

## **MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Ron Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Daphne Bearman and Cllr Kathy Foster

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** There were no public information announcements.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

a. Mrs Bridget Syms advised that a concrete bench in the area of the Memorial Park behind Bingham Road and Spitfire Close was damaged and the screws present were extending out of the bench. It was also noted that the one of the bins in the park was full and at the back of Old Farm Way the foliage was encroaching on to the pavement abutting the B3390. The Clerk agreed to action these points.

**ACTION: CLERK**

b. Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that a problem expressed by Mr Griffiths regarding parking problems at the lower end of Woodsford Road had been left off the agenda in error and advised that with the Council's agreement this would be addressed as a late urgent item. Cllr Connor, speaking as a member of the public, informed the Council of the problems being experienced by car owners parking on the road and on traffic calming opposite the garage entrance in that this parking was restricting the view of vehicles emerging from Woodsford Close and the garage entrance. Mr Griffiths is asking for Council support to have yellow lines installed in this area.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER (IF AVAILABLE)** There were no Police Officers available.

**REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER** Apologies were received from Kris Hallett. A copy of Kris's report was supplied to Councillors and is attached to the main and Library copy of these minutes.

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst. A copy of Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached to the main and Library copy of these minutes.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Apologies were received from District Councillor Read. A copy of Cllr Seall's report is attached to the main and Library copy of these minutes.

### **THE MEETING**

**ITEM 1 TO FILL BY CO-OPTION AND MAJORITY VOTE A VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT (MRS DAPHNE BEARMAN)** It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Thomas that Mrs Bearman be accepted as a co-opted member on to the Council. Cllr Bearman signed the Declaration of Office and acceptance of the Code of Conduct witnessed by the Clerk and took her seat on the Council.

**ITEM 2 TO FILL BY CO-OPTION AND MAJORITY VOTE A VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT (MRS KATHY FOSTER)** It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Stenning that Mrs Foster be accepted as a co-opted member on to the Council. Cllr Foster signed the Declaration of Office and acceptance of the Code of Conduct witnessed by the Clerk and took her seat on the Council.

The Chairman welcomed both Councillors to the Council and wished them well.

**ITEM 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Bache.

### **ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

a. Cllr Brewer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 15b as a Group Scout Leader in that land adjacent to the site identified is owned by the Scout Organisation. Cllr Brewer declared that he would take no part in this item and would leave the room prior to this item being discussed.

b. Cllr Harris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 in that he is an Allotment Holder and Committee Member. Cllr Harris elected to leave the room prior to this item being discussed.

c. Cllr Connor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Late Urgent Item in the matter of Woodsford Road Cllr Connor elected to leave the room prior to this item being discussed.

**ITEM 5 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

**ITEM 6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009** The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Connor                      **AGREED**

**ITEM 7 MATTERS ARISING**

Item 12 The Clerk advised Councillors that she had received no response to various requests for historical information/pictures maps etc for the Information Board in the Memorial Park and advised that for a Company to research and supply the information and install an Information Board would be in the region of £2000.00. It was agreed that the Council would form a Working Party to collate this information.

**ACTION: CLLR THOMAS/CLLR ARNOLD**

**ITEM 8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** I noted that the new owners of Tree Stores had erected a Christmas Tree and that this gesture should be noted and a letter of thanks sent. During the recent snowy conditions the gritting seemed adequate although there was lack of gritting of pavements. Magna Housing said they will supply grit but cannot lay the grit due to potential litigation problems. The extreme weather has also left an increased number of pot holes. These holes can be reported on the Dorsetforyou web site. The Council continues to receive complaints about dog faeces, at the Council's request the Dog Warden has visited and placed notices on the area around the School and I will be meeting with the Maj Gen Bond and the Dog Warden, Sue Gibson to discuss signing of the road to the Village Hall another highlighted area. Finally regarding the MUGA/Skatebowl the Council is waiting for the final conditions to be agreed. A news letter has been delivered to properties surrounding the sports field and to date no responses or queries have been received.

**ITEM 9 TO RECONSIDER HAVING THE PARISH MEETING (22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2010) ON A NIGHT SEPARATE FROM THE APRIL MEETING (29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010) – CLLR BREWER** Cllr Brewer stated that he felt a separate meeting night for the Parish Meeting was not needed noting past lack of attendance. Cllr Arnold suggested advertising the meeting in the local press stating that he felt residents have concerns need to be expressed at this meeting. Discussion was held to increase past poor attendance. The Clerk advised that low attendance at Parish Meetings was not uncommon. Cllr Brewer suggested a guest speaker might be included.

(a) Cllr Thomas proposed that the meeting remain as a separate meeting, seconded by Cllr Arnold.

(b) Cllr Brewer proposed this meeting is held on the same night as the Council meeting, seconded by Cllr Stenning.

