of Interests by Members
The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the time.

CC1702/17 Representations from the Public
Representation was made from Wendy Jordan. Mrs Jordan spoke up in favour of the Community Plan and the recommendations brought to Council. Mrs Jordan informed members that the Community Plan had been started whilst she was a Councillor, in 2012, but had been set aside as the Neighbourhood Plan had taken precedence.

At this point it was proposed under Standing Order 9.1.6 that Agenda item CC1706/17 Community Plan be moved and taken before item CC1703/17. The proposal was agreed.

CC1706/17 Community Plan
The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Gallagher to elaborate. Cllr Gallagher thanked Wendy Jordan for her representation. Cllr Gallagher admitted his surprise that when he joined the Council there was no strategic business plan in place. Cllr Gallagher reiterated Mrs Jordan's point that the development of the Community Plan had been delayed to allow for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan, and that the Council was now in a position to free up resources and devote time to the creation of a community/strategic business plan.

Resolved:

- That the proposals for writing a Community Plan agreed in Sept 2015 be rescinded
- That a working party be set up to develop a strategic business plan for the Parish Council, drawing from the Community Plan survey (and taking account of the Neighbourhood Plan)
- That the strategic business plan should have a 3 to 5 year horizon, taking the current budget allocations for 2017 as a basis, reviewing inputs, outputs and desired outcomes, linking to the Council's vision and wider objectives and the community's priorities from the Community Plan survey

The following Councillors have put themselves forwards for participation on the working party; Gallagher, Linhart, Cole, Kaur, Vassiliou and Mitchell.

CC1703/17 Minutes

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 322nd Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 26 January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman
- That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on December 8 be approved and signed by the Chairman

CC1704/17 Matters Arising

A Councillor asked that due to the Croxley Green Society (CGS) having made multiple representations at the last meeting for a time of over 3 minutes that would this be extended to other groups who wish to make representations. The Chairman advised the Cllr that they would, within reason, at his discretion.

A Councillor asked the Chairman why he had to disclose a non-pecuniary interest when he excused himself from the vote taken on the subscription to the CGS. The Chairman informed the Councillor that it was due to his links with the CGS and that he had made members aware of the reasoning behind his action at the meeting in January.

Members wished to raise Matters Arising from the Extraordinary Meeting but as this was a confidential meeting, it was proposed and agreed that the meeting proceeds to a Part 2 session where the press and public would be excluded. In the Part 2 session, the Clerk updated Members of the current position reminding Members that the information provided remains strictly confidential.

CC1705/17 Committee Reports

CC1705.1/17 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 3 January 2017

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 6 December 2016 could not be adopted as a report of the meeting as the E&A meeting of February 7 did not take place due to it being inquorate, and as such the minutes have not yet been signed by the E&A Chairman.

CC1705.2/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1705.3/17 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 4 and Wednesday 18 January 2017.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 4 and Wednesday 18 January 2017 be adopted as report of the meeting.

CC1705.4/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1705.5/17 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 12 January 2017

Resolved:

- That the minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 12 January 2017 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1705.6/17 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1706/17 Community Plan

This item was discussed above.

CC1707/17 Events held/organised or supported by the Parish Council

The Chairman introduced this item. The Chairman explained to Cllr Ridley that he felt it was not appropriate to submit a paper that was almost 5 years old for discussion. He instructed that if this item were to be discussed then Cllr Ridley must update and resubmit the paper.

On this basis the Chairman proposed that the item should be rejected.

Resolved:

- That the item is rejected.

CC1708/17 TRDC Parking Survey

The Chairman introduced this item and opened the item up for discussion. A Councillor asked whether Croxley Green Parish Council had any input into the survey. The Clerk informed the Cllr of correspondence between himself and TRDC – see attached.

From the discussion it became apparent that members wished to respond to the survey in a formal manner as a Council. As such it was suggested that the TRDC Parking Survey be added to the agenda for the next E&A meeting.

CC1709/17 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.