



Council Meeting – 25 July

Agenda Item – CC2020/19

Partnership with the Croxley Green History Project & Transfer of Website

Introduction

I propose that Council agrees to the formation of a formal working partnership with the Croxley Green History Project, and for the Parish Council to safeguard the future of the History Project website.

Discussion

Working Partnership

The Council has been working alongside the Croxley Green History Project informally for a number of years. I would like to take this opportunity to formalise the working relationship between the two groups.

The Croxley Green History Project is the focal point for the collection, protection and promotion of the history of Croxley Green. The group has taken on this responsibility with limited funding and resources.

The group had been formally aligned with the Croxley Green Resident's Association but have now formally set up on their own with a separate constitution (can be viewed on the History Project website) and members. It was hoped that by doing this the group would be able to explore other avenues to help promote their activities, and Croxley Green's history, by partnering with organisations such as the Parish Council.

In recent years the Parish Council has been working alongside the History Project at community events such as the very successful World War One presentation evening in 2018 at the Village Hall and the Peace Picnic held in Stone's Orchard. A formal partnership would allow both groups the opportunity to work closer together for the benefit of the residents of Croxley Green.

A partnership would:

- Allow the Parish Council to be at the forefront of Croxley Green's history
- Show that the Parish Council takes great interest in protecting the history of our village
- Potentially secure consistent future funding for the activities of the History Project allowing them to grow
- Have potential for the staging of more community events

Website

The most visible aspect of the Croxley Green History Project's work is its website (<https://www.croxleygreenhistory.co.uk/>). The website contains a plethora of information across all aspects of life within Croxley Green. The website is very well visited and a vital source of knowledge within the community. The website is currently maintained by only a handful of volunteers.

Members of the History Project approached the Office to see if the Parish Council would be willing to take over the responsibility of the website in order to protect it for the future. This would be that if for any reason the History Project disbanded or ceased to exist, then the

website would still remain active for access by the residents of Croxley Green and all the work that had gone into it would not be lost.

This would come at a fee to the Parish Council (approximately £30). Accurate figures will be brought to a subsequent meeting of the Council along with a more detailed plan of how the website will be transferred to the Parish Council at the Council meeting of September 26.

Recommendations

- That Croxley Green Parish Council agrees to the creation of a formal working partnership with the Croxley Green History Project
- That Council instructs the Clerk to liaise with the Croxley Green History Project regarding the transfer of ownership of the group's website to the Parish Council
- That the Clerk brings an update to Members regarding the transfer of ownership of the website for ratification to the Council meeting in September

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