

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2009 AT 8.00 pm

- Present Cllr Martin in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council
A Taft – Administrative Assistant
- Cllrs Birch, Brading, Dann, C Jefford, Seeley, Shafe and Vassiliou
Voting Members: 8
Public: 1
- EA603/09 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Norman.
- EA604/09 Declarations of Interest
The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made throughout the meeting if necessary.
- EA605/09 Representations from the Public
Representations were made by one member of the public regarding several matters. Firstly, the representations made at the September Environment and Amenity meeting (EA594/09 refers); it was pointed out that at the Council meeting held 24 September 2009, a Cllr had asked what these representations were about (CC693.2/09 refers). (This was further discussed and the matter clarified by the Chairman later in the meeting under item EA606/09). Secondly, it was asked if a photograph had been taken of the fox hole (EA597/09 refers) and it was suggested that the Parish Council misses opportunities to promote itself. Finally it was also asked when the cutting of the community grass was started.
- EA606/09 Minutes
One Member asked what EA594/09 (Representations from the Public, 1 September 2009) refers to. The Chairman advised that as stated in the Minute, this refers to the Minutes of the meeting held 7 July 2009 (EA583/09 refers) and added that the Minutes cannot keep restating what has previously been reported in past Minutes.
It was proposed by Cllr Brading and seconded by Cllr Shafe that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2009 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- EA607/09 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- EA608/09 Active Works List
The Chairman introduced this item and Members were referred to the Active Works List that had been previously circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk was asked about several items on the works list:
September works undertaken
FP17 – Cut hedge and overhang from woods, strim, cut grass.
The Clerk was asked if these works included those that a Cllr had highlighted in an email and the Clerk reported that the Rangers had undertaken the work requested.
Harvey Road and Little Green Garden Clubs – check
The Clerk was asked what was meant by 'check' and whether the Rangers gave reports on the clubs and the Clerk advised that usually nothing comes back

requiring actions on his part. The Clerk was asked to supply Cllrs details of the 'checks' undertaken.

[Post meeting note: 8 September – Little Green School – check garden club; Harvey Road School – check garden club; 9 September – Malvern Way School – take photographs; Little Green School – take photographs; Yorke Mead School – take photographs].

October works

Watford Road/Mayfare – hedge trim

It was suggested that as this had not been undertaken, perhaps it could be left until early Summer and the Clerk said that he would check this with the Rangers although he believed it was only to be a 'thin' cut.

Parish – bulb planting

It was asked where the bulb planting would take place.

[Post meeting note: The roundabout at Two Bridges is to be planted with bulbs and other areas as appropriate which will be detailed on the October works undertaken].

Croxleyhall Woods – inspect and draw up maintenance schedule

The Clerk was asked if the Memorandum of Understanding had lapsed for some time now to which the Clerk replied that it had not. He added that the reason works had been temporarily stalled was that Countryside Management Services were currently putting a Management Plan together which will also include Areas 3 and 4. Another reason for the stall was that Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) were firming up on their requirements such as certificates of competence and insurance and he had collated this information ready to give to TRDC. The Clerk envisaged that by the end of October the woodland works would be able to restart. The Chairman asked that any work necessary to achieve the maintenance schedule be undertaken speedily. The Clerk was asked to provide a full written report for the next Environment and Amenity meeting.

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Tree Bulletin

The supplement of tree works available at the meeting were noted.

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Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.