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MINUTES OF the 361st MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Cllr Cole in the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Officer

Cllrs Benner, Birch, Crabtree, Gallagher, Mitchell, Montague, Panju, Taylor, Tobin, Vassiliou and Whitmore

Voting Members: 12

CC2253/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Hughes, Kyriakou, Parks and Yeung.

CC2254/21 Declarations of Interests by Members

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

CC2255/21 Parish Matters

No matters were brought to the attention of Councillors.

CC2256/21 Representations from the Public

No representations were made.

CC2257/21 Minutes

The Minutes up for review were the Minutes of the 360th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2021.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 360th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC2258/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2259/21 Committee Reports

CC2259.1/21 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 5 & Tuesday 17 August and Thursday 2 & Tuesday 14 September and Thursday 7 October & Tuesday 19 October 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 & Tuesday 17 August and Thursday 2 & Tuesday 14 September and Thursday 7 October & Tuesday 19 October 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2259.2/21 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2259.3/21 Leisure, Events & Environment Committee held on Tuesday 7 September 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Leisure, Events & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 September 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2259.4/21 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2259.5/21 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 23 September 2021

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 23 September 2021 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC2259.6/21 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC2260/21 Clerk's Report

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

CC2261/21 Creation of a Working Group – Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Croxley Green

The Chairman introduced the paper on Creation of a Working Group – Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Croxley Green and asked Cllr Gallagher to elaborate. Cllr Gallagher spoke about the recent COP 26 event in Glasgow and the commitments that nation states have made to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The purpose of this working group is to investigate ways in which people living locally could be encouraged and helped to make the changes that would lead to lower carbon emissions. Cllrs Gallagher, Mitchell, Taylor and Whitmore expressed an interest in joining the Working Group.

Resolved:

- That the Council approves the creation of a new working group to investigate “Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions in Croxley Green”.
- That the draft terms of reference are adopted.
- That a report is presented to the P&D Committee.
- That Cllrs Gallagher, Mitchell, Taylor and Whitmore become members of the working group.

CC2262/21 Croxley Green Annual Firework Display – Charity Collection

The Chairman introduced the paper on Croxley Green Annual Firework Display – Charity Collection. The Chairman reminded members that the Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks event is funded entirely from the precept and there is no charge for attending. The event is very popular and a collection for the council's chosen charities could raise significant funds for them. It is proposed to use a giving website as collecting at the event would pose a security risk for the collectors.

Members agreed to a charity collection at the Croxley Green Annual Firework Display and suggested that in addition to using the giving website, that some buckets could be used at the event and that donations could also be made at the Parish Council Office.

Resolved:

- That a collection of charitable donations from visitors at the 2021/22 New Year's Eve Fireworks Display be offered through a giving website.
- That donations received are distributed equally between the council's charities.

CC2263/21 Budget 2022/23

Members reviewed the 2022/23 Budget.

CC2264/21 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.

Croxley Green Property Acquisition

The Clerk gave a verbal update to Councillors.

CC2265/21 Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:13pm