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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON 5 NOVEMBER 2019 at 8.00 PM

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

Cllrs Benner, Hughes, Kyriakou, Tobin, Vassiliou, Wallington & Yeung.

In Attendance: Cllrs Gallagher & Cole

Voting Members: 10

LEE1514/19 Apologies for Absence

All Members were present.

LEE1515/19 Declarations of Interest

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

LEE1516/19 Representations from the Public

A representative from the Croxley Green History Project attended the meeting to speak in support of the Apple Day proposal.

LEE1523/19 Apple Day

[Under Standing Order 9.1.6 this item was brought up the Agenda]

Cllr Cole spoke to Members about the proposal to hold an Apple Day. Members discussed the opportunity to combine it with the annual Dog Show and the preference was to hold the event in late September / early October. Members were in favour of the event and allocating a budget of £500.

Resolved:

- That Croxley Green Parish Council organises an Apple Day combined with the annual Dog Show in late September / early October 2020.
- That a sum of £500 be added to the LEE Budget for 2020/21 to support the Apple Day
- That if the 2020 Apple Day is a success the Council supports repeating it annually thereafter.

LEE1517/19 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1518/19 Matters Arising

LEE1511/19 – Pumpkin Carving - The Administrative Assistant provided a verbal update on the Pumpkin Carving sessions held on the 30th and 31st October. 50 children and their parents attended the sessions and positive feedback has been received.

Members gave their thanks to the staff for the work they put in to making the event a success.

LEE1519/19 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:

- Winter preparation – completed final grass cut of The Green. The grass is still growing as the weather is mild, but ground is too wet to drive the tractor or ride on mower on it. Footpaths have been cut clear.
- Poppies have been fixed to lampposts on The Green and New Road ahead of the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Office Redecoration – the railings, eaves and shutters have been painted black. Work is underway to replace the fence separating the Parish Council Car Park with the Community Way Car Park.
- Depot Shutters – the peeling paint on the depot shutters is being cleaned off. Plan to obtain a quote to have the shutters painted by a local artist.
- Stones Orchard – the corner nearest to the guild was very messy and was continually blighted with litter. The area has been cleared of all brambles and grass seed will be sown.
- Watford Road Hedge – we are unsure of who has responsibility to cut the Hedge between Watford Road and Mayfare. The Rangers have cut the hedge for the last 2 years but this is a time consuming task for them. The Senior Ranger informed Members that he will work to find out the ownership of the hedge.
- Welcome Sign – the Welcome Sign by the Two Bridges was removed in the summer as it was obscured by Herts Highways Traffic Board. The Welcome Sign had also been vandalised. Plan to reinstall the Welcome Sign in the middle grass verge will require a contractor who is licensed to work on the highway.
- Volunteer Days – plan to organise a volunteer day in Weston Woods to litter pick and coppicing and a volunteer day at the Lock to repaint the lock and bridge.

LEE1520/19 Works List

Members had no comments regarding the Works List.

Resolved:

- That the Works List is noted.

LEE1521/19 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2019/20

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2019/20 was reviewed. 4 activities are now complete – Dog Show, Beautification of Croxley, Pumpkin Carving and Poppies. Please see updated Tracker attached.

LEE1522/19 Budget 2020/21

Members reviewed the annual budget proposals for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31

March 2021 and suggested amendments.

The Administrative Assistant gave an update to Members on the 45 dog bins around the village and the money currently spent by the Council on Dog Hygiene. The Clerk indicated that the office will draw up a set of recommendations around Dog Hygiene for the LEE meeting in January.

LEE1523/19 Apple Day

This item was discussed above.

LEE1524/19 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:48pm