

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

ON THURSDAY 8 JULY 2010 FOLLOWING THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Present: Cllr Birch in the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Bains, Bennett, Hollands, C Jefford, Martin, Norman, Saxon, Seeley, Shafe and Vassiliou

Not Present: Cllrs Brand and Seabourne

Voting Members: 11

Public: 1 member of public arrived during CC780/10S

CC795/10/S Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brading, Dann and Wynne-Jones

CC796/10/S Declarations of Interest by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

CC797/10/S Representations from the Public

Representations were made by Steve Ames, Chairman of Croxley Green Community Club Limited and Chairman of Croxley Green Community Association who apologised that Dean Austin, Treasurer was unable to attend.

Steve stated that following discrepancies with PAYE payments and after being approached by HMRC for payment, they were recommended by a Charitable Speciality Solicitor that the Club become a Limited Company by Guarantee. Steve added that this means that accounts are submitted to Company House who also require them to provide a list of shareholders. He clarified that the shareholders are those who have paid the administrative fee and that the Club would be liable for £1 per member if the Club was to go into liquidation.

When asked where the £9600 paid by the Parish Council had gone, Steve replied that this money was within the charitable organisation, namely the Community Association and would be shown in their accounts. Steve was asked if the £2 that the Club are now charging is an administration fee or a membership fee and he confirmed that it was indeed an administration fee. Steve was then asked how much non-Croxley Green residents pay and he clarified that the charge is £15 for a single person, £20 for a family and £7.50 for OAP's. Members pointed out that there was no charge in these fees from last year and therefore non-Croxley members are not paying this administration fee.

CC798/10/S Croxley Green Community/Village Hall

Members discussed this issue and although they did not doubt the legality of the changes (that residents were notified of in May 2010 following their AGM held in January 2010), there was upset and disquiet at the timing and the way that the Community Centre had gone about making these changes without informing the Parish Council and residents of changes to their constitution.

Resolved:

- That the Parish Council believes that the Community Association has broken the spirit of the agreement signed between both parties on the 30 January 2009 in that without proper consultation the Community Association split the operation back to two separate bodies, the Association and Limited Club, which therefore now means that the club has needed to charge a £2 or £3 fee

for administration/membership of the Club.

This, we believe, goes against the spirit of the agreement whereby prior to this change members paid for by the Parish Council had use of the bar facilities. The Parish Council would ask that during the financial year 2010-2011 the club waive this admin fee for members who join under the Parish Council scheme. Should agreement not be reached, Council could consider whether a material breach of the agreement has taken place;

- That until the matter has been mutually resolved, all further payments to the Association/Club are to be suspended.

CC799/10/S

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm.