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MINUTES OF the 375th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024

Present: Cllr Tobin in the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Natalie Carter – Administrative Assistant to the Clerk
Anthony Bassenger – Senior Ranger
Cllrs Aguiar, Benner, Bichard, Gallagher, Glasser, Jolowicz, Montague, Parks, Reed, Sian and Stungo.
Voting Members: 12
Members of the Public: 9

CC2479/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Hughes, Kyriakou & Panju.

CC2480/24 Declarations of Interest by Members

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

CC2481/24 Parish Matters

The Chairman of the Croxley Green Resident's Association gave a statement of views relating to the Red Cross Centre.

[Under Standing Order 13.1.10 it was agreed by members to receive a grant application from the Croxley Green Cricket Club (see item CC2485/24)].

CC2482/24 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 374th Meeting of the Council held on 23rd November 2023.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 374th Meeting of the Council held on 23 November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2483/24 Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

CC2484/24 Representations from the Public

The Chairman of the Croxley Green Cricket Club spoke in support of their grant application.

[under Standing Order 13.1.15 it was agreed to suspend the meeting between 8.14 and 8.26pm]

CC2485/24 Croxley Green Cricket Club Grant Application

Members discussed the Grant application from Croxley Green Cricket Club which would go towards the cost of replacing the wicket which was recently vandalised.

Resolved

- That a grant of £3,500 be awarded to Croxley Green Cricket Club.

CC2486/24 Committee Reports

Members agreed and adopted the following reports:

Committee	Date
Planning and Development	1 st and 15 th November 2023
Leisure, Events and Environment	7 th November 2023
Finance & Administration	26 th October 2023

CC2487/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council staff and Rangers. The Clerk gave updates on:

- The Council's Christmas events
- New Year's Eve Fireworks
- Recruitment of a temporary member of staff
- Cleaning and re-painting of the War Memorial
- The co-option of a councillor following Cllr Crabtree's resignation

CC2488/24 Budget 2024/25

Councillors made no amendments to the Budget schedule that was supplied with the Agenda.

Resolved:

- That a precept of £347,840 be set by Council and an overall budget of £360,050.

CC2489/24 Finance & Administration Committee Membership

Members reviewed Cllr Sian's request to join the Finance & Administration Committee. No other members wished to join the committee.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Sian joins the Finance & Administration committee.

CC2490/24 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.

CC2491/24 Red Cross Centre

The Clerk gave a presentation to members regarding Croxley Green Parish Council's involvement with the Red Cross Centre since 2019. Members discussed at length the different viable options for the Red Cross Centre's future.

Resolved

- That Croxley Green Parish Council confirms its interest in purchasing the site from Three Rivers District Council following the surrender of the lease by the British Red Cross

CC2492/24 Staffing Matters

Members received recommendations on staffing matters from the Council's HR & Compliance committee.

Resolved:

- That the Croxley Green Parish Council's Clerk role be regraded from Profile 2 to Profile 3 in the SLCC Job Profiles.
- That the Senior Ranger, Ranger, and Community Events & Engagement Officer be granted an according increase in salaries.
- An increase in working hours for the Community Events and Engagement Officer from 16 to 24 hours per week.

CC2493/24 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43 pm.