

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

Present: Cllr Daniel Smy (Chairman), Cllr Joyce Rhodes, (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Thelma Smith, Cllr David Smith, Cllr Abi Scard and Cllr Geoffrey Northcote .

Cllr Smy introduced himself, the Clerk, the Vice Chairman (Cllr Rhodes), Vice Chairman (Finance) ( Cllr Brewer) and the Councillors.

Cllr Smy welcomed Rev Jacquie Birdseye, Vickie Hedges, CSPO, PC Charlie Dale, Kris Hallett, DCA Community Capacity Worker and Clive Moore the new Crossways Youth Worker.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** Cllr Smy informed those present that following an enquiry by the Council regarding any action taken by the Forestry Commission against the developers of the Hippy Field for cutting down all the trees on the land the following e mail had been received from the Forestry Commission:

“The Forestry Commission have decided, under the terms of the Forestry Act 1967 and its more recent amendments, not to pursue a prosecution of the land owner, or other parties involved in the tree felling case. As allowed under the Act, the Forestry Commission has chosen the issue of a requirement to restock the site, with an appropriate number of trees at appropriate locations throughout the site. It is this stage at which the proceedings are now poised and we are pursuing this course of action”.

**REPRESENTATION FROM AGENTS/APPLICANTS PLANNING APPLICATIONS** Cllr Smy introduced Mr Pinkney, from Signpost Housing Association, who offered to answer any questions on Item 13e the planning application for 5 Dick o’ th’ Banks Road and Mr Tom Compton the applicant for Item 13b, the Old Council Depot Redbridge Lane. Mr Compton referred to his earlier application and informed those present that following the withdrawal of his first application he had met with local residents for informal discussions and was hopeful these meetings had led to a better understanding between him, the applicant, and the residents living close to the Old Council Depot. Mr Compton advised that the changes to the application were no machining, no Saturday working, reduction in ‘white’ noise, consideration of traffic issues and no deliveries before 8.45pm. Mr Compton advised that drivers will be given specific special instructions on traffic issues.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

**Item 13b** Mr Arnold a resident of Redbridge Road welcomed Mr Comptons visit and reassurances but asked that should the Council recommend this application they add a codicil to the effect that timber processing and further industrial use should not be applied for in perpetuity.

**Item 13e 5 Dick o’ th’ Banks Road** - Mr Bell made representation against the planning application 5 Dick o’ th’ Banks Rd noting parking issues namely the number of vehicles using the home at any one time and that no provision has been made for visitors. Mr Bell questioned noise issues of vehicle movements on a 24 hours basis. Mr Bell also questioned the benefits of felling mature trees, staff issues, and design and build. Councillors were previously supplied with copies of Mr Bell’s letter. Mrs Chitson informed the meeting that she objected to this application stating that the home as it now stands is a four bedded home and the application is for a six bedded is more in tune with an institution rather than a home. Mrs Chitson also expressed deep concerns about traffic issues and traffic movements presenting a potential danger to children and pets crossing the road at the exit/entrance point. Mrs Chitson stated that the site is inadequate for the size of the proposed building. Mr Tony Smith stated that this new application was no different from the original and was a monstrosity. Mr Smith informed the meeting that some 30 objections had been lodged to date with 6 more anticipated. Mr Phil Brinson reiterated the concerns previously noted and brought up further concerns regarding sewer diversions stating that Wessex Water normally insist on a 3 metre easement on each side of a main sewer and this is not possible along the new proposed route (between No’s 5 and 7 Dick o’ th’ Banks). Mr Brinson questioned Wessex Water’s justification for the waiving of this requirement on this application. Mr Brinson stated that this development is a business development in a residential area. Mr Pinkney in response to the comments stated that the parking had been designed in consultation with Highways and that he did not agree that the development was ugly or likened to industrial units; Mr Pinkney stated that he felt the overdevelopment was not an issue quoting the cases of back garden developments in Crossways.

Cllr Smy asked if there were any representations on the other planning applications on the agenda, 10 Spitfire Close and Warmwell Caravan Park. There were no comments on these applications.

