

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2005 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman), Cllr Brewer, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Manuel, Cllr Peacocke and Cllr Dullaway.

Also Present: County Councillor D Crowhurst and District Councillor D Smy.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public information announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD Questions were asked about the proposed extension the Pavilion on the sports field Dick o' th' Banks Road and the siting of teenage shelters on the sports field adjacent to the Pavilion, the member of public raising these questions felt that having teenage shelters would only serve to increase the incidences of vandalism. Cllr Russell confirmed that the matter of the teenage shelters, sited at any location, was subject to many objections and concerns and has been put in abeyance. Concern was raised about alleged teenage bullying at the Youth Club and vandalism of private property. The Youth Club member, Cllr Dullaway, agreed to take these concerns forward. Cllr Russell stressed that incidences of vandalism and intimidation are of concern to the Council but the residents must take steps to help themselves by reporting these matters to the Police, referring those present to the Bridge articles published by the Council, and to setting up neighbourhood watches.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER Community Police Officer not present.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Apologies were received from Cllr Seall)

Cllr Crowhurst offered to speak to the officers at the Youth Club about concerns raised in public participation. Cllr Crowhurst's full report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

Cllr Smy apologised for his absence from recent meetings due to ill health. Cllr Smy stressed that there was no easy answer to social crime and reported that Dorset had the lowest crime rate. Cllr Smy congratulated the Parish Council on its precept stating that West Dorset District Council's precept had not yet been set but a 4-5% increase is anticipated. Cllr Smy further informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting, in London, on child poverty, reported on the Dorchester transport plans and was in contact with the Head Teacher of Owermoigne School regarding the status of the school for Crossways plan.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS No Governors present.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Stenning, Cllr Harriss and Cllr Crowe.

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

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (NOVEMBER 25th 2004) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. **Cllr Bryant** Cllr Russell reported with regret the resignation of Cllr Bryant. The Clerk was instructed to write on behalf of the Council a valedictory letter to Cllr Bryant acknowledging his valuable service to Crossways Parish Council as Councillor and Chairman of Finance.
- b. **Multi Use Games Area and Cricket Pitch** Cllr Russell reported that the CAEA (Crossways Area Environment Committee) administering the Landfill Tax grants have agreed, in principle, to a grant of £90,000 for the provision of a Multi Use Games Area (subject to conditions) and agreed to a grant of £4808.00 for the provision of an artificial cricket wicket.

c. **The MAD Document for Crossways** Cllr Russell referred to the MAD document produced by the Parish Council in 1999 following a survey and provided an update as follows:

Requested	Achieved
Improved Litter collection	A litter collector is employed.
An improved Bus Service	Achieved
Employment	Continued new businesses in the Hybris
Removal of Llandi Trees Village Centre	Achieved
A school for Crossways	Achieved
Improved sports facilities	Provision a MUGA in progress
Improved health facilities	Achieved
Chiropody Services	Existing
Chemist	Pharmacy in Surgery

Councillor Russell referred also the WDDC Sports strategy which showed the need for improved sports facilities which is being addressed by the Parish Council in the proposals for a MUGA.

d. **Football Pitch** Cllr Russell reported that there are considerable problems with the sports field with stones breaking through the surface culminating in the football teams withdrawing, temporarily, from playing. The Contractor has been recalled.

e. **Owermoigne School** Cllr Russell reported that the Clerk had recently been in touch with the Head Teacher for an update on the school and was informed that a meeting will be taking place with architects soon. The Head Teacher asked for a representative from the Parish Council to sit on a committee she is forming to fully explore the role of the school in Crossways. Cllr Dullaway agreed to sit on this committee.

f. **MUGA Working Party** It was reported that at the last meeting of the MUGA Working Party it was agreed that the proposed MUGA would be 40m x 35m consisting of two tennis courts, basket ball courts, Junior and senior football training, hockey area, netball courts and seven a side football court. These requirements and positioning will depend on access, lighting and health and safety.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk distributed a print out of correspondence sent during the previous month to all Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Russell and agreed by Council that this print out would only be attached to the main and library copy of the minutes to save unnecessary paper and printing costs.

ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT BY RACHELLE SMITH DCA Cllr Dullaway questioned why help and support is not given to the other play group in Crossways and a biased situation seems to exist in the matter of funding assistance.

ITEM 8 TO AGREE THE STREET NUMBERING OF THE PROPERTY UNDER CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN 2 DICK O' TH BANKS ROAD AND 36 COMBE WAY AS 2d DICK O' TH' BANDS ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MRS BRINSON OF 10 BINGHAMS ROAD The Parish Council agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 9 TO NOTE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT GENERAL RIGHT OF ACCESS – JANUARY 2005 It was proposed by Cllr Dullaway, seconded by Cllr Russell that the matter of charges to be considered in conjunction with the act be taken to Finance & Administration Committee for setting and agreeing.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 10 CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS OF EXISTING USE OR DEVELOPMENT – SKIPPETS HEATH, WARMWELL ROAD, WARMWELL The Parish Council had no objections or observations to this application.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS OF EXISTING USE OF THE LAND – WOODSFORD HANGERS, MORETON ROAD CROSSWAYS The Council had no objections to this plan but asked for consideration be given by Highways to the vehicular access/exit point on the Link Road.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 12 RECEIVE COMMENTS VIEWS ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE The questionnaire was considered a comprehensive document and the Council looked forward to its findings. Cllr Chubb stated that he felt any proposal to install public toilets in Crossways would encourage drug use and vandalism. Cllr Russell reported that he had received complaints that the questionnaire was too intrusive. It was noted that is was regrettable that some questions referred directly to the Parish Council and were felt to be unnecessary. It was further noted that it was regrettable that questions refereed to organisations without prior consultations.

ITEM 13 TO SIGN AMENDED COPY OF THE AUDIT REPORT AND NOTE CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS AS REQUESTED BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR The Clerk explained the reasons and responses received from the external auditor and informed the Council of the amendments required. It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Chubb that the amended copy be signed.

ACTION CLERK

ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES JANUARY 10TH 2005 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

- a. AMENITIES - Page 330-332 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 10th January 2005 were presented by Cllr Russell and accepted.
- b. PLANNING - Page 207 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 10th January 2005 were presented by Cllr Chubb and accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Page 130 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee were presented by Cllr Russell

ITEM 15 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR PREVIOUS MONTH AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO DATE Expenditure for the previous month was noted and approved as follows: (inclusive of VAT)

	£
Councillor Expenses	50.00
Salary Clerk	709.70
Inland Revenue	353.20
British Gas	48.86
Bibby Factors (Tea Urn)	93.99
SLCC Membership	105.00
Edward Sports	411.26
Edward Sports	47.00
Viking Direct	79.71
BT	86.59
Petty Cash	197.60
S Manuel	435.00
Cleaner Pavilion	30.00
Litter Collector	194.80
Data Protection Renewal	35.00
Century 21 Photocopier Hire	98.70

Payment proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Dullaway agreed

APPROVED

ITEM 16 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS Cllr Chubb informed the meeting that he had attended the planning appeal in the matter of Heathfield, Warmwell Road and reminded Parish Council of their objections. The appeal is ongoing.

ITEM 17 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING (FEBRUARY 24TH 2005) Confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

Signed (Chairman) 2005