

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2003

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning and Cllr T Connor

Also Present: Mr W Kendrick and three members of the public.

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was again questioned on the proposed use of the extension to the sports field given as part of the Section 106 agreement to the Woodsford Fields Development. Cllr Russell reaffirmed that the most favoured proposal, following a village survey, was for a multi use games area (MUGA). The question was raised regarding the possibility of a skate board park being part of this development. Cllr Russell explained that the matter of a skateboard park has had a long and difficult history and this matter was not resolved to date. The provision of a teenage shelter was being considered as the Council felt that young people do need a place to meet, location is at present unresolved. Further discussion was held on the continuing incidences of vandalism. Mr Kendrick reported incidences occurring around the Youth Club resulting in windows, trees and supporting buttresses being damaged. Mr Kendrick reported that the Youth Club Management Committee had itself held a survey and considered a skate board park needed whilst reiterating that the teenage/youth vandalism was still rampant.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Brewer and Cllr McCartney.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (COUNCILLORS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE AGENDA ITEM TO DECLARE AN INTEREST ON ANY SUBJECT ARISING FROM THE THREE FOLLOWING AGENDA)
Cllr Stenning declared a personal interest in Item 4 of the Planning Committee agenda.

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th NOVEMBER 2003 Confirmed

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (SEPTEMBER 8TH 2003) The Minutes of the previous meeting as agreed at full council on the 25th September 2003 were accepted and signed as a true record.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Notice Board Londis – The Clerk reported that this matter was in hand and the glazier had been instructed to return, inspect and carry out the work.
- b. Notice Board Tree Stores – Cllr Manuel reported that the replacement board had not yet been erected at Tree Stores. It was requested that this is done.

ITEM 3 CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Cllr Stenning reported that the waste bins in the Memorial Park are still not being emptied efficiently. The Clerk reported that this matter had been forwarded to Mr Cranmer on several occasions. It will now be put in writing as well as a request for a new bin for the Egdon Heath play area.
- b. Cllr Russell reminded Cllr Manuel to arrange removal of wreaths prior to the remembrance service.
- c. Cllr Stenning read a letter from DCC offering a play area inspection service at a cost of £58.00 per visit per site. Cllr Stenning stressed the importance of getting play areas properly inspected under the risk assessment compliance heading. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Chubb

RESOLVED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 4 CONSIDER POINTS FOR YOUTH CLUB REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED BY CLLR PEACOCKE – COPY ATTACHED*

* An addendum was sent out the agenda for this item to include suggested improvements to Combe Way. This item was included in the copy sent but excluded in error under agenda item.

a. Youth Club

- (a) Encourage Member to get together to clear the overgrown bushes outside the front door. People misuse this area and even sleep there. Cllr Dullaway, the Parish Council representative on the Youth Club Management Committee, reported that this clearance was in hand.
- (b) Clear the rose bushes from the triangle It was noted that the YCMC were not in favour of this suggestion. Cllr Dullaway expressed the need to balance the needs of the majority against the vandalism of a few.
- (c) Place seating and tables in both areas. It was noted that seats had been removed from areas as they became a 'meeting point' for young people and associated unsociable behaviour.
- (d) Build a wall to enclose the 'cave' area at the back. Cllr Dullaway reported this item is noted and being considered.
- (e) Address the roof safety issue Measures to remove the butts giving easier access to the roof are being considered.

Cllr Russell informed the meeting that some householders living in Old Farm Way abutting the Youth Club field did not want all foliage removed thus exposing their boundary. Cllr Dullaway replied that this was being addressed.

b. Combe Way

- (a) Overgrown oak trees at:
- i. Sewage pump – Mr Murgatroyd will be asked to inspect.
 - ii. Mount Skippet Way Flats – It was agreed that trees in this area are dealt with by Magna Housing.
- (b) Trim bushes at junction Combe Way and walks – Passed to Steve Manuel for attention.
- (c) Supply night lighting to further area of Combe Way – It was agreed that lighting this area would be economically prohibitive. No further action.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER WAY AHEAD CONCERNING THE PRODUCTION OF A PARISH PLAN AS PRESENTED AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING BY SIMON THOMPSON DCA AND CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE RECEIVED FOLLOWING BRIDGE ARTICLE AND FURTHER REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS/PRACTITIONERS TO UNDERTAKE THE PRODUCTION OF THESE PLANS. The Clerk reported that to date no response had been received following an appeal for volunteers printed in the Bridge Magazine. Cllr Stenning questioned the MAD document and questioned why it was not deemed to be a Parish Plan. Cllr Russell suggested reviewing the MAD document. It was noted that the DCA had not accepted the MAD document as a Parish Plan and that the DCA were applying pressure to get these plans produced. It was agreed that a concerted effort would be made to get volunteers to form the steering group formed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 6 CONFIRM STYLE OF FENCING REQUIRED TO BORDER THE NEW SPORTS FIELD AREA AND CONFIRM ANY EXPENDITURE ON TOP OF ALLOWANCE MADE BY THE DEVELOPERS IF REQUIRED

Cllr Russell suggested a 2 metre high chain link fence would be required. This was agreed. Cllr Bryant suggested that a request is made to extend the fence to the original perimeter. It was proposed that a request is made for the fence as above. Further funding if needed would be discussed as appropriate.

Proposed: Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Bryant

RESOLVED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 7 REPORT SURFACING NEW SPORTS FIELD – CLLR RUSSELL Cllr Russell confirmed that the Council had negotiated drainage of the new sports field but the matter of the surface was still to be agreed. Cllr have met with WDDC to ask for a seeded or turfed area. WDDC will be consulted to confirm what is allowable or was agreed under the Section 106 agreement.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 8 CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AT PRIZE GIVING DORSET VILLAGE OF THE YEAR, FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER IN OSMINGTON VILLAGE HALL The Clerk informed the meeting that the venue has been changed to Crossways Village Hall. Cllr Bryant agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER FURTHER REPRESENTATION MADE REGARDING THE AREA OF MAGNA LAND OPPOSITE THE LONDIS SHOP, MOUNT SKIPPET WAY Cllr Russell confirmed that Magna Housing has agreed to deal with this area in the New Year. It will be levelled.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER PARISH MAINTENANCE UNITS INCENTIVE AND PREPARE ANY REQUESTS FOR WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN DECEMBER. NOTE BIENNIAL VISITS AND INSTIGATE PROGRAMME (DETAILS ATTACHED) The Clerk reported that a minor works programme was being conducted by Dorset County Council consisting of a Parish Maintenance Unit to carry out minor highway repairs. Cllr Stenning asked that Councillors identify these required repairs to the Clerk and noted that the first visit of this unit to Crossways would be in December. The Clerk was instructed to manage the programme for Crossways visits.

ACTION/COUNCILLORS/CLERK

ITEM 11 MONTHLY PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS Cllr Dullaway said that signs were not in place at play areas. It was agreed that signs reading maximum ages permitted to Combe Way and Egdon Heath would be priced and purchased. It was agreed that the see-saw at Egdon Heath was beyond economical repair and an insurance claim would be submitted.

ACTION/CLERK

ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE ANY EXPENDITURE The following expenditure was noted:

S Manuel	£414:00	Grasscutting CPC and DCC
S Manuel	£380:00	Fencing Sports field
P Stenning	£84.00	Litter collecting September

Proposed: Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Dullaway

RESOLVED

ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT MATTERS It was noted that the Tea Urn in the Pavilion was beyond economical repair the Clerk reported that a new Urn would cost in the region of £100.00. It was agreed to bring this matter forward in March when the sports field is back in use.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed (Chair) 2003