**Item 12 Memorial Bench** Mr Brian Puckett speaking on behalf of the RAF Warmwell Preservation Group supported the sighting of a plaque on a bench in the Park and said that the Preservation Group would fund the cost of the plaque.

**Council Issues** Mr Arnold stated that he had attended many meetings of the Council recently and asked the Chairman to reassure him that there is no animosity on the Council. Mr Arnold felt that some treatment of Councillors shows bias and the new intake of Councillors were being ostracised as shown in the removal of committees. Cllr Smy replied that he cannot, at this moment in time, reassure Mr Arnold stating that there are differences and personality clashes; however the Councillors are undergoing mediation sessions which he hopes might resolve some issues. Cllr Smy stated that he is attending the next (joint) session and asked Councillors to do the same.

**Street Lighting Dick o' th' Banks** Mr Brinson asked about the recent survey on street lighting in Dick o' th' Banks Road asking what percentage of replies came from residents in Dick o' th' Banks. Mr Brinson asked that residents are given a say in the matter of street lighting. The Clerk was asked to send the details of the survey to Mr Brinson. Mrs Marriet suggested a compromise could be considered if street lighting is wanted, low level lighting. Cllr Smy thanked Mr Brinson and Mrs Marriet for their comments and reminded them that the issue of street lighting will be the subject of proper full consultation when considered further.

ACTION: CLERK

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** Police Officer Charlie Dale introduced himself as the Safer Neighbourhood Team Manager, saying he hoped he would be able to spend more time in Crossways. PC Dale said the Police Force struggled constantly to keep a good police visible presence. CPSO Hedges and himself work in Villages to the east of Dorchester and hope to, in partnership with agencies, provide good cover. PC Dale gave his contact telephone number, (non emergencies) 226801 (Dorchester Police Station). Cllr Smith asked about the hours of cover provided. PC Dale said he had some flexibility and reminded Councillors and the public present that Crossways has very low crime figures and overall is a good place to live. Cllr Smy thanked both officers for their work in Crossways stating that CPSO Vickie Hedges works very hard particularly with the young people of Crossways and her work should be applauded.

**YOUTH CENTRE WORKER** Cllr Smy introduced Clive Moore. Clive informed the meeting that he had been a youth worker for many years and he was now the Area Youth Worker for Dorchester taking over from Mick Hogben. Clive stated that he had many plans for Crossways and was looking forward to working in Crossways. Cllr Smy thanked Clive and looked forward to building a good working partnership with the Youth Centre.

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Apologies were received from Cllr Teresa Seall. **Cllr Peter Read** reported on the planning application for 66 Dick o' th' Banks Road stating that it was initially recommended for refusal but was now deferred and would be agreed subject to adjustments. Cllr Read reported that he was a member of the Audit and Governance Committee stating that an audit trail had highlighted unstructured distribution of Sect 106 funds. Cllr Read asked the CPC to apply for Sect 106 funds that could be available to them. Cllr Read addressing the Clerk direct questioned Page 1001 of the Parish Council Minutes. Cllr Smy interjected stating that the Parish Council Minutes were a matter for the Parish Council not him.

**REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT COMMUNITY CAPACITY WORKER** A copy of Kris Hallett's report is attached at Annex A to these minutes. Kris reported that she wished to clarify her role and work stating that her role was to listen and help achieve what the community wanted. She stated that her work is impartial. Kris stated that the reason for clarifying her work is that with regret she has to report that she had within the last week she been duped into attending a meeting which was clearly aimed to put pressure on her. Kris reported that she is not prepared at this stage to say who attended and where the meeting was held but inappropriate things were divulged to her which disappointed her greatly. Cllr Smy apologised to Kris stating that he was appalled at her about her complaint and if any member of the Parish Council was involved he would carry out an internal investigation. Cllr Smy thanked Kris for her tireless work with the young people of Crossways and along with Vickie Hedges had done a marvellous job and they were a credit to their professions.

Cllr Scard apologised for not attending the consultation at the School on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and informed the meeting that she had previously requested a site visit to a MUGA and asked for the minutes to reflect this.

