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MINUTES OF the 372nd MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 27 JULY 2023

Present: Cllr Crabtree in the Chair Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer
Cllrs Benner, Gallagher, Glasser, Jolowicz, Montague, Panju, Parks and Tobin
Voting Members: 9
Members of the Public: 1

CC2428/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Bichard, Hughes, Kyriakou and Sian.

CC2429/23 Declarations of Interests by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.

CC2430/23 Parish Matters

A representative of the Croxley Green History Project thanked the Parish Council for purchasing their gazebo and display boards that were used at the Revels, to promote work by Croxley Green History Project on capturing the history of the village.

The Clerk read out an email submitted by a resident about the state of one of the dog bins located in Stone's Orchard.

CC2431/23 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 371st Meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2023.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 371st Meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2432/23 Matters Arising

CC2414/23 – the Parish Council submitted a written response to the Three Rivers District Council Climate and Sustainability Strategy Consultation.

CC2433/23 Representations from the Public

A representative of the Croxley Green History Project spoke about documents from the USA that have been declassified and detail the role of Croxley House in D-Day planning. The Croxley Green History Project is happy to work with the Parish Council to create a D-Day 80th Anniversary event.

CC2437/23 D-Day 80th Anniversary

[Under Standing Order 13.1.16 it was agreed to move this item up the Agenda]

Members discussed options for commemorating the D-Day 80th Anniversary on 6 June 2024. Suggestions included bringing forward the Revels date, providing grants for Stall holders to theme their stalls in a 1940s style.

Councillors who would like to help plan an event are invited to contact the Clerk.

CC2434/23 Committee Reports

CC2434.1/23 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 June 2023 and Wednesday 5 July 2023

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 June 2023 and Wednesday 5 July 2023 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2434.2/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2434.3/23 Leisure, Events and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6 June 2023

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 June be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2434.4/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2435/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council Officers' and Rangers.

CC2436/23 Land Disposal Policy

The Chairman introduced the paper on Land Acquisition & Disposal Policy. Members made no amendments to the draft policy and agreed to its adoption.

Resolved:

- That the Land Acquisition & Disposal Policy be adopted.

CC2437/23 D-Day 80th Anniversary

This item was discussed earlier.

CC2438/23 Parish Council Charities 2023/24

The Chairman opened the item and asked Councillors for their suggestions for the charities which the Parish Council will support in 2023/24. Several suggestions were put forward (dementia and young person's bereavement) and it was agreed to conduct research to find local branches of the charities and present back at the next Council meeting.

It was agreed that funds raised from the Dog Show would go to an animal related charity. It was suggested that the Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital in Rickmansworth be chosen as a suitable charity.

Resolved:

- Charity for the 2023 Dog Show will be the Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital.

CC2439/23 Appointment to External Bodies 2023/24

Three Rivers Highways Liaison Meetings – Cllr Gallagher expressed an interest to represent the Parish Council at these meetings.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Gallagher represents Croxley Green Parish Council at the Three Rivers Highways Liaison meetings.

CC2440/23 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman moved, duly seconded, the following motion and it was agreed:

that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CC2441/23 Hazel Seeley Award 2023

Members discussed and agreed the recipient of the Hazel Seeley Award 2023.

CC2442/23 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48 pm