

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JUNE AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

a. Residents of areas under discussion regarding playing of ball games on open spaces reiterated their case for allowing ball games. Cllr Russell reminded them of the lengthy discussions previously made regarding these areas and decisions made and went on to inform those parents of the safe areas of play, the sports field and the field at the Youth Club. Contact had been made by the Clerk to the Youth Leader in Charge who confirmed that the Youth Club Management Committee would have no problem with this. Cllr Russell stated that the Parish Council continue to work towards safe play and amenity areas and updated progress towards the installation of the Multi Use Games Area.

b. **Mineral workings – Land at Egdon House** A member of the public asked about the proposed excavations at Egdon House. Cllr Chubb informed those present that the Parish Council requested a meeting with Aggregate Industries regarding these proposals and was informed that the proposals are not finalized and when they are the Parish Council will be consulted. The Parish Council obtained copies of the licence for these workings refused in 1958 but granted following an appeal in 1960. This document remains extant. Cllr Chubb said the Parish Council will liaise closely with Aggregate Industries to ensure that provisions are made to alleviate the impact on Crossways.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER Not present

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllrs Crowhurst, Seall and Smy.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS None present.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Peacocke and Cllr Stenning.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Brewer declared a non pecuniary interest in matters pertaining to the Village Hall.

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (MAY 26TH 2005) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. **Sports Field, Dick o' th' Banks Road** Cllr Russell reported that the Councillors and Richard Grygeil had met again with John Pierson, the Contractor for the works on the sports field, to discuss further the unsatisfactory condition of the field. The Contractor agreed to take remedial steps to improve the condition and also agreed to take a soil sample. The Contractor also agreed to re-turf the goal mouth areas. This matter continues to be monitored.

b. **Road Closure – Wessex Water** Cllr Russell reported that he had met with officials of Wessex Water to discuss the difficulties being experienced by residents because of the road closures. He was informed the road would be opened by 8th July. Cllr Russell also informed those present that Wessex Water had not yet be given permission to go under the railway line.

c. **Village Hall** - Cllr Russell reported the updated position regarding the heating for the Village Hall. A tender has been accepted and a 90% grant obtained from the landfill tax. The remainder of the costs (10%) will be funded by fund raising and, as previously agreed, any short fall will be made up by the Parish Council under the LGA (Local Government Act) Section 137 provision. It was agreed that the Parish Council will initially pay the 10% deposit required and monies raised by fund raising will be given back to the Council. This expenditure will be taken to the Finance & Administration Committee for ratifying.

PROPOSED Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Manuel

AGREED

d. **Quality Parish Council** Cllr Russell expressed his wish that Crossways would become a Quality Parish by next year and stated that the Council fills 15 on the stated criteria but did not meet the criteria of an 100 elected membership. The Parish Council has 10 members and would need 11 members to stand for re-election 2006. The Parish Council has one vacancy. A further criteria needing to be met is a suitably certified Certificate in Local Council Administration for the Clerk. This is in progress.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AT DAPTC EMERGENCY PLANNING DAY SATURDAY 16th JULY 2005 10AM-4PM Cllr Brewer agreed to attend.

ITEM 7 REPORT YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – CLLR DULLAWAY

Cllr Dullaway reported that the numbers attending the Youth Club were encouraging reporting that improvements have been made to the Youth Centre; new kitchen, new disabled access and two new staff members. The Management Committee questioned why the Parish Council had not considered the field at the Youth Club for the site of the proposed MUGA. It was confirmed that previously the Parish Council had asked to this land and been refused. Cllr Dullaway ended her report stating that generally all is well with the Youth Club and they are hoping to open at times during the summer months.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER REPORT DCA COMMUNITY WORKER RACHELLE SMITH Noted

ITEM 9 CONSIDER DESIGNATING OPEN SPACES NO BALL GAMES AREAS IN THE INTEREST OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF RESIDENTS The Council further discussed these open spaces and carefully noted and considered all points, both for and against, put forward by residents living close by the areas in question and result of surveys done. In relation to the area of green in Woodsford Close it was noted that this area was different being split by two driveways and consideration was given to planting shrubs bordering these driveways. Cllr Chubb reminded those present that the Council was responsible for Health & Safety issues and risk assessments must be considered. Cllr Russell added that the problem of ball games on greens has been revisited following police requests. The following was proposed:

“The Parish Council will not allow ball games on open spaces adjacent to any road with a 30mph (or lower) speed limit with the proviso excluding open space in Woodsford Close which will be monitored for a period of three months then if agreed suitable plants/shrubs will be planted 2’ from edge on the southerly drive”

Proposed: Cllr Chubb, seconded Cllr Round

AGREED (UNANIMOUS)

ITEM 10 ACCEPT AUDIT AND FINDINGS YEAR END 04 AND FORMALLY MINUTE ACCEPTANCE

(CLLR BREWER TO REPORT) Councillors were provided with a copy of the external auditors report. Following a report by Cllr Brewer it was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Russell that, subject to actions noted the completed audit be accepted.

AGREED

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES JUNE 13th 2005 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a. **AMENITIES** - Page 339-340 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 13th June 2005 were presented by Cllr Russell and duly accepted.

b. **PLANNING** - Page 213 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 13th June 2005 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.

c. **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** - Page 135 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 13th June 2005 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted

ITEM 12 FINANCE REPORT AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE Income and expenditure for the previous month, (May 26th – June 30th) was noted and approved:

Petty Cash Top Up	£250.87
SLCC Regional Conference	£ 38.00
External Audit	£411.25
Litter Collector	£ 97.00
Salary Clerk	£714.67
Inland Revenue	£174.31
Grass Cutting Agency/CPC	£944.00
DAPTC Membership	£358.12
British Gas	£ 61.82

**THESE
MINUTES**

Proposed: Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Chubb **AGREED**

ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS Cllr Brewer reported progress of the fund raising for the heating and insulation of the Village Hall. Councillors agreed to enter a skittles team, Cllr Chubb offered to pay the entrance fee as a donation.

ITEM 14 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING JULY 28TH 2005 Confirmed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

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Signed (Chairman) 2005

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