

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
23RD FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman), Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr T Connor, Cllr C Harriss, Cllr C Round and Cllr S Bradley

Also Present: County Councillor D Crowhurst, District Councillor T Seall and District Councillor D Smy,

Cllr Russell also welcomed to the meeting Helen Boyce, Head Teacher Owermoigne School, Ian Madgwick, Highways Engineer Dorset County Council and Scout Leader Jenny Gibson and members of the Scout Group.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None requested.

PRESENTATION BY IAN MADGWICK ON AGENDA ITEM 8 – TRAFFIC CALMING, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD

The Chairman welcomed Ian Madgwick attending the Council meeting to give his report, noting amendments to the traffic calming plans, following the public consultation day on 8th February.

Ian introduced himself stating that he had been working in Dorset as a traffic engineer for some thirty years and noted that traffic calming measures for Dick o' th' Banks Road were first thought about approximately 15 years ago. Funding from Section 106 monies from the Woodsford Fields development have enabled a limited scheme to be put in place. It was noted that a full scheme was rejected by residents because it would have necessitated street lighting which the Parish Council received a strong lobby against in May 2000. Ian reported that following the public consultation he had received some 30 written comments and these were noted. In addition to the plans shown at the public consultation Ian informed the Council and members of the public present that there would be a new priority system between Dick o' th' Banks Close and Lington Close, with extra signage, the bollards would be adjusted at the Green Lane junction, wooden posts would be placed on grass verges to prevent parking on the verges and the gateway designs changed from picket fence effect to entire brick pillars to reduce maintenance costs. Ian was confident that these measures will help to reduce the speed of traffic along Dick o' th' Banks and provide a safer route for children walking to school via the pedestrian access. Concern was raised about parents dropping off and picking up children by this pedestrian access rather than using the vehicular access along Frome Valley Road to the school. Ian explained that this would be discouraged and the school would be taking an active part in educating parents to walk to school with their children when ever possible. Walking to school is part of a national government initiative and is an ongoing project. Finally Ian confirmed that the project would be subject to regular review.

The Chairman thanked Ian for his presentation and asked that Councillors agree to move Item 7 to after Item 3 to allow Ian to leave the meeting following the Council ruling on this item. This was agreed.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crowhurst Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

Cllr Seall Cllr Seall's report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

Cllr Smy

- a. Cllr Smy noted his support for the MUGA planning application whilst noting that there had been a number of objections and concerns raised by the environmental agency.
- b. CCTV - Cllr Smy informed the meeting that he had spoken to Police Inspector Fry about mobile CCTV units. Cllr Russell noted that the Surgery and Post Office have said they would be willing to make a financial contribution to CCTV.
- c. ELECTORAL ROLL – Cllr Smy informed those present that there had been a significant number of errors and omissions on the most recent Electoral Roll. This matter was being corrected with the help of a government grant to send a team out to chase householders who have not returned there form.
- d. TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – DORCHESTER Cllr Smy confirmed that there is a pool of interested developers interested in the Charles Street development and that Parish Councils would be consulted.

REPORT BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

- a. Alan Thacker, Governor Broadmayne School, apologised for not being available at previous meetings. He reported that the school had received a very good Ofsted report and continued to be a well run happy school. The school is looking at providing for pupils needing before and after school care.

b. Owermoigne School Apologies were received from Mrs Cartwright, Governor Owermoigne School. Helen Boyce offered to make a report in her stead. Helen reported that there was concern about getting children to and from school whilst the house building continued on the roads leading to the school. This matter is being addressed. Helen also reported that the school had received a Sure Start grant for the pre and after school clubs.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllrs E Stenning and S Dullaway.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AS SHOWN ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, AND CONSIDER AMENDMENTS MADE AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATION – MR IAN MADGWICK Cllr Russell proposed that the traffic calming measures as shown at public consultation and the amendments as made following this consultation be accepted, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Brewer and unanimously agreed.

