

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ON MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2003

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr T Connor, Cllr P McCartney, Cllr R Peacocke and Cllr A Brewer

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Kendrick reported that he felt that environmentally the Village is showing signs of ongoing improvement with areas around the Londis Shop, Empool Close and Hope Close still needing addressing. He reported that he had contacted the Highways Authority regarding the possibility of extending the bus stop lay-bys in Mount Skippet Way to allow for more residential parking. It was noted that there is further parking behind Hope Close, which is being under used. Cllr McCartney said this area was badly lit which encouraged vandalism and an area to which residents were wary of going. Cllr McCartney said that the area could be improved by being tarmac and having marked parking areas. Cllr Russell suggested writing to Magna about these suggestions. Cllr Russell reminded the meeting that he, and Cllr Smy were having frequent lengthy meetings with Magna, the Police and agencies and these problems are in the process of being addressed. Cllr Russell read a statement given by Inspector Mason informing all Crossways residents on procedure to deal with reporting crime and vandalism. This notice will be reproduced in the Bridge. It was reaffirmed that the Parish Council is working and continuing to work with Magna and the Police to deal with problems still being encountered.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Dullaway

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 Manuel declared an interest in Item 6, Amenities Committee, and opted to leave the room whilst this item was discussed and take no part in the decision.

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2003

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting as agreed at Full Council on the 31st July 2003 were signed.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. The Clerk was reminded to supply Mr Murgatroyd with a map showing the trees within the areas of responsibility of the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLERK

- b. Notice Boards

i. It was noted that the overgrown shrubs around the notice board in Dick o' th' Banks Road had been trimmed back.

ii. It was noted that the Notice Board in Mount Skippet Way had been vandalised again and the Clerk was instructed to initiate a repair. It was further noted that the inner board was slipping and unstable and in need of attention. Cllr Peacocke agreed to have a look and attempt to repair.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR PEACOCKE

iii. Cllr Manuel was asked to replace the Notice Board outside the Tree Stores with the one in store.

ITEM 3 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- a. Bins Memorial Park It was again reported that the bins in the Memorial Park were still not being emptied on a regular basis. The Clerk was instructed to ask Cllr Smy to speak direct to West Dorset District Council.

b. Cllr Stenning reported that during the school holidays she instructed Phil Bearman to repair, then remove the seesaw and its base from the Egdon Heath Play Area after it was vandalised. It was agreed that this seesaw was beyond economical repair and an insurance claim should be made and a repair costed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported correspondence received and sent during the previous month:

- a. Details of the local magazine, the Bridge, had been requested from and forwarded to the DAPTC (Dorset Associated of Parish and Town Councils).

- b. Response from DCC in reply to a request for speed roundels on the B3390 in Crossway. These have been placed on the roundel programme.
- c. Final payment (less maintenance amount) to John Pierson Contractors.
- d. Request for and response to resurfacing of Old Farm Way and Mount Skippet way to alleviate speeding and deter skateboarding. A negative response was received from DCC. Cllr Peacocke wished to make further representation. He was requested to send his response in writing to the Clerk for consideration by the Parish Council prior to making further representation.

ACTION/CLLR PEACOCKE

ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THAT IF FELT NECESSARY THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED WHILST THE COMMITTEE DISCUSS ITEM 6 UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

AGREED

ITEM 6 OPEN AND CONSIDER TENDER RECEIVED SHRUB AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT There was only one tender received. This tender was considered and agreed. Mr Steve Manuel’s tender, being the only tender received, and being within an acceptable budget was confirmed as the contractor.

RESOLVED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 7 CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MR PEACH TO USE PAVILION The Committee agreed that Mr Peach could use the pavilion from 8pm Saturday 3rd April until 8am Sunday 4th April at a small fee (tbc), plus a returnable deposit.

ACTION/CLERK

ITEM 8 CONSIDER SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE This item was noted and no further action required.

ITEM 9 RISK ASSESSMENT – CONSIDER MEASURES TO MONITOR PATHS AND HIGHWAYS AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL HAZARDS The Parish Council identified their areas of responsibilities and agreed that the areas in question are visited on a regular basis by the Litter Collector and he would be requested to report any potential hazards.

ACTION/CLERK

ITEM 10 REPORT UPDATE ACTION TAKEN/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ILLEGAL MOTOR CYCLING – QUARRIES Councillors received a copy of the letter received from Hanson Quarries and accepted that they are taking reasonable steps to deal with this matter. It was also accepted that motorcycling had not been heard during the preceding two weeks or so. The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from PC Withers and was instructed to tell residents to ring 999 to report this motorcycling as it is in progress. PC Withers had also further reported that this problem must lie within the Quarry Owner’s remit as it is on private land; the police could only become involved if the area had public access. The situation continues to be monitored.

PENDING

ITEM 11 CONSIDER COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION GRANT SCHEME It was agreed that the Council did not have any areas of responsibility under this heading.

RESOLVED

ITEM 12 CONSIDER MINUTES AND REPORT CROSSWAYS DEVELOPMENT WORKER STEERING GROUP/ANY ACTIONS AND CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING The Clerk confirmed that the date of the next Steering Group meeting is October 20th. Cllr Brewer expressed concern that the Community Development worker was only mirroring what was already well established within the Village. The Clerk was instructed to arrange the meeting requested at an earlier date with Steve Place from DCA to discuss the job description of the Community Worker.

After meeting note: This meeting will take place at 8.30pm following the Committee meetings on Monday 13th October.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 13 MONTHLY PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS No defects reported. Cllr Stenning informed the meeting that in the absence of Cllr Dullaway, Mr Stenning was carrying out sight inspections.

ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE ANY EXPENDITURE.

Councillors were each given a copy of the Amenities expenditure account and budget figures to date. No anomalies were seen. Approval for cheques for (a) P Stenning £33.60 (b) S Manuel £864.00 (c) Wessex Water £35.29 (d) F C Bearman £136.00 was proposed by Cllr Chubb, seconded by Cllr Russell and approved.

APPROVED

ITEM 15 ANY LATE URGENT MATTERS There were no late urgent matters.

There being no other business the meeting closed.