A vote was taken on proposal (a) 5 for 4 against, the vote negated proposal (b).                      **AGREED: NO CHANGE**  
Arrangements for the Parish Meeting will be taken forward to the February agenda                      **ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 10 TO AGREE TO SUBSIDISE THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY BY WAIVING THE FIRST SIX MONTH RENT PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £50.00** *Cllr Harris left the room.* Cllr Brewer advised the meeting that the Allotment Society had just held their AGM and the Council has received a copy of the report, accounts and details of newly elected officers. It was agreed that the Council recognise the achievements of the outgoing officers Anne Jane and Elizabeth Callister who had worked very hard in the inaugural year of the Allotments. Cllr Arnold advised that the Allotment rent should not be a cost to the ratepayer and therefore should not be waived.

Cllr Brewer proposed a grant of £50.00 be made from the Section 137 budget, seconded by Cllr Arnold

**AGREED**

**ITEM 11 REPORT WOODSFORD FIELDS QUARRY LIAISON MEETING 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - CLLR ARNOLD** Councillors were each given a copy of the minutes of the meeting. Cllr Arnold had nothing to add to this report.

**ITEM 12 PRELIMINARY REPORT QUARRY LIAISON MEETING 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 – CLLR ARNOLD** Cllr Arnold spoke regarding the vehicular exit from the quarry and questioned why an alternative exit via the Purbeck boundary of the Quarry could not be used. It was noted that the subject of exiting HGV traffic was dealt with at the planning stage and the Council sought agreement that all traffic turn right when exiting the Quarry towards the A35 By Pass. Cllr Arnold suggesting writing to DCC to express dissatisfaction that all traffic was not obeying this agreement. Cllr Harris suggesting involving neighbouring Parishes affected by HGV traffic.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 13 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE TO BERE REGIS COUNCIL IN THE MATTER OF B3390 (ITEM 13 FULL COUNCIL 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER REFERS)** Noted, the Clerk was requested to advise Warmwell Parish of this response.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 14 REPORT SPORTS FIELD INSPECTION IF APPLICABLE – CLLR ARNOLD** Cllr Arnold advised that a survey requested, in January, had been postponed due to the snow and road conditions and the football clubs had contacted Cllr Read who met with officers from WDDC on the Sports Field. Cllr Stenning asked for a copy of the report of this meeting. Concern was expressed that District Councillor Cllr Read was holding meetings without the Council's knowledge. Cllr Harris asked that Cllr Read be asked to forward all correspondence/reports in the matter of the sports field to the Clerk.

**AGREED/ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. 1/D/09/002065 17 GREEN LANE – DEMOLISH GARAGE AND ERECT EXTENSION The Council had no comment on this application.

*Cllr Brewer left the room*

b. 1/D/09/002067 CROSSWAYS PIT, REDBRIDGE ROAD, CROSSWAYS, DORCHESTER – Development of land without complying with condition 2 of Planning Permission 1/D/2007/2158 and the variation of condition 2 to extend the date by which the development shall cease until 30 September 2010 – VICE CHAIRMAN CLLR ARNOLD TO LEAD Comments were forwarded, drafted by Cllr Arnold, as follows:

Development started on this site in 1980 and Crossways residents have had to endure heavy lorries passing through the village for 30 years. They are keen to see this development completed. An application was granted to extend the previously extended deadline to 31/12/2009 for the completion of mineral extraction and infilling of the Crossways Pit. We understand that this has not been possible due to delays in obtaining Planning Permission to relocate.

We ask 3 questions of you.

- a. Is this alleged delay due to WDDC or to the Applicant?
- b. Is the inability to obtain Planning Permission on another site a valid reason for not complying with the Planning Condition?
- c. Has the Applicant obtained the “Agreement in writing by the MPA” referred to in the Duration of Consent in the Grant of Planning Permission?

Regarding the variation to extend further the completion date from 31/12/09 to 30/9.2010; can it be made a condition that the Applicant should give priority to the completion of this work rather than pursuing other matters and that this should be the last extension to be granted. Obviously the site needs to be completed to an acceptable standard. It is felt by many residents in Crossways that extending the deadline might continue ad infinitum.

Proposed: Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED

**ITEM 16 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 – 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010** Expenditure was noted as follows: (Inclusive of VAT where applied)

	£
Salary Clerk (December)	
Inland Revenue	274.65
WDDC Rates	35.00
Century 21 Photocopier Hire	103.50
DAPTC Training	10.00
Salary Clerk (January)	
Inland Revenue	274.45
Nildram Broadband	17.18
S Manuel (Grass Cutting)	400.00
Southern Electric (Pavilion)	27.54
SLCC Membership	81.00 (Adjusted for overpayment)
DATA Protection Registration	35.00
Hardy Tree Surgeon	368.00
Nildram Broadband	15.99
Litter Collector (3 Months)	348.00
Cleaning Pavilion	80.00

Proposed: Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Thomas

AGREED

**ITEM 17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010** Noted and agreed.

**ITEM 18 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION**

*Cllr Connor left the room.*

a. Complaint re parking lower end Woodsford Road Councillors agreed that this issue was cause for concern but were aware of setting a precedent for yellow lines without first seeking further advice. It was agreed to seek advice from Inspector Fry as to the best way ahead. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Griffiths of the Council’s actions and seek advice or action from Inspector Fry.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed ..... Chairman ..... 2010