

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF the 249th MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2009

Present: Cllr Birch in the Chair
David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Taft – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Bains, Bennett, Brading, Brand, C Jefford, Martin, Saxon, Seeley, Shafe, Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones

Voting Members: 12

Public: 1

CC697/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dann, Hollands, Norman and Seabourne.

CC698/09 Declarations of Interest by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

CC699/09 Representations from the Public

Representations were made by a member of the public concerning various matters including the previous Environment and Amenity Minutes, the revision of Standing Orders, music at the New Year's Eve firework display, the Police Community Support Officers and TRDC's public toilet scheme.

CC700/09 Minutes

The Clerk stated that Members would recall that Mrs Valerie Kleanthous attended the last meeting. Mrs Kleanthous had read the draft Minutes and had requested a minor rewording of CC690/09. Accordingly, the wording "Mrs Kleanthous gave a brief talk about her position and the role of the Standards Committee" was replaced with "Mrs Kleanthous briefly outlined the work of the Standards Committee and its role in promoting and supporting good governance".

It was proposed by Cllr Saxon and seconded by Cllr Wynne-Jones that the amended Minutes of the 248th Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 24 September 2009 be accepted. The proposal was agreed and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

CC701/09 Matters Arising

CC690/09 (Representations from the Public). It was asked if TRDC's public toilet scheme could be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk advised that Matters Arising is an opportunity for information exchange and not for actions to be raised. The Clerk suggested this matter be discussed outside of the meeting. After a brief verbal outburst, the member of public left the meeting.

CC693.2/09 (Matters Arising from Environment and Amenity Minutes; EA597/09 Active Works List). The Clerk was asked what the 'more pressing' matters were. Both the Chairman and the Clerk referred the Member to the appropriate Active Works List of which copies had been previously circulated.

At this point a Cllr recommended that fellow Cllrs do not come to meetings unprepared, ie not having read and understood the supporting papers as it was extremely time wasting for all present.

CC702/09 Committee Reports

CC702.1/09 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 6 October 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Seeley and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Minutes of the

Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 6 October 2009 be adopted. The proposal was agreed.

CC702.2/09

Any matters arising

EA608/09 (Active Works List – Croxleyhall Woods). The Clerk was asked how the Memorandum of Understanding was progressing to which he replied that it was still valid and had not lapsed. The Clerk added that he was in communication with TRDC regarding arranging a meeting to deal with administration matters.

The Clerk was asked if the hedge at Watford Road/Mayfare had been undertaken to which he replied that it had not and had been moved onto the November Active Works List.

CC702.3/09

Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 and Wednesday 21 October 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Saxon and seconded by Cllr Bennett that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 and Wednesday 21 October 2009 be adopted. The proposal was agreed.

CC702.4/09

Any matters arising

PD1201/09 (Yorke Road School Building). The Clerk was asked if he had written to TRDC yet to which he responded that he had and that he was awaiting their reply. A Cllr advised that this site is included in the Local Development Framework as a proposed site for housing.

CC702.5/09

Finance and Administration Committee held Wednesday 21 October 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Wynne-Jones that the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 be adopted. The proposal was agreed.

CC702.6/09

Any matters arising

The Clerk advised that the Finance and Administration Minutes of 10 September were not adopted at the Council meeting of 24 September although they were amended and approved at the Finance and Administration meeting held 21 October. The Clerk added that as these Minutes had just been adopted, by default the 10 September Minutes could be adopted by inclusion. However, Members opted to have the 10 September Finance and Administration Minutes on the November Council Agenda for adoption.

FA542/09 (Matters Arising; FA533/09 Parish Council Staffing Structure and External Sourcing). It was asked if the sub-Committee had met yet and the Chairman confirmed that the group had met and were working on terms of reference. This matter will go back to the Finance and Administration Committee in due course.

CC703/09

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

The Chairman introduced this item apologised for the fact that the PCSO's were not present as they had been expected to attend to give a verbal report. It was proposed by Cllr Wynne-Jones and seconded by Cllr Bains that this item is deferred to the next Council meeting if the PCSOs are available to attend.

The Chairman added that the PCSOs need feedback from the public on issues of concern. It was suggested that information regarding this and also to emphasise that crime is reported be placed on the website and included in the Parish Pump if space allows.

CC704/09

Revision to Standing Orders

Under Standing Order 41(b) this matter stood adjourned without debate until the Council meeting scheduled for 26 November 2009.

CC705/09

Gambling Act 2005 – TRDC Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2010 – 2013

The Chairman introduced this item and the Clerk informed Members that one of the key sections as far as the Parish Council was concerned was under clause 5. The Clerk drew Members attention to the paragraph where it referred to Parish Councils being considered to be interested parties. The Clerk advised that Members may wish to suggest strengthening of this section to ensure the Parish Council would be directly consulted on any proposals in regard to changes, modifications or new proposals being put forward within the Parish boundary prior to such changes being implemented. Members discussed the matter and requested the Clerk writes to TRDC accordingly.

CC706/09

Music for Firework Display 31 December 2009

This matter was introduced by the Chairman who asked the Cllr who had requested this item be placed on the Agenda for an overview. It was pointed out that this was an extremely popular event and from personal experience, music would greatly enhance the firework display. A brief discussion ensued and the need to obtain permission from the Performing Rights Society was highlighted, if appropriate.

It was proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Seeley that the Council agree to the Virement of £250 into the fireworks budget to cover the cost of hiring PA equipment to play suitable music during the New Year's Eve firework display on the Green and the proposal was agreed.

CC707 /09

Correspondence

CC707.1/09

Councillor requested correspondence

Members noted the list of correspondence

CC707.2/09

Other correspondence

Members noted the lists of correspondence which the Clerk stated was not exhaustive.

CC708/09

Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.