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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3 JANUARY 2023 at 8.00 PM

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

Cllrs Panju and Sian
In Attendance: Cllrs Cole, Gallagher and Parks
Voting Members: 4
Members of the Public: 0

LEE1743/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Benner, Hughes, Kyriakou and Yeung.

LEE1744/23 Declarations of Interest

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

LEE1745/23 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

LEE1746/23 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1747/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

LEE1748/23 Ranger's Update

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

- Parish Council Office and parking area were decorated with lights for Christmas.
- Christmas Tree in front of the library was installed into the new metal sleeve without any issues. Metal sleeve will be concreted in once tree is removed.
- Christmas Market was very successful. Reindeers made with items collected from our woodland with the assistance of Green Lane residents resulted in £150 in donations from the silent auction.
- All electric tools have now been received and are working well. Petrol tools have been retained as a backup, but it is anticipated that Rangers will only use electric tools from now on.

- All the plaques have been fitted onto the new planters, advertising that they have been provided by the Parish Council.
- Some bay trees have been stolen from the new planters and they will be replaced as soon as stock arrives. Encouragingly there is real ownership of the new planters from the businesses and organisations they have been located near.
- Salt was delivered to the Parish Council office at the end of November and was distributed to all the bins in Croxley Green.
- Buddleia Walk is due to be cut this month, with a potential start date of 9th January, weather permitting.
- Chipping the arisings on the Moor is due to take place on the 19th January, weather permitting.

The Chairman thanked the Senior Ranger for the update and suggested that an article is prepared for February edition of My Croxley on the new electric tools; and that the salt bin levels are monitored during periods of severe weather.

LEE1749/23 **Events 2022**

The Chairman introduced the topic of Events 2022 and members reviewed the final events of the year. The Chairman advised Members that there was a good turnout for the Remembrance Day Parade, Christmas Light Switch On, Christmas Market, Senior Citizen trip to Winchester and Fireworks on The Green. Members reviewed the Events planned for 2023.

LEE1750/23 **LEE Budget Tracker Report 2022/23**

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2022/23 was reviewed.

LEE1751/23 **LEE Budget 2023/24**

Members reviewed the draft 2023/24 Budget v4.

Resolved:

- That the LEE Budget for 2023/24, a total of £80,230, is put forward to Council for approval.

LEE1752/23 **Closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:27 pm