**PRESENTATION BY REV JACQUIE BIRDSEYE OF THE GOLDEN TILE** Rev Birdseye informed the meeting that the Parish Council had previously agreed to purchase a Golden Tile as part of the fund raising initiative for a Church in Crossways. Rev Birdseye stated that it is a wish that the Church would be used by the Community as a whole, a building for all, young and old, for coffee, lunch, tea and all facilities for community meetings. Rev Birdseye said that plans have been agreed for the Church and the hard work begins in raising the money. Rev Birdseye thanked the Parish Council for buying a tile and was pleased to present the Tile Certificate to Cllr Brewer who was Chairman of the Parish Council agreeing to purchase the tile.

## THE MEETING

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Round.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are asked to declare any personal interests, and whether such an interest is prejudicial, in any matter on the Agenda for this meeting. A personal interest is defined in Paragraph 8 of the Code and a prejudicial Interest is defined in Paragraph 9. There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** Members to declare if they consider that they have predetermined or may predetermine in relation to the following items and to indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

(a) Cllr Smy declared predetermination in Item 13e declaring as a District Councillor he was involved in a resident's action group. Cllr Smy declared that he would leave the room while this item was discussed.

(b) Cllr Bache declared predetermination in Item 13e declaring she was involved in a resident's action group. Cllr Bache declared that she would leave the room while this item was discussed.

(a) Cllr Scard declared predetermination in Item 13e declaring she was involved in a resident's action group. Cllr Scard declared that she would leave the room while this item was discussed.

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

(a) Cllr Scard asked to have the following added to the minutes under the report by Community Police Officer Page 1000 "Cllr Scard responded that because no crime was reported for the previous month she felt that the Council should not become complacent over criminal issues" The was appended as a manuscript entry.

AGREED

(b) Cllr Bache asked Item 7c to be amended . The Cllr Smy stated that he had reported correctly. Cllr Stenning stated that minutes only reflect what was said. Cllr Brewer proposed that the sentence from: "to discuss mediation sessions" should be struck from the record. Cllr Bache questioned why Cllr Read's comments regarding this item were not allowed. Cllr Smy reminded Cllr Bache that only Parish Councillors can amend Parish Council Minutes. Cllr Smy asked for a seconder to Cllr Brewer's proposal. Cllr Thelma Smith seconded this proposal. A vote was taken; Cllr Bache abstained. The minutes were amended accordingly.

AGREED

The Minutes were signed as amended as a true record and duly signed.

**ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007** The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

**ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Cllr Bache wished it to be noted that Cllr D and Cllr T Smith attended the mediation meeting at West Dorset District Council as described in minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, Item 7c.

(b) Cllr Scard questioned Cllr Connor's statement made at the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November in which she said that development had slowed down in Crossways and asked for this statement to be substantiated and published. Cllr Smy suggested that Cllr Scard put in a formal agenda item on this matter stating that the matter of the sub-committees had been resolved. Cllr Smy suggested Cllr Scard look at her Standing Orders to submit a motion to rescind an agreed resolution. Cllr Dave Smith stated that it was obvious that new Councillors intentions were honourable but they lack education on how meetings worked and need training. Cllr Smy agreed that some Councillors need training on matters of protocol on how to handle meetings.

**ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

(a) Cllr Smy informed the Council that the Clerk had received an e mail from Mr John Salmon advising him of a planning application to be submitted to DCC to extend the previously agreed application for mineral extraction, infilling, treatment and transfer of inert waste, for a further until December 2009. Cllr Smy advised Councillors that this matter would be on the agenda for the January meeting and a meeting with Mr Crook, his agent and the Council will be convened prior to that.

ACTION: CLERK

(b) Muga/Skatebowl Consultation Cllr Smy thanked the organisers for the excellent presentation and consultation at the school on November 14<sup>th</sup> which was attended by approximately 75 members of the public. Cllr Smy advised that the next step will be an exhibition at the Library and at the January or February meeting the Council will decide on the preferred option. Cllr Smy confirmed that the Council will continue to be open and transparent with genuine consultation. Cllr Smy asked Councillors if they wished the Council to liaise with the owners of quarry land with

regard to Option 4 confirming that the Council had not been formally advised of the availability of this land. This was agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

(c) War Memorial. Cllr Smy thanked Cllr Bache, Cllr (Mrs) Smith, and Cllr Scard for their work on planting at the new refurbished War Memorial.

(d) Tape recording Council minutes. Cllr Smy advised Councillors that he had received a request from Cllr Dave Smith that he be able to record Council meetings as an aide memoire. Cllr Smy advised that the Council does not have a policy about recording meetings and this matter will be placed on the January meeting for debate and a policy agreed bearing in mind the DATA Protection Act. Cllr Smith stated that the recordings will be for his personal use only therefore the DATA Protection Act will not be compromised.

ACTION: CLERK

(e) Cllr and Cllr (Mrs) Smith as for the following statement to be included in these minutes. Reference Page 1001, Item 4 Minutes of the Full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007. "We would like it noted in the minutes that we only declared a personal interest in Item 9 of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007. A prejudicial statement would have required us to leave the room, which, of course, we did not do"

Cllr Scard asked if she may question the Chairman on his report. Cllr Scard asked that before the Council make a decision on the MUGA/Skatebowl will the Parish Council try to visit a skatebowl? Cllr Smy replied that now might be an appropriate time to make a site visit. Cllr Scard asked the Council to approach Aggregate Heidleberg. Cllr Smith asked if the January meeting will discuss the site options asking if there would be further ancillary information prior to the site options decision. Cllr Smy said all points will be discussed and when the site option is agreed the matter will then be addressed further.

**ITEM 8 LIBRARY UPDATE CLLR BREWER/CLLR SMY** Cllr Brewer informed Councillors that the original group of 13 campaigners against Library closures had risen in numbers to include almost all Libraries in Dorset. This group is now keeping a watching brief on all Library matters. Cllr Brewer stated that this group was meeting in the Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> December initially to meet with Paul Lievers and Cllr David Crowhurst but they were not now able to attend. Councillors were given letter received from DCC giving options for reduced opening hours. Cllr Smy outlined the proposed opening hours and distributed questionnaires which are available in the Library. Cllr Smy advised Councillors that the 4.30pm closing time proposed for Tuesdays did not give sufficient time for school children to use the Library. Cllr Smy asked Councillors to send their views to the Clerk by the 8<sup>th</sup> December or respond individually. Cllr Smy will seek corporate view. Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Brewer. AGREED

**ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR GARROTT IN THE MATTER OF THE LIGHTS AT THE SPORTS PAVILION** Cllr Smy outlined Mr Garrott's letter and the comment from Mr Phil Bearman, (copies to Councillors with agenda). Cllr Bache said that in her original works request for the Pavilion she stated that lights need to be on a timer. Cllr Smy confirmed the lights had been returned to their original state. Cllr Brewer asked if there had been any other complaints. The Clerk confirmed there had not been any other complaints. Cllr Dave Smith said that because Dick o' th' Banks does not have street lights some people might prefer lights but said that a sensor light would have an element of surprise. The Clerk was tasked to obtain quotes for sensor and/or timer lights and report to Council.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER QUOTES RECEIVED FOR WINDOWS AND SOFFITS – SPORTS PAVILION**

(a) **Windows** Cllr Smy reminded the meeting that the windows facing Dick o' th' Banks were in urgent need of repair and a donation had been received for repairs to the Pavilion. Cllr Bache questioned the material to be used. The Council agreed that Upvc would be preferable. Councillors were provided with a copy of a summary of quotes received. It was proposed by Cllr Smy, seconded by Cllr Scard that Larkin Windows are instructed.

(b) **Soffits** It was noted that there was not enough money to consider the soffits at present. This matter would be referred pending an approach to Larkin for a reduced quote.

**ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY MR DAVID CROFT THAT THE MINUTES OF ALL CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS, GENERAL COMMITTEES AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS ARE TO BE PRODUCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE MEETING AND NO LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS (14 CALENDAR DAYS) AFTER THE MEETING. PUBLICATION SHALL MEAN PRINTED COPIES BEING PLACED ON THE PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE. SHOULD SICKNESS, HOLIDAY OR EQUIPMENT FAILURE PREVENT THIS TIMESCALE BEING ACHIEVED IT IS THE CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT MINUTES ARE PRODUCED BY ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND PUBLISHED WITHIN THE TIMESCALE OF 10 WORKING DAYS.** It was agreed that this matter

would require an amendment to Standing Orders and would be addressed at the annual meeting. Cllr Stenning advised that it would be impractical to place minutes on notice boards as there would be insufficient space for anything else.

**ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A BRASS INLAID PLAQUE TO BE PLACE ON ONE OF THE BENCHES IN THE MEMORIAL PARK AND AGREE THE FOLLOWING WORDING “IN FOND MEMORY OF ARIACRAFTSMAN FRED SWAINSON OF 152 SQUADRON AND HIS WIFE COPORAL HELEN SWAINSON (WAAF) BOTH OF RAF WARMWELL DURING WWII” (CLLR SMY TO REPORT)** Cllr Smy read the correspondence received on this request. It was proposed by Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Brewer that this request b granted.

AGREED

The Council will liaise with Rev Jacquie Birdseye to arrange a dedication ceremony.

**ITEM 13 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**a. 1/D/07/001957 5 REDBRIDGE ROAD – CHANGE OF USE OF UNIT 5 FROM B1 USE TO MOT TESTING BAY, A USE FALLING WITHIN CLASS B2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) OF THE CLASSES ORDER 1987. UNITS APPROVED UNDER PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/03/002372**

Cllr Smith said the buildings are now in situ and the use of one for an MOT Station would not make any noticeable difference to the site. Cllr Smith proposed recommendation, seconded by Cllr Brewer

AGREED

**b. 1/D/07/001940 – OLD COUNCIL DEPOT, REDBRIDGE LANE – ERECT WAREHOUSE FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION (B9 USE) USE OF SITE FOR EXTERNAL STORAGE AND MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS**

The Council suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Compton

Mr Crompton referred to Mr Arnold’s uncertainty about future development and said he was happy to accept Mr Arnold’s recommendation to WDDC Planning. Cllr Brewer proposed that the Council recommend acceptance with the codicil to the effect that timber processing and further industrial use should not be applied for in perpetuity. Cllr (Mrs) Smith said she was happy with the modifications but asked if the traffic issues had been addressed. Cllr Smy referred to the traffic restriction as noted during Mr Crompton’s presentation. Cllr Scard also questioned the traffic issues. Cllr Smy asked for a decision from Councillors. The Clerk was asked to read Mr Arnold’s recommendation.

The Council does not object to this proposal but recommends that timber processing and further industrial use should not be applied for in perpetuity.

A recorded vote was taken:

Cllr (Mrs) Smith	Approve	Cllr Rhodes	Abstain
Cllr Stenning	Approve	Cllr Smy	Approve
Cllr Scard	Refuse	Cllr Brewer	Abstain
Cllr Bache	Refuse	Cllr Northcote	Approve
Cllr Smith	Approve		

The Clerk reported 5 approvals, 2 refusals and 2 abstentions. The application was recommended as stated above.

AGREED

**c. 1/D/07/001945 10 SPITFIRE CLOSE – REPLACE EXISTING GREENHOUSE/LEAN TO WITH CONSERVATORY** Approval recommended. Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Smith

AGREED

**d. 1/D/07/001903 5 DICK O’ TH’ BANKS ROAD – ERECT REPLACEMENT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME COPIES OF LETTERS COPIED TO COUNCIL ATTACHED** Cllrs Smy, Bache and Scard left the room. Cllr Rhodes took the Chair and asked the remaining Councillors for comments. Cllr Brewer said objections should be on visual impact and traffic issues and proposed objections on these issues and design stating that this building in a residential area should look like a home not an industrial unit. Cllr Brewer also referred to the comments about sewers as referred to in Mr Brinson’s letter to WDDC. Cllr Brewer proposed rejection, Cllr Stenning seconded this proposal. All remaining Councillors agreed.

