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MINUTES OF the 373rd MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Cllr Crabtree in the Chair Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Benner, Bichard, Gallagher, Glasser, Hughes, Jolowicz, Kyriakou, Montague, Panju, Parks, Reed and Tobin.

Voting Members: 13

Members of the Public: 7

CC2443/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Sian.

CC2444/23 Declarations of Interests by Members

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

CC2445/23 Parish Matters

No matters were raised.

CC2446/23 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 372nd Meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2023.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 372nd Meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2447/23 Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

CC2448/23 Representations from the Public

Representatives from Little Green School spoke in support of their grant application.

CC2449/23 Grant Application

Members discussed the grant application from Little Green School. There was agreement amongst members that, although they wished in principle to support the school financially, they couldn't commit to releasing funds until the school identified a specific project they could support. Little Green were informed of the levels of funding the Council had previously awarded to other local schools.

Resolved:

- That Little Green School is invited to re-submit their grant application with a focus on a specific project.

CC2450/23 Co-option of Two Councillors for Dickinson and Durrants Ward

The Chairman introduced this item and thanked the candidates for attending the meeting. The Clerk then read out the names of the candidates. The candidates in attendance were Mrs Valeria Aguiar and Mrs Cheryl Stungo. The Chairman then invited the candidates to speak for up to three minutes.

The Chairman then called for a proposer and seconder to proceed to co-opt two Councillors.

Resolved:

- That Mrs Valeria Aguiar and Mrs Cheryl Stungo are co-opted.

CC2451/23 Committee Reports

CC2434.1/23 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 19 July, Wednesday 2 & 16 August 2023

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19 July, Wednesday 2 & 16 August 2023 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2434.2/23 Leisure, Events and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4 July 2023

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 July be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2452/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council staff. This included:

- Update on the up-coming Dog Show.
- Feedback from Croxfest and the Apple Pressing event.
- Recruitment of an Administrative Assistant.
- Paediatric 1st aid courses attended by Council staff.

CC2453/23 Memorial Tree Policy

Cllr Kyriakou introduced his paper and informed members that, following discussions with residents, he wished to offer them an option to plant memorial trees locally at a fair and reasonable cost.

Resolved:

- That the Memorial Tree policy be adopted.

CC2454/23 Parish Council Charities 2023/24

Members discussed which charities the council should support for the year.

Resolved:

- That Carers in Herts & Herts Musical Memories are the nominated Croxley Green Parish Council charities

CC2455/23 Parish Council Budget 2024/25

The Clerk presented the draft Budget to Members and explained how they could submit funding proposals for inclusion in the 2024/25 Budget.

CC2456/23 Confirmation of Appointment of Community Events & Engagement Officer

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Events & Engagement Officer has completed their three-month probationary period and is now confirmed in role.

CC2457/23 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.

CC2458/23 Disposal of Council Land

Members received a report from the Clerk regarding an offer made to purchase Council owned land. After a discussion, it was agreed that the proposal should be considered in further detail, as per the Council's Land Disposal policy, by the Finance & Administration committee.

Resolved:

- That the matter be referred to the Finance & Administration committee.

CC2459/23 Office Replacement

Members received a verbal report from the Office Replacement working group.

CC2460/23 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:12 pm