

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2004

Present: Cllr Russell, Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk.

Also Present: Members of the Parish Council, District Councillor Smy, Rev Durrant, Helen Boyce Head Teacher Owermoigne School and three members of the Electorate of Crossways.

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING** The Minutes of the previous meeting were noted and signed.
2. **ANY MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.
3. **REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- a. Precept has decreased by 4.5% this year; overall by 15% during the previous 4 years.
- b. Web-Site Crossways now has a web-site and the Chairman was pleased to report that it had an average of 100 'hits' per week. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bryant for his work in setting up the web-site.
- c. Planning Matters During the last year the Redbridge application was finally refused after a campaign by Crossways and surrounding villages, co-ordinated by the Parish Council. The Hybris Recycling depot was agreed despite an opposition campaign and is to date subject to variations which are being closely monitored by the Parish Council.
- d. Government Legislation The previous year saw the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act, the acceptance of the Code of Conduct and instigation of the Standards Board, and the Parish Council signed up to the Data Protection Act.
- e. Councillors and Personnel During the previous year the Parish Council reported the death of its local Play Area Inspector, Patrick Gallagher. The Reverend Perryman moved to Maiden Newton and Mr William Kendrick, the Parish Council's Environmental Liaison Officer resigned through ill health. The Chairman also reported that the Parish Councillors had been returned unopposed at the last election and that two Councillors have been co-opted and that there is still one vacancy.
- f. Projects The Play areas were re-fenced, new surfaces were put in place and major refurbishments carried out. Following requests and concerns about the sports field from the football clubs major drainage and resurfacing work was carried out and is nearing completion.
- g. Woodsford Fields The first two houses in this development were expected to be marketed shortly. The Section 106 agreement monies will be released as this happens and the Parish Council will be meeting with WDDC Officers to discuss this. The Parish Council is in the process of instigating further talks on proposed further development at Woodsford Fields which in turn will bring major benefits to Crossways.

And finally the Chairman reported that again this year Crossways gained the following awards in the Best Kept and Best Community Awards:

- a. Best Community Village Very Highly Commended. *The Chairman thanked Andrew and Mary Brewer for their hard work in putting together the Crossways's entry.*
- b. Best Kept Village Second place

A total of £125 was awarded in prize money; this was spent of refurbishing the gates to the Memorial Park.

4. **NOTICES OF MOTION** None received.
5. **QUESTIONS** None received.
6. **ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Following the official business there was be an opportunity to speak to the Head Teacher of the new School in Crossways.

The Head Teacher was asked if the planning permission for the school had been submitted and replied that had gone in on the 26<sup>th</sup> April and asked what extra curricular activities those present would like to see. A swimming pool was suggested but thought to be not viable. The Head Teacher informed the teacher that there would be two IT Suites. The Chairman asked that those present give some thought to any extra curricular needs.

The meeting closed at 7.11pm

Signed ..... Chairman ..... 2004