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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON 6 MARCH 2018 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Edmunds – In the Chair
David Allison - Clerk
Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant
Cllrs Cole, Montague & Vassiliou.
Voting Members: 4

EA1366/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Collingwood & Kaur.

EA1367/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

EA1368/18 Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

EA1369/18 Minutes

[At this point (8.02pm) Cllr Edmunds declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item and it was decided that Cllr Cole take over the chairmanship of the whole meeting.]

Cllr Edmunds explained that he had trouble with the draft minutes as they, in his opinion, did not reflect the reasoning behind why he felt that the Parish Council were not privy to all the information before the purchase of Weston Wood had been completed. In his view the issue lay with the potential problems arising with the proximity of the large trees to nearby buildings.

The Clerk raised a point of order and advised Members of Standing Order 13.4 and subsequently Standing Order 13.2 and requested what the proposal was to amend the Minutes.

After some discussion it was decided, by Councillors, that the minutes be amended as a result of Cllr Edmunds objection to those circulated to members.

The Clerk made Cllrs aware that in his professional role within the Council, and in respect to the duty he has as the Parish Clerk relating to the guidance set out by the Society of Local Council Clerks and in Government legislation, that he must make Councillors aware that the minutes if amended and approved by those present would create an inaccurate record of the E&A meeting of 6 February 2018.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting be amended with the following change to paragraph 4 of Agenda Item EA1362/18: "The Chairman explained to the Clerk that....in his mind Croxley Green Parish Council were not privy to the complete information about Weston Wood "in regards to potential issue arising with trees and nearby buildings" before the purchase went through and that information had been withheld from Councillors.

The Clerk stated that he was obliged as Proper Officer to advise the Council that on

this occasion Councillors had not heeded his advice and have now approved a set of factually inaccurate minutes as the issue raised by the insertion of the words in the minutes were not raised at the meeting during the discussion of Agenda Item EA1362/18 on 6 February 2018.

EA1370/18 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

EA1371/18 Works List

Members had no comments in regards to the works list.

Resolved:

- That the Works List for March 2018 be noted.

EA1372/18 Weston Wood – Ice House

The Chairman introduced this item and asked the Clerk whether any official contact had been made with the Croxley Green History Project regarding the “Ice House” in Weston Wood. The Clerk informed members that he had contacted Margaret Pomfret from the group and had already circulated all relevant information to Members.

The Clerk commented that he would like to see a small interpretation board at the site of the Ice House informing residents of its existence, purpose and how it was situated in the grounds of Nutfield House which used to be on the land.

A Cllr commented that the Ice House seemed quite different to those he had seen previously and that the Council should conduct some further research into its origin. They further spoke that they would like to see a large interpretation board at the entrance to Weston Wood with a more comprehensive history of the site and Nutfield House.

Resolved:

- That more information is garnered by Councillors and the Clerk in relation to the Ice House and that the item is deferred to the next meeting of the E&A Committee.

EA1373/18 Youth Project

The Chairman introduced this item and asked Cllr Vassiliou to elaborate. Cllr Vassiliou informed members that a Working Party had been established at the Council meeting on 22 January to explore options for the Youth Project and that he has made contact with several youth groups in the local area.

EA1374/18 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:39pm