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MINUTES OF the 395th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026

Present: Cllr Reed in the Chair Francesca Pridding – Locum Clerk to the Council
Natalie Carter- Administrative Assistant to the Clerk

Cllrs Bichard, Cole, Gallagher, Hollands, Jolowicz, Jowers, Kyriakou, Montague, Osler, Parikh, Parks, Sian, Stungo and Williamson.

Voting Members: 15

Members of the Public: 4

CC2747/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barnes.

CC2748/26 Declarations of Interest by Members

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

CC2749/26 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21st May 2026.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21st May 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair.

CC2750/26 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

CC2751/26 Parish Matters

Barry Grant from Croxley Green Residents Association spoke on anti-social behaviour and Litter on the Canal Towpath and TRDC's Local Plan.

CC2752/26 Representations from the Public

Representations from Croxley Guild Cricket Club were made in relation to their CIL Grant application.

[under Standing Order 13.1.15 it was agreed to suspend the meeting between 8.13 and 8.17pm]

Grant Application

Councillor Reed declared a non-pecuniary interest.

Members discussed the following grant application:

- From Croxley Guild Cricket Club for £2000.00 to assist with the purchase of a new lawn mower.

Resolved:

- That members increased the Croxley Guild Cricket Club CIL Grant amount to cover the entire cost of the Mower.

CC2753/26 Committee Reports

Members adopted the following reports:

Committee:	Date:
Planning and Development	15 th April, 6 th May and 20 th May, 3 rd June and 17 th June, and 1 st July 2026.
Finance & Administration	18 th June 2026
Leisure, Events and Environment	5 th May and 7 th July 2026

CC2754/26 Purchase of a New Meeting Camera

Members deferred the purchase of a new Meeting Camera for Officer and meeting use to a future meeting with request of a funding proposal.

CC2755/26 Policy Review

Members reviewed and adopted the following policies: -

- Health and Safety Policy - Approved
- IT and Cyber Security Policy – Approved with required Amendments
- CIL Grant Form and Policy – Approved with no date restrictions.
- CGPC Grant Form and Policy – Approved with no date restrictions

CC2756/26 Internal Auditor

Members approved the appointment of Internal Auditor Option 1 for 2026/27. The Clerk is authorised to confirm the appointment and make the necessary arrangements.

CC2757/26 Asset Transfer - Expression of Interest

Cllr Gallagher informed Members of the working group discussions and recommendations.

Members agreed the following recommendations:

- Approved the Priority tier of assets at Appendix 1 (Annex B) as the basis for CGPC's Expression of Interest to TRDC.
- Authorised the Clerk to submit the Expression of Interest to TRDC by 31 July 2026, referencing the Priority tier only, with the Lower priority tier noted as assets CGPC wishes to keep under review.
- Noted that this Expression of Interest is a statement of interest only, and does not commit the Council to completing any transfer, to a specific level of expenditure, or to a precept increase.
- Requested that, before any binding transfer agreement is entered into, officers bring a further report to Council covering the financial and risk

matters, and the detailed legal terms of transfer, including reversion and covenant provisions.

CC2758/26 New Format of Accounts

Members agreed the recommendations as follows:

- Approved the use of the new suite of reports, being the Monthly Budget, Detailed Monthly Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Committee, and CIL Report, in place of the reports currently presented to Council.
- Noted that the format may be amended further, in consultation with the Clerk, if Members require more, less, or different information than is currently shown.
- Noted that, subject to satisfactory use over an initial period and the Clerk's agreement, the new format may become a permanent part of the Council's regular review of income and expenditure.

CC2759/26 Barton Way/Red Cross Building Update

Cllr Reed gave a verbal update from the Working Party on the Barton Way/Red Cross Building.

CC2760/26 Locum Clerk's Report

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

- Recruitment update
- Asset Transfer progress
- Withdrawal of Rule 6 Party Status and Request for Registration as an Interested Party
- Governance Review

The Administrative Assistant gave updates on:

- Watford Road Flower Beds refurbishment
- Senior Citizens Summer Coach Trip
- Agency Staff
- Increase of costs on the Community Bus
- Working in extreme weather
- Emergency Planning Co-Ordination

CC2761/26 Looking Ahead to 2027 and Beyond

Cllr Gallagher informed members of key points in this proposal.

Resolved:

- The Parish Council agrees to set up a working group to prepare for the parish council elections in 2027 and asks the Clerk to prepare terms of reference.

- The Parish Council agrees the need for professional planning advice and support and authorises the Clerk and the P&D committee to invite proposals.
- The Parish Council agrees to set up a working group to review the Neighbourhood Plan and asks the Clerk to prepare terms of reference.

CC2762/26 Closure

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.33pm.