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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON 3 MARCH 2020 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Montague – In the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Assistant
James Townley – Senior Ranger

Cllrs Benner, Hughes, Kyriakou, Tobin, Vassiliou, Wallington and Yeung

In Attendance: Cllrs Gallagher

Voting Members: 9

Members of the Public: 0

LEE1537/20 Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

LEE1538/20 Declarations of Interest

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

LEE1539/20 Representations from the Public

No representations were made

LEE1540/20 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1541/20 Matters Arising

The Clerk advised Members that Fantastic Fireworks have been confirmed for NYE Fireworks 2020. The Clerk advised Members of the progress made in planning the VE Day 75th Anniversary event – an exhibition and dance performance will be held in the Community Centre in the afternoon and a quiz night in the evening.

LEE1542/20 Rangers Update

The Senior Ranger gave an update on the activities completed by the Rangers. In addition to their regular activities, they had updates on:

- A new raised bed has been built on the pre-school allotment; this increases the growing space to 6 raised beds.
- Weston Wood
 - Volunteer Litter Pick Sunday 26th January – Cllr Hughes, 7 volunteers and 4 children removed 200kg of rubbish, which has made a dramatic difference to the appearance of the woodland.
 - Trees blown down during recent storms have been cleared.

- The Green
 - Damage by vehicle joyriding was notified to the PCSOs.
 - Delivery lorries are damaging the verges of The Green by The Coach & Horses and Croxley House.
 - Reinstating the width of the footpath by removing encroaching mud and grass.
- Fly tipping on Little Green Lane has been cleared away by TRDC.
- Stone's Orchard – coppiced the hazel at the Guild entrance and removed overgrowth around Owens Way footpath to enable walkers to avoid walking too close to the badger set.
- Machine Maintenance – annual service for hedge cutters and strimmers. Tractor grass cutting deck sharpened ready for cutting in Spring.

LEE1543/20 Mill Lane Petition

[Under Standing Order 13.1.10 it was agreed by Members to add this item to the Agenda]

A representative of Friends of Croxley Common Moor presented a petition at the office relating to Mill Lane. 160 signatories request that Mill Lane drainage and gullies are cleaned by HCC; Croxley Green Parish Council to clear the mud from Mill Lane once every winter; Croxley Green Parish Council to install physical obstacles to prevent unauthorised parking.

LEE1544/20 Mill Lane

The Clerk gave a verbal update to Members on the activities on Mill Lane.

- Croxley Green Parish Council has assumed day to day responsibility for Mill Lane.
- New public bridleway footpath sign installed at the top of Mill Lane by Hertfordshire Rights of Way to discourage car use.
- Dead trees and ivy on the edge of the woodland, adjacent to the tow path, have been removed.
- Ivy has been removed from Nuttfield House wall and the bank. Information board shows history of the wall. Wall to be assessed for integrity.
- Contractors will be installing a wooden knee rail from the end of the existing knee rail round the corner to the bollards.
- Reduced the height of the hedge between Mill Lane and the towpath.

LEE1545/20 Events 2020

Members reviewed progress of Council run and supported events – see attached list.

LEE1546/20 Works List

Members had no comments regarding the Works List.

Resolved:

- That the Works List is noted.

LEE1547/20 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2019/20

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2019/20 was reviewed. No changes were made to the tracker circulated with the Agenda.

LEE1548/20 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:14pm