

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2008

Present : Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer (Vice Chairman) , Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr (Mrs) Thelma Smith, Cllr Abi Scard, Cllr Barry Thomas and Cllr Ron Arnold

Also present: District Councillor Peter Read and District Councillor Teresa Seall

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public information announcements

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

a. Mr Bill Kendrick advised the public that he had attended a meeting at the Warmwell Quarry to discuss the future of the quarry. Mr Kendrick advised those present that there was some 573 acres to be restored when the quarry ceases operations in 6 years time. Mr Kendrick spoke about his concerns regarding speeding lorries along the B3390. Cllr Arnold questioned the issue of the licences for the Council Depot on Redbridge Lane. Cllr Read replied that that the depot has a licence of lawful use and the Highways Agency has no objections to this therefore WDDC could not prevent the continued use of the Depot. Mr Kendrick went on to speak about a SID (Speed Indicator Device) and funds available for this. The Clerk replied that the Council had met with the responsible officer at DCC at subsequently was informed that Crossways did not meet the criteria for a SID. PC Charlie Dale questioned this refusal and the Clerk gave him the name of the officer concerned (Rob Camp). In conclusion Mr Kendrick informed the meeting that he had recently attended a meeting of the Church Committee and stated that there was a good possibility that the Church/Community building will go ahead.

b. Hilary Marett asked about the Playing Field Policy statement as referred to in previous minutes. The Clerk said she would attempt to do this over the Christmas recess.

Post meeting note: Cllr Stenning offered to liaise with Hilary Marett to work on this document.

Hilary Marett questioned the necessity of the reporting of the public participation period in the minutes. The Clerk replied that historically the public participation period was minuted and if the Council wish to stop this reporting the Council would have to give clear direction.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER PC Charlie Dale informed the meeting that in the preceding three month period there had been no reports of burglary or criminal damage. PC Dale noted that PCSO Vickie Hedges had worked hard monitoring drivers. Mrs Platt reported incidences of Magna workers doing hard brake turns and driving fast around the Housing Association area. The Police have been notified. PC Dale concluded that overall rural areas are relatively good places to live. Councillor Connor said she felt that speed checks on lorries undertaken at 6am do not catch offenders as it is too early. PC Dale asked that the company names of offending lorries is noted and forwarded.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Apologies were received from Kris Hallett; a copy of Kris's report is attached.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllr Teresa Seall.

Cllr Peter Read reported the following:

Cllr Read spoke about the financial uncertainty and the concerns of the District Council. It was noted that the Council has 28 million on deposit and this has only been marginally affected, investment in property is resulting in losses. It was also noted that the Pension Fund previously at 109% had fallen to 91%. Cllr Read advised the meeting that work on the Skate Park facilities at Dorchester has now started with the completion date in time for the half term break in February. The official opening is due to take place in April. Cllr Read advised those present that he had attended the quarry presentation; a two day event, advising that the restoration process will include sailing noting that within the scheme some areas not so far allocated might be available for other public use and that he will be trying to obtain land for community use. Cllr Read advised those present that WDDC are due to have a review of housing; at present houses are not being built in rural areas because to the need to provide affordable housing. The policy previously issued which prevented further development will be reviewed. Cllr Read advised that the Planning Policy Group has received a Village Plan statement and this was available on the web site. In conclusion Cllr Read stated he had received adverse comments in the matter of the Hippy Field and has contacted planning enforcement and will prepare a formal letter to compel the owners to take action.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies for absence; all Councillors present.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest

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

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE None to report.

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 30TH OCTOBER 2008 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Dave Smith

AGREED

ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman's Report to follow.

ITEM 8 UPDATE ON LIBRARY ISSUES – CLLR RHODES Cllr Rhodes reminded Councillors of the new opening hours which were agreed following the decision not to run the Library with volunteers. Cllr Rhodes reported that she had been advised by the Librarian that she has been prevented from having volunteers on a Saturday morning. Cllr Stenning and Cllr Arnold questioned why the Librarian was prevented from accepting the help volunteered on a Saturday. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC to question this.

After meeting note: The Chairman spoke to the Librarian and it was agreed to delay any action on this until the New Year as the situation as not clear.

