

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
**ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008 AT 8.00 pm

Present Cllr Seeley in the Chair D Allison – Clerk to the Council  
A Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Birch, C Jefford, Martin, Norman, Shafe and Vassiliou  
Voting Members 7  
In Attendance Cllr Brand  
There was 1 member of the public present

EA447/08 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Brading and Dann

EA448/08 Declarations of Interest  
The Chairman advised that declarations be made throughout the meeting if necessary.

EA449/08 Representations from the Public  
There were no representations from the public.

EA450/08 Minutes  
The Clerk apologised to Cllr Vassiliou for recording him as Not Present at the Environment and Amenity meeting held 4 March 2008, when he had given the Clerk his apologies. It was proposed by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Shafe that the amended Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2008 be approved as correct. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

EA451/08 Matters Arising  
The Clerk was asked if the (January to March 2008) report about the basketball classes had been submitted, to which the Clerk replied that it was currently being prepared and he hoped to present it to the next Council meeting.  
The Clerk was asked whether he knew if the Monday night Youth Club organised by Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) had been cancelled to which the Clerk responded that he had no information about this. It was suggested that if this was the case that TRDC may consider incorporating this club with the basketball classes. The Clerk was asked to try to find out about the situation with the Youth Club.  
The Clerk was asked whether he had set up a meeting with Alison Phin, Leisure Development Manager at TRDC and the Parish Council's Working Party for Play Areas to which he replied that he had not. He added that this project is in the 2008/09 year and will be ongoing throughout the next financial year.

EA452/08 Active Works List  
The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk referred to the list that had been distributed at the meeting. The Clerk was asked if the Parish Council was responsible for Footpath 16 (Winton Crescent to Malvern Way), to which the Clerk replied that this was an urban footpath and that Hertfordshire Highways maintain the path itself and the Parish Council is responsible for weed killing and hedge cutting. It was then asked why the Caretaker had been seen cutting the hedge and the Clerk said that he would check when it was last cut by the Rangers. It was suggested that if the hedge was on the side of the school it could be the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council who may have asked the school to

undertake the task on their behalf. The Clerk was asked to look into this matter and also to find out if funds could be available for ongoing general maintenance from Countryside Management Services.

EA453/08

Village of the Year Competition

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk added that a meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 11am to progress the Parish Council's entry into this competition. The Clerk added that several Councillors had expressed an interest in taking part in this project, when asked by the Chairman at the last Council meeting. The Clerk stressed that the meeting was open to all Councillors wishing to participate. It was suggested that posters may have helped to increase awareness of the competition although it was acknowledged that local groups, schools and churches had been written to and a press release had been issued and published. If the Parish Council decides to enter the competition in future years, posters and other means of advertising the Parish Council's entry could be considered.

EA454/08

Flowers in Croxley

The Chairman introduced this item and informed those present that a member of the Flowers in Croxley Committee had approached the owner of the land at 200-208 Watford Road to seek permission to plant in the flower beds there. The Clerk confirmed that he had received this permission as well as a cheque for £66.60 from the Managing Agent as a donation. It was hoped that the beds could soon be prepared ready for planting. The next meeting of the Flowers in Croxley Committee is to be held on Monday 14 April 2008.

EA455/08

Tallest Sunflower/Largest Pumpkin Competition

The Chairman reported that this Competition had been suggested by the Rangers who were prepared to undertake the whole project, from obtaining donations of seeds and other necessary items through to judging the entries. It was considered that this was an excellent idea which the children of the four local schools would enjoy participating in. It was asked whether the competition could be opened to the public but it was decided to keep the competition just for the local schools. It was also asked whether Rickmansworth Park School could be included but as this school is outside the Parish boundary it was felt this would not be appropriate. This initiative was regarded as another positive way to increase the Parish Council's standing in the community.

EA456/08

Tree Bulletin

There were no tree works to report.

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Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm.