

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 7PM IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD**

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr S Dullaway, Cllr L Crowe, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr J Chubb and Cllr T Connor.

Also present: Richard Grygiel

GENERAL AGENDA

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**\_ There were no members of the public present

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr A Brewer and Cllr C Harriss.

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

**ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005** Confirmed

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

**ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004)** The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

**ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 3 CLLR STENNING'S REPORT** Cllr Stenning had no report to make not covered within the agenda.

**ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Item 4a Page 329 Minutes dated 8<sup>th</sup> November – The Clerk reported that she had received a response regarding the Council's request for a contribution towards litter collecting. Copy attached. The Council expressed their disappointment in Magna's refusal to assist. The Clerk was instructed to reply asking for details of the Caretaker's round and to restate the considerable amount of cleaning undertaken by the Council's litter collector particularly in the area surrounding the shop in Mount Skippet Way.

ACTION: CLERK

b. Item 4b Page 329 Minutes dated 8<sup>th</sup> November – Cllr Manuel stated that he had not be able to satisfactorily replace rubber on the boards forming a square by the gate and was still looking into this matter. Cllr Manuel also reported that the self closing gate in Pauls Way play area was proving difficult to deal with and he will re-look at this.

**ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER WAY AHEAD AND MEASURES WITH REGARD TO COMPLAINTS OF STONES/FOREIGN OBJECTS REPORTED FOUND ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH.**

**CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION** Cllr Russell reported that he had spoken to members of the football teams and they agreed to check the field prior to each game and they expressed a wish to continue to play incorporating these inspections. It was agreed that Richard Grygiel would meet with Cllr Manuel to inspect the field and that a further meeting would be arranged with John Pierson, the contractor. Cllr Bryant suggested that the football teams inspect the field prior to playing and sign a declaration of having done so and being satisfied with the inspection. Richard Grygiel agreed to arrange this. The Council asked if the football teams felt the field should be closed. This was not wanted.

As an extra item Cllr Russell expressed concern about the very bad condition of the area of pitch used by the football teams for training and that the goal posts were not being moved around to preserve the condition of the

field. Richard Grygiel responded that it was not possible to use different area because of the lighting. Cllr Russell asked the Committee members to agree that training be stopped this proposal was seconded by Cllr Chubb.

**ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER INSTALLING A REPLACEMENT CONTROL PANEL TO THE SECURITY SYSTEM AT A COST OF £210.00 (PLUS VAT) AS RECOMMENDED BY LOC OUT SECURITY SYSTEMS DUE TO FREQUENT BREAKDOWNS** It was proposed by Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Stenning that a replacement panel be installed.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR REGULAR PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS FROM DIJON SERVICES AND SWINGS & SLIDES PLAYGROUNDS** It was proposed by Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Chubb and agreed that Dijon Services would be given this contract.

ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY MRS RUNYEARD – SEE SECTION MARKED FOR AMENITIES IN LETTER ATTACHED** It was agreed that the section of land referred to in Mrs Runyard's letter was privately owned. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mrs Runyard that regrettably this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 9 UPDATE MUGA WORKING PARTY – CLLR RUSSELL** Cllr Russell reported that he and the Clerk had met with Mr Wyatt Paul in his capacity as Chairman of the CAEA dealing with the landfill tax. Mr Paul asked that the Council put in a provisional application to enable the CAEA Committee to consider 'setting aside' a sum for Crossways. Cllr Russell also informed the meeting that he had asked Mr Paul if the area of land, 11 metres x 55 metres, at the Briars End of the sports field could be released to the Parish Council. Mr Paul offered to consider this matter. The Committee were reminded that the next meeting of the MUGA Working Party would be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER EXACT LOCATION OF TEENAGE SHELTERS ON MEMORIAL PARK (SUBJECT TO COVENANT PERMISSIONS) AND SPORTS FIELD AND CONSIDER OPTIONS – COPY OF LETTER TO SWEET UK AND ENCLOSURE SENT AS COPY TO COUNCILLORS 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER REFERS** The Council considered correspondence received from Maj Gen Bond, in the matter of the covenant on the Memorial Park and from a resident of Briars End. The Council agreed to hold the matter of installing teenage shelters in abeyance.

**ITEM 11 ADVISE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR CRICKET SQUARE** The Clerk reported that quotations had been received to install a cricket square on the sports field. Cllr Bryant raised an objection to proceeding with an application for funding and the installation of a cricket square prior to confirmation of there being sufficient space in view of the proposed MUGA. Cllr Russell proposed that the application for funding for the cricket square proceeds; Cllr Peacocke seconded this proposal.

Cllr Bryant requested a recorded vote, this request was seconded by Cllr Russell. The motion was to proceed with the funding application to install a cricket square on the sports field:

For: Cllr Crowe, Cllr Dullaway, Cllr Peacocke, Cllr Manuel, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Stenning, Cllr Russell

Against: Cllr Bryant

Abstained: Cllr Connor

AGREED/ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 12 CONSIDER FEES PAYABLE BY PANTOMIMERS TO RENT ROOM ONLY AT SPORTS PAVILION 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.** It was proposed by Cllr Peacocke, seconded by Cllr Russell that the Pantomimers pay £5.00 per session.

AGREED

**ITEM 13 CONSIDER JUDGES COMMENTS FOR THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS 2004**  
The comments were noted. It was agreed to instruct Steve Manuel to weed kill around the Pavilion area in May.

**ITEM 14 MONTHLY PLAY AREA REPORTS** Cllr Dullaway was unable to complete an inspection prior to the meeting.

**ITEM 15 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE** The Clerk issued a budget report to all members. Cllr Bryant went through the report to explain the new, Sage, system. The following expenditure for the Amenities Committee was noted and agreed:

a. British Gas (Pavilion)	£48.86
b. Bibby Factors (Tea Urn)	£93.99
c. Edward Sports (Goal Posts)	£411.26
d. Edward Sports (Goal Post supports)	£47.00
e. S Manuel Grass Cutting	£435.00
f. Litter Collector	£194.80

AGREED

**ITEM 16 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS**

a. Cllr Peacocke spoke about the flooding in Combe Way. It was agreed and generally noted that this area only floods for a short time following heavy periods of rain and very quickly drains. Cllr Stenning reported that this small amount of flooding only happens very rarely and to tarmac would be not economically viable. The meeting held the overall opinion that to tarmac this area is not a necessary expenditure due to its heavy usage and the few complaints received.

b. Cllr Manuel reported that the shrubs in the area between Hurricane and Moynton Close were very high and impinging on the road. Cllr Russell agreed to ask Mr Crooke to trim.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2005