AGREED

**d. 1/D/07/001838 WARMWELL CARAVAN PARK – USE OF PART OF CARAVAN PARK FOR SITING 18 STATIC CARAVANS** Cllr Smy informed Councillors that he had rung planning officers for confirmation

that the caravans would only be used as holiday lets, not residential.

Cllr Brewer proposed approval, Cllr Northcote seconded this proposal.

AGREED

**ITEM 14 CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT A COURSE FOR NEW COUNCILLORS TO HELD ON THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 1.30PM (LOCATION NEAR DORCHESTER TBC) OR TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 6.30PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1 AT COUNTY HALL** Cllr Scard agreed to attend the session on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR**

**ITEM 16.** Proposed Cllr (Mrs) Smith, seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED

**ITEM 16 PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 08/09 CLLR BREWER (VICE CHAIRMAN (FINANCE)) FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO STANDING ORDERS** Cllr Brewer handed a copy of his Precept Proposal to all Councillors. (Cllr Terrie Connor joined the meeting). Cllr Brewer noted that the Parish Council accounts were in good shape and had received a spotless audit. Cllr Smy asked if any member of the public had any questions about the precept. Cllr Smy asked Councillors if they had any questions. Cllr Scard questioned money spent on the playing field if the field was never going to be any good why spend money on it. Cllr Brewer said the previous Council had a professional survey carried out and the recommendations are being carried out. Cllr Smith questioned spending any more money on the sports field. Cllr Bache asked what the difference was from the precept previously set; Cllr Smy stated that the previous budget figures set a precept rise of 8.38% ; the precept figure for approval shows a rise of 2.75%. Cllr Scard asked if savings could be made on wages, Cllr Smy advised her that there is always plenty of work for the Clerk; Cllr Scard replied suggesting using a voluntary assistant. Cllr Smy reminded Cllr Scard that to discuss personnel issues would need a motion to exclude the public and asked her if she wished to propose this. Cllr Scard declined.

The Council returned to Standing Orders,

**ITEM 17 ACCEPT PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR 08/09**

Cllr Brewer offered the budget and precept for Council's approval, this was seconded by Cllr Rhodes

7 Councillors voted in favour of the precept for the year 08/09; 3 Councillors, (Cllr D Smith, and Cllr V Bache voted against, Cllr Scard\* abstained.

\* Cllr Scard informed those present that her abstention from the vote offered no disrespect to Clerk she chose to abstain because she did not understand the Council's accounting process.

a copy of the Council's precept and precept proposal notes is attached at Annex B to these minutes.

**ITEM 18 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007 – 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007** Income and expenditure was noted and approved as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £
Salary Clerk (November)		814.53
VAT Refund	324.35	
BT Direct		212.46
S Manuel (Memorial Park)		2498.00
S Manuel Grass Cutting		50.00
Clerk Manual (Reference)		24.25
F C Bearman & Son (Memorial Park)		75.00
Litter Collector		331.70
Spring Forge (Memorial Gates)		587.00
Fleet Line Markers		165.60
F C Bearman & Son (Pavilion)		87.00
Viking Direct (Stationery)		38.23
Salary Clerk (December)		814.00
Inland Revenue*		187.83

\* The Clerk reported that the Council's Inland Revenue payment has been reduced by £254.96 as she files on line ahead of the obligatory filing on line date of 2010.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Scard

APPROVED

Signatory changes will be applied to the Parish Council account following agreement at Full Council.

**ITEM 19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGREEMENT OF DELEGATED POWERS TO CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE PERIOD OF COUNCIL RECESS** The date of the next meeting was noted as 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008\*.

Post meeting note: The date of the January meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Cllr Smith questioned delegated powers. A vote was requested. It was proposed by Cllr Connor, seconded by Cllr Stenning that delegated powers is devolved to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the period of the Council recess.

9 Councillors voted for, 1 Councillor (Cllr Smith) against.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed ..... Chairman ..... 2008