

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 AT 8.00 pm

Present Cllr Martin – In the Chair Cllr M Saxon – Office Manager

Cllrs Brading, C Jefford, Shafe and Vassiliou

Voting Members: 5

EA719/11

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dann, Norman and Seeley

EA720/11

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

EA721/10

Representations from the Public

Mr Barry Grant from the Residents' Association asked members to seriously consider going forward with the British Waterways Waterway Adoption Scheme. He indicated that both the Residents' Association and the Keep Croxley Green Group were also keen to become involved.

EA727/11

British Waterways – Waterways Adoption Scheme (CC823/10)

Proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Vassiliou that item EA727/11 be moved up the agenda.

**Resolved:** Agreed

Members discussed the merits and pitfalls of the scheme. Possible hidden costs were mentioned but it was generally thought that as the scheme was non-binding on any party, should the Council not wish to carry on with the adoption, it could be cancelled.

The future of the whole canal management structure was discussed and it was thought that this scheme was a possible way of providing additional help for British Waterways (BW) throughout the complete length of the Grand Union Canal within Three Rivers and beyond.

Mention was made of the long term mooring of boats and the fact that BW do not supply either rubbish disposal, toilet facilities or water-points along this stretch of canal.

The stretch of canal that we could adopt was discussed and it was thought prudent that the length of canal between Lot Mead Lock and the small bridge above Iron Bridge Lock by Cassiobury Park should be considered.

Proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Brading that:

This matter be taken forward to full Council in order that agreement be given to proceed with the adoption.

**Resolved:** Agreed

**Action:** Office Manager to place matter on full council agenda for the 27<sup>th</sup> January

EA722/11

Minutes

**Resolved:**

- that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2010 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

EA723/11

Matters Arising

EA714/10 Orphan Land at Watford Road / Sycamore Approach. Members were updated that Hertfordshire Highways had been contacted regarding this parcel of land and they had admitted ownership. The Office Manager had sent a request and a photograph of the area to Herts Highways asking for permission for the Parish Council

to undertake a clear up of the area and some planting works.

It was thought that should permission be given, some removal of ivy from the trees, clearance of undergrowth and planting of species such as Hawthorne would greatly improve the look of the area.

It was noted that with good management, a replacement chain link fence may not be required as hawthorne, pyracantha and other plants would provide sufficient deterrent to trespassers.

**Action:** Office Manager awaits permissions from Hertfordshire Highways.  
(Ref:1600376)

EA716/10. Dog waste disposal. Information awaits from Cllr Brading regarding TRDC's dog waste contract.

**Action:** Cllr Brading to make necessary enquiries with TRDC and report back.

EA724/11

Active Works List

The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the active works list which was circulated at the meeting.

The Office Manager explained the slight change in format and requested the Committees approval which was given.

Various matters were brought to the attention of Members.

EA725/11

Review the location of dog waste bins.

Members were provided with a list of the locations of the dog waste bins. A Councillor asked about the relocation of bins close to one another but it was thought that they were generally in the right location.

A Councillor asked about the use of the bins and whether our waste collection company could provide any information on what bins are always full, half full or never used.

**Action:** Office Manager to email SDK environmental to see if they have or can get such information.

**Note:** E-mail sent to SDK Environmental 5.1.11. Awaits.

It was asked that the list provided to Councillors be slightly amended to show dog waste bins in 'play areas' to show 'adjacent to play areas'

**Action:** Office Manager to amend list as requested.

**Note:** Completed

EA726/11

Chairman's Charity Quiz – Information from Councillor Jefford

The Parish Council quiz will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at St Oswald's Church Hall. Tickets will £8.50 per head. No tickets will be issued without payment.

It was asked that the Council website be updated with the information.

Raffle Prizes were now being accepted into the Parish Council Office

**Action:** Councillors please note

Cllr Jefford asked for assistance in the set up and take down of the event.

Cllr Saxon to undertake role of Quizmaster.

It was asked the DJC sounds be contacted to provide the PA equipment.

**Action:** Office Manager to book DJC Sound Systems

**Note:** DJC Sounds contacted 5.1.11 and confirmed

A question was raised concerning the use of the Village Hall as the venue but it was noted that the catering and storage facilities there were not suitable.

EA728/11 Budgets 2011/12 and Beyond

The Chairman introduced this item and the Office Manager advised that currently next year's budget for the Environment and Amenity Committee stood at £33,050

It was noted that this figure was £2000 higher than was originally notified but this additional £2000 was moved from S137 grants for the Croxley Green Revels to the E & A Events and Projects column. It made no difference to the overall precept that the Council would submit.

EA729/11 Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to note.

EA730/11 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54 pm.