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MINUTES OF the 355th MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference
ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021

Present: Cllr Gallagher in the Chair Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer
James Townley – Grounds Maintenance Manager

Cllrs Benner, Birch, Cole, Crabtree, Hughes, Mitchell, Montague, Taylor, Tobin,
Vassiliou, Walker and Yeung

Voting Members: 13

Members of the Public: 0

CC2152/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Kyriakou.

CC2153/21 Declarations of Interests by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.

CC2154/21 Parish Matters

Cllr Walker shared positive feedback on Cathy Scarborough (Parish Nurse) for the assistance and support given to a resident.

CC2155/21 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

CC2156/21 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 354th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26 November 2020.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 354th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26 November 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2157/21 Matters Arising

Chairman advised Members that since the last council meeting on 26 November 2020, 2 Councillors had resigned from Council and as no request for an election had been received by TRDC, 2 casual vacancies for Durrants Ward will be advertised. Chairman expressed his interest to join the Council Website Working Group and asked Councillors to consider joining the Council Office Replacement Working Group.

CC2158/21 Committee Reports

CC2158.1/21 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 5 and Tuesday 17 November, Thursday 3 and Tuesday 15 December 2020

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 and Tuesday 17 November, Thursday 3 and Tuesday 15 December 2020 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2158.2/20 Any matters arising

A Councillor provided a verbal update on the Killingdown Farm planning application considered at the TRDC Planning Meeting. A petition has been circulated on social media that states Killingdown Farm is in the green belt, this information is not correct. The Parish Council has recommended to the developer that the buildings should be as energy efficient as possible.

CC2158.3/20 Leisure, Events & Environment Committee held on Tuesday 3 November 2020

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2158.4/20 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2158.5/20 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 29 October 2020

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 29 October 2020 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2158.6/20 Any matters arising

Cllr Mitchell gave a verbal update on the activities of the COVID Response Group and the issuing of facecoverings. Cllr Hughes gave a verbal update on the Schools Sustainability Week which will coincide with Earth Day in April. Cllr Benner gave a verbal update on the Festive Karaoke event that took place in December, the Local Travel Map and the Schools Challenge.

CC2159/21 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council office and Parish Rangers. See report on Parish Council website.

CC2160/21 Vehicle Replacement

The Grounds Maintenance Manager provided a verbal update on the quotations received to purchase a Toyota Hilux to replace the current works vehicle. Members reviewed the quotations and commended the Grounds Maintenance Manager for the detailed research. Members accepted the recommendation from the Finance & Administration Committee FA1552/20 17 December 2020.

Resolved:

- That the replacement of the works vehicle is brought forward to 2021.
- That the Council purchases a single cab Toyota Hilux Active Pick-Up at an approximate price of £22,478.

CC2161/21 Water Fountains Installation and Other Projects – Community Infrastructure Levy

Cllr Mitchell introduced the paper on Water Fountains and other Community Infrastructure Levy projects. The placement of water fountains around Croxley Green will enable residents to top up their own water bottles and provide water for dogs. This will help cut plastic waste being dumped and littered around Croxley. Cllr Mitchell asked Members to review the list of potential projects and volunteer to take them on as project champions.

Resolved:

- That a feasibility study be carried out to ascertain if the project is viable and identify potential locations and costs.
- That £500 be allocated from the Council's CIL Reserves for professional advice related to the installation of water fountains.
- That councillors review the list of potential projects and volunteer to take on any as project champions if they would like to see them implemented.

CC2162/21 Table Tennis Tables – Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk introduced the recommendation from the Planning & Development Committee to purchase 2 outdoor table tennis tables and install at Baldwins Lane Rec. Members discussed the location and cheaper options. Members were advised that concrete tables have longevity and would not require maintenance. Members accepted the recommendation from the Planning & Development Committee PD3766/21 19 January 2021.

Resolved:

- That two outdoor concrete table tennis tables be purchased and installed at a cost of £4,490.
- That the purchase be financed with Community Infrastructure Levy funding.
- That the Clerk investigates installing the tables at Baldwins Lane Rec.

CC2163/21 Budget / Precept 2021/22

Councillors made no amendments to the Budget schedule that was supplied with the Agenda.

Resolved:

- That a precept of £314,480 be set by Council and an overall budget of £317,950.

CC2164/21 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:06pm