PENDING

ITEM 9 TO AGREE A CHARGE TO WDDC FOR THE HIRE OF THE SPORTS PAVILION ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER TO BE USED AS A POLLING STATION 0600HRS – 2230HRS (SUBJECT TO ELECTION BEING CALLED) It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Stenning that the Council charge £60.00 for this facility.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL CTTEE DATED 10TH NOVEMBER 2008 AND UPDATE REPORT MEETING 24TH NOVEMBER 2008 The minutes of the meeting were signed, subject to the amendment, and accepted as a true record,

Proposed: Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

In the matter of the 24th November meeting Cllr Brewer advised that the planning had been discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Thomas, Cllr Arnold, and Mr Graham Walker would prepare plans for submission to WDDC. Cllr Brewer proposed this action is agreed.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 07/08 UNDER AUDIT COMMISSION ACT 1998 ACCOUNT AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2006 – COPY SECTION 3 EXTERNAL AUDITORS CERTIFICATE AND OPINION ATTACHED (FULL REPORT PREVIOUSLY SENT UNDER ITEM 24 MINUTES JULY 31ST 2008 - COPY AVAILABLE ON REQUEST) The auditors report was noted and members were advised that the external auditor had raised no queries or concerns. Cllr Brewer congratulated the Clerk on another trouble free audit and proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by Cllr Stenning

AGREED

ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR TEM 13.

AGREED

ITEM 13 PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 09/10 CLLR BREWER - FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO STANDING ORDERS Cllr Brewer advised those present that a meeting had been held with Councillors to consider the Council's budget and put forward pre-precept requests. Cllr Brewer spoke about the interest of income from the Section 106 money and advised that the interest may not be a high as expected, also that basic services are expected to increase and these factors should lead to a cautious view on proposed expenditure; it is noted that with the slow on building at Woodsford Fields will affect the number of properties paying Council Tax at a time when expenditure could rise; these are factors in the proposed increase on the precept. Cllr Brewer advised that the play area will need some attention and to cover this cost the Council may need to use open space money on deposit (Sect 106) also due for a new three year contract is grass cutting and maintenance. Cllr Brewer stated that a precept of £36,501.00 would be needed, an increase of 5.60% on last year's precept. Councillor Brewer asked for any questions. Mrs Fleur Chitson asked how much

money the Council had on deposit; she was advised to e mail her enquiry to the Clerk for a response. Hilary Marett questioned the feasibility of raising money by advertising on bus shelters noting that the Isle of Wight raises money this way. The Clerk offered to pursue this possibility. Mrs Jo Maidment asked that the Council publish an account of their activities. It was noted that a report is written monthly in the Bridge. Further reporting will be considered. Cllr Scard asked about Section 137 monies and who was eligible to claim and is the availability of this money properly advertised. It was agreed that the provision of this money is dealt with when/if requested and each case considered on its merits. It was agreed that a section of the Bridge report would advise residents of this facility. Cllr Arnold asked how many hits the web site receives; this will be advised.

There being no other questions the Council resumed Standing Orders

ITEM 14 ACCEPT PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR 09/10 It was proposed by Councillor Brewer, seconded by Cllr Arnold that the precept for the year 09/10 be accepted. A copy of the precept proposal is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

AGREED

ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a. 1/D/08/002024 25 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD – DEVELOP LAND BY ERECTION OF A BUNGALOW AND DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE No objections

Proposed: Cllr D Smith seconded Cllr Arnold

AGREED

ITEM 16 TO HEAR DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED Planning applications granted and refused were reported.

ITEM 17 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 30th OCTOBER – 27TH NOVEMBER 2008 Income and expenditure were noted; proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed. (It was noted that on the report to Councillors supplied the income and expenditure details were transposed).

| | Income £ | Expenditure £ |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Salary Clerk | | 730.65 |
| British Legion (Poppy Wreath) | | 35.00 |
| Inland Revenue (PAYE) | | 302.20 |
| S Manuel (Grass Cutting) | | 487.00 |
| CYPF (Donation) Outside Agency | 500.00 | |
| Nildram Broadband | | 28.71 |
| Fleetline Markers | | 161.57 |
| Loc Out Security Pavilion | | 146.88 |
| Petty Cash Top Up | | 178.41 |

ITEM 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29th January 2009

AGREED

ITEM 19 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S None requested.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.40