AGREED

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 26TH JANUARY The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Sports field Cllr Russell reported that he and the Vice Chairman had met with the Contractor for the sports field and he had agreed to commence further remedial works. It was further reported that Alan Brown, the Chairman of Crossways Football Club has been kept up to date with the situation regarding the football pitch

b. Office in Village for Police Cllr Russell reported that he had met with the Magna Housing Officer to discuss the possibility of using part of Crossways Court as a Police Office. This was not considered a favourable place as it was 'home' to residents and therefore not suitable. The Chair asked Councillors and those present to think of alternatives for this office. The Youth Club was suggested as was the attic accommodation at the sports pavilion.

c. Meeting with Rev Jacqui Birdseye Cllr Russell reported that he had met with Rev Birdseye who showed him the new plans for the church to be built in Crossways. These plans will be made available for public inspection as soon as possible.

d. The Chairman ended his report referring to a letter in the Dorset Echo from Mr Turtle reporting that the Council had failed to respond to a letter he had written. The Clerk was requested to check this alleged lack of response and action. * Cllr Brewer cautioned the amount of time spent by the Clerk responding to matters considered and decided some years ago. Cllr Bradley questioned articles appearing in newspapers prior to being agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Brewer stated that this was not always feasible. It was agreed that if possible all Councillors would be informed of any pending newspaper article and the Clerk was asked to bring any article involving the Council to their attention as soon as reasonably possible.

ACTION: CLERK

* Post Meeting Note: The subject of the 'unanswered' letter referred to by Mr Turtle was dealt with at the Amenities Committee meeting on May 10th 2004. Mr Turtle was informed that his letter was to be discussed at this meeting and invited to attend.

ITEM 8 TO HEAR REPORT OF MEETING WITH MR ROGER TUSTAIN, BROADWAY MALYAN – CLLR CHUBB AND CLLR RUSSELL Cllr Chubb explained that Broadway Malyan is the agent acting for Woodsford Farms who raised objections to the Local Plan to allow for limited further development at Woodsford Fields. The Parish Council has offered its support to this extra development with a view to planning gains enabling the village to have a new community/village hall as part of the Section 106, planning gain. The Parish Council has enlisted the support of Jim Knight MP in requesting that the land adjacent to the Youth Club be made available to the Village for this amenity.

ITEM 9 UPDATE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE MULTI USE GAMES AREA Councillors were informed that a correction has been forwarded to WDDC giving them the revised specifications for the floodlights which clearly state that there is only six lights, one on each mounting, six in total. It was noted that there had been a lot of misrepresentation about the MUGA, namely its size, the extent of light pollution from the floodlights, and the fact that the Council has applied for parking in Egdon Glen and Briars End. It was noted that the planning committee would be undertaking a site visit prior to making their decision on the 16th March. Cllr Russell asked if members of the Parish Council could attend?

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW CLLR SEALL TO RESPOND

Cllr Seall said that this was not permitted.

RESUME

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 18 CLYFFE VIEW The Council had no objections to this application.

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES 6TH FEBRUARY 2006 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES (ATTACHED)

- a. AMENITIES – Page 351 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 6th February 2006 were presented by Cllr Russell and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 221 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 6th February 2006 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Page 141 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 6th February January 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.

ITEM 12 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH 27TH JANUARY 2006 – 23RD FEBRUARY 2006 Income and Expenditure for the previous month was noted and expenditure agreed. Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Russell:

	£
Sports Field Report	1057.50
Litter Collector	202.00
Salary Clerk	714.68
Inland Revenue	174.30
Viking Direct	36.75
BT	84.96
Wessex Water	31.86

Cllr Brewer advised that to avoid late payment penalties BT, Wessex Water and British Gas Payments could be made by Direct Debit. The Clerk was tasked to set these debits up.

AGREED

ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT BUSINESS Cllr Peacocke reported that he had written to Jim Knight MP a letter regarding the black economy; he was requested to forward a copy to the Clerk.

ITEM 14 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING (THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2006) Confirmed Cllr Seall gave her apologies for this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed Chairman 2006