



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL (General) MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016 AT 8.00PM

Cllr Mitchell – In the Chair

David Allison – Clerk to the Council

AGM116/16

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Wynne-Jones and seconded by Cllr Hobbs that Cllr Mitchell be nominated Chairman for the year 2016/2017. There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Mitchell be elected Chairman of Croxley Green Parish Council for the year 2016/2017.

AGM117/16

Acceptance of Office

Cllr Mitchell accepted the Chairmanship and then duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

AGM118/16

To record those present and apologies for absence

Present: Cllrs Bains, Baldwin, Edmunds, Gallagher, Greenman, Hobbs, Hollands, Kataria, Kaur, Mitchell, Ridley, Saxon, Taft and Wynne-Jones

Voting Members: 14

Apologies had been received from Cllr Vassiliou.

Not Present: Cllr Brand.

There were no Members of the public present.

AGM119/16

Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked for proposals for the office of Vice Chairman of the Council for the year 2016/2017. It was proposed by Cllr Saxon and seconded by Cllr Bains that Cllr Hollands be elected Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Hollands be elected Vice Chairman of Croxley Green Parish Council for the year 2016/2017.

AGM120/16

Appointment and Composition of Committees

AGM120.1/16

Resolved:

- That in accordance with Standing Order 19.2, the following Committees are appointed: Finance and Administration Committee; HR and Compliance Committee; Planning and Development Committee; Environment and Amenity Committee

AGM120.2/16 The Clerk advised that Standing Orders state that there should be a maximum of 7 Members per Committee. He added that the Chair and Vice Chair of Council were automatically Members of both Committees. He informed those present that Cllr Vassiliou had requested to stand on the E&A Committee.

Resolved:

- That the Environment & Amenity Committee shall consist of Cllrs Edmunds, Greenman, Kataria, Kaur, Taft, Vassiliou and Wynne-Jones;
- That the Planning & Development Committee shall consist of Cllrs Bains, Baldwin, Gallagher, Hobbs, Saxon.

Cllrs Brand and Ridley are without portfolio and not on any Committee.

The Clerk advised that the Finance and Administration Committee is comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council and of both Committees.

The Clerk advised that the HR and Compliance Committee is comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council plus two Cllrs. Cllrs Edmunds and Greenman said they would like to be on this Committee.

Resolved:

- That Cllrs Edmunds and Greenman are members of the HR and Compliance Committee together with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.

AGM121/16 Chairman and Vice Chairman of Standing Committees

The Chairman declared an adjournment to allow the Committees to elect their Chairman and Vice Chairman.

When the meeting reconvened, it was reported that the Committees would have the following Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year 2016/2017:

	P&D Committee	E&A Committee	F&A Committee*
Chairman	Cllr Bains	Cllr Wynne-Jones	Cllr Mitchell
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Gallagher	Cllr Greenman	Cllr Hollands

*The F&A Committee comprises of six members – Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, P&D and E&A.

AGM122/16 To receive reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies 2015/2016

AGM122.1/16 – Three Rivers Environmental Forum – Cllr Wynne-Jones.

These meetings deal with explaining and ameliorating the various environmental issues that affect Three Rivers and are well attended by District Councillors and Parish Councillors as well as by local interested organisations.

The main speaker is normally interesting and topical leading with illustrated charts and images on subjects such as; The Threats To Local Areas Of The Green Belt in our area, Future Methods of Generating Electric Power under Study, Plans for Rail Development. Maintenance of High Quality Refuse Recycling using Laser Sorting Machines and much more. This is followed by questions and answers. Then the chairman (or woman) invites each member present to discuss their own ideas and observations on local matters, This often leads to an interesting and constructive debate which is noted by Kay Fitzgerald (Three Rivers Environmental Officer) for inclusion in the next agenda We meet three times a year in Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House The Forum is useful for the exchange of information on local environment issues matters and in promoting an exchange of views and ideas.

AGM122.2/16 – NHS Local Representation (Community Voice)

The Community Voice meets at Mount Vernon Hospital on the first Thursday of every month. Their topics are various but all are relevant to maintaining the high standard of care in this excellent hospital and in this area and deal with pivotal aspects in modern medical management. This has included talks on the problem of the increase in suicides among young men and new ways of helping them, the increasing problem of type 2 diabetes linked to obesity, dementia and bed blocking, plans for Mount Vernon cancer care, strokes – prevention and treatment, the importance of rectal repair units in modern treatment, work of the new Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre and the shaping of the future of the modern NHS. There are always speakers in attendance with the opportunity to ask them questions at the end. There is occasionally a full scale debate. A car park ticket is attached to each monthly agenda so you don't need to pay to park. Each meeting lasts for about an hour and starts at 7.45pm before turning to society issues. For anyone interested in how our excellent local health service strives to address our medical problems, this is a fascinating opportunity.

AGM123/16 Council Representation on Outside Bodies and organisations 2016/17

AGM123.1/16 – Joint Committee of Parish Councils – The Clerk advised that the representatives from Croxley Green Parish Council are normally the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

Resolved:

- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk represent the Parish Council on the Joint Committee of Parish Councils.

AGM123.2/16 – Three Rivers Environmental Forum – Cllr Wynne-Jones expressed an interest to continue to represent the Parish Council at these meetings for a further year (Cllr Edmunds also attends these meetings as a representative of the CPRE).

Resolved:

- That Cllr Wynne-Jones represents the Parish Council on the TRDC Environmental Forum.

AGM123.3/16 – NHS Local Representation (Community Voice) – Cllr Kaur expressed an interest to represent the Parish Council on the Community Voice.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Kaur represents the Parish Council on the Community Voice.

AGM123.4/16 – Any Other External Representation – It was agreed that there should be ongoing representation on the Metropolitan Line Extension Liaison Committee.

Resolved:

- That Cllr Hobbs and Hollands represents the Parish Council on the Metropolitan Line Extension Liaison Committee.

AGM124/16

Direct Debits

The Clerk advised Members that under the Council's Finance Regulations the Council must agree to variable Direct Debits at least every two years but in practice, and included in Standing Orders, this Council confirms authority for Direct Debits annually at this meeting.

The Clerk circulated a form to sign to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each Committee who form the Finance and Administration Committee to provide their signature for the purposes of being authorised signatories for the Council's Bank Accounts. The Clerk also signed the form as an authorised signatory.

Resolved:

- That the Council continues with payments by variable direct debits.
- That the Members of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Clerk be authorised signatories for the Council's Bank Accounts.

AGM125/16

Closure

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Chairman of Committees for their efforts during their chairmanship.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm.