

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL (Draft Subject to Adoption)

MINUTES OF the 263rd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011

Present: Cllr Birch in the Chair Cllr Mark Saxon – Office Manager
Amanda Taft – Minute Taker

Cllrs Brand, Dann, C Jefford, Martin, Seeley, Shafe and Vassiliou.

Voting Members: 9

Public: 1

CC876/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bains, Bennett, Brading, Hollands, Norman, Seabourne and Wynne-Jones.

CC877/11 Declarations of Interest by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

CC878/11 Representations from the Public

There were no representations from the public.

CC879/11 Minutes

Resolved

- It was proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Shafe that the Minutes of the 262nd monthly meeting of the Council held on Thursday 27 January 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC880/11 Matters Arising

CC867/11 (Matters Arising; CC852/10 Matters Arising). It was suggested by a Cllr that as there are only two months left before the new Council is elected, it would be pertinent to wait until then before applying for grants. The Temporary Office Manager (TOM) said that if any Cllrs are interested in seeking grant funding they can do so.

CC867/11 (Matters Arising; CC853.2/10 Matters Arising – Environment and Amenity Minutes). TOM informed Cllrs that the matter of the orphan land behind numbers 1-6 Dorchester Court awaits information from County Land Agents.

Matter on E&A agenda 1 March 2011.

CC880/11 (Matters Arising; CC855/10 Parish Plan). TOM advised that he had nothing further to update.

CC871/11 (British Waterways – Waterways Adoption Scheme). A Cllr asked for an update and TOM advised that he had tried in vain to contact Karen Fishwick and he is still waiting to hear back from her. He added that he would keep the Residents Association informed with any progress on this. TOM further added that he had offered the services of the Rangers to paint the white railings at Common Moor Lock.

Awaits reply from British Waterways, Milton Keynes Office.

CC881/11 Committee Reports

CC881.1/11 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 4 January 2011

Resolved:

- It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Jefford that the Minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 4 January 2011 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

- CC881.2/11 Any matters arising
EA723/11 (Matters Arising; EA716/10 Dog Waste Disposal). TOM was asked if Cllr Brading had supplied the information to which he confirmed that he had and the information was recorded in the Environment and Amenity Minutes of 1 February 2011 under item EA735/11 Matters Arising.
- CC881.3/11 Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 January 2011 and Wednesday 19 January 2011
Resolved:
- It was proposed by Cllr Saxon and seconded by Cllr Vassiliou that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 January and Wednesday 19 January 2011 be adopted as a report of the meeting.
- CC881.4/11 Any matters arising
There were no matters arising.
- CC881.5/11 Finance and Administration Committee held Thursday 13 January 2011
Resolved:
- It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Shafe that the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 13 January 2011 be adopted as a report of the meeting.
- CC881.6/11 Any matters arising
FA671/11 (Monthly Accounts; Account code 4963 – PCSO's). TOM informed Cllrs that he would write to Inspector Holland to request a copy of the PCSO's current rosters and he would then circulate that reply to all Cllrs. TOM was also asked to invite the PCSO's to the next Council meeting to give an update.
TOM has emailed Inspector Holland and has circulated the response.
If Cllrs have any specific questions for the PCSO's please advise the office before 23 March 2011.
- CC882/11 Carer's Policy
TOM introduced this item and reminded Cllrs that this had been discussed at the Finance and Administration meeting of 10 February 2011 (item FA686/11) when it had been agreed to put it to Council for ratification. He added that the F&A had agreed that this would be an interim policy until such time that all policies are looked at.
The Chairman expressed concern that this policy could have an affect on other policies and stated that she would prefer it if all policies were considered at the same time. It was agreed that this matter be adjourned until such time as all policies were looked at.
- CC883/11 Groundwork Equipment
The Chairman introduced this matter and referred Members to the supporting papers that had been circulated with the Agenda regarding the maintenance of the Kubota. It was asked if the Kubota had deteriorated due to neglect but the Administrative Assistant confirmed that the Kubota had been serviced annually. A discussion followed whereby one Cllr expressed concern that the Parish Council has to spend £1444 to repair the Kubota in order that we can undertake work we are not even paid for. It was also asked if Olivers at Kings Langley may be cheaper but another Cllr pointed out that we could take advantage of a 25% Winter Discount on labour until 28 February if we used Browns. The Chairman said that it was necessary to have the work done on the Kubota.

It was proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Seeley that the work on the Kubota at a cost of £832.21 + £354.04 = £1186.25 plus VAT (as per the quote from Browns) be undertaken.

Cllr Vassiliou requested a recorded vote. Cllrs Brand, Dann, Jefford, Martin, Saxon, Seeley and Shafe voted for the proposal. Cllr Vassiliou voted against the proposal.

Resolved:

- The proposal was agreed.

Post meeting note: the Kubota had a full service and check over by Geo. Browns Implements on 5 November 2009 at a cost of £548.89 plus VAT.

CC884/11

Peninsular

The Chairman introduced this item and reminded Members that the Parish Council had looked into using the services of Peninsular before and that Peninsular would look after our management systems, Human Resources, Health and Safety matters as well as offering a 24 hour service and the provision of indemnity. There was considerable discussion concerning the employment of Peninsular and the possibility of joining together with other Parish Councils.

TOM asked for a recorded vote. Cllrs Brand, Dann, Jefford, Martin, Saxon, Seeley and Shafe voted for the proposal. Cllrs Brand and Vassiliou abstained. The proposal was agreed.

Resolved:

- It was proposed by Cllr Shafe and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Parish Council enters into a three year contract with Peninsular.

TOM was asked to ensure there is a 'get out clause' should it become necessary in the future.

CC885/11

Chairman's Charity Quiz Night

The Chairman introduced this item and reminded Members that there would be a second hand book sale on Saturday 5 March 2011 and that the Sportsman had kindly agreed that the event could be held there and they would store donations of books.

Cllr Jefford then reminded Members about the forthcoming quiz night. Cllr Jefford added that donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.

CC886/11

Correspondence

Nil

The member of public left the meeting at this point.

CC887/11

PART 2

It was proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Shafe that having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the next items on the agenda.

Resolved:

- Agreed

CC887.1/11

Minutes

Resolved:

- It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Dann that the confidential version of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Thursday 27 January 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CC887.2/11

Matters Arising

CC872.3/11 (Staff Matters).

Matters arising from last month's meeting were discussed.

Resolved:

- It was proposed by Cllr Vassiliou and seconded by Cllr Shafe that the meeting be adjourned at 9.05pm to allow Cllrs to read a confidential paper and the meeting reconvened at 9.09pm.

CC887.3/11

Staff Matters

An update on current staff matters was given and Cllrs had the opportunity to ask questions.

CC888/11

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm.