

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM ON MONDAY JANUARY 8TH 2007

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer, Cllr John Chubb, Cllr John Manuel, Cllr Elaine Stenning and Cllr Terrie Connor

Also Present: District Cllr Daniel Smy

GENERAL AGENDA In the absence of Cllr Russell, Cllr Brewer took the Chair for the general agenda.

Cllr Brewer welcomed Mr Martin Pinkney, Signpost Housing and his associates, Mr Grey Chief Executive of Dorset Residential Homes, Mr Swift, Manager of 5 Dick o' th' Banks Residential Home and Mr Turnbull, Architect of the proposed rebuild of 5 Dick o' th' Banks Road.

Mr Pinkney explained that with his associates he had asked to make this presentation to the Council Planning Committee prior to the application being formally presented. Cllr Brewer, on behalf of the Council welcomed this. Following a presentation and question and answer session Cllr Brewer thanked Mr Pinkney for briefing the Council and said the Council would formally consider the proposal when it is received as due planning process. Mr Swift extended an invitation to Councillors to visit 5 Dick o' th' Banks at any time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no members of the Public present.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Russell, Cllr Peacocke and Cllr Round.

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

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

ITEM 4 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 5th February 2007 – Confirmed

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13th November 2006) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed. The date of signing was amended to read 2007.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Item 9 Results Best Kept Village Competition – The Clerk reported she had contacted DCA regarding their opinion of the way the gate should open in the play areas. The Clerk was instructed to investigate further the correct, recommended way a gate should open.

ACTION: CLERK

b. Item 7 – Campaign to keep Post Offices Open – The Clerk reported that a letter of support for the Village Post Office had been sent to our MP.

ITEM 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Cllr Stenning informed the meeting that she had received an agenda and meeting notice for the next meeting of the CAEA (Crossways Area Environment Committee) and expressed concern that the minutes did not accurately represent what was said at the meeting she attended and questions she asked were not recorded. Cllr Stenning also noted a difference in the amount remaining in the available funds. A figure of £60,000 was stated, Cllr Stenning recalled a figure of £20,000 being given at the meeting. Cllr Stenning advised that she may not be able to attend the meeting proposed for January 10th. The Clerk reported that she had not, to date, received a booking for the Pavilion from Jacci Hann.

b. Cllr Stenning noted that she had visited the play areas and all was in order.

c. Cllr Stenning reported that an application had been made to remove a root from a tree at 2 Old Farm Way. It was noted that this tree was part of a protection order. The Clerk reported that this matter had been passed to Mr Murgatroyd for report. Members present had no objection to the root removal. Mr Murgatroyd's report will be forwarded to WDDC.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 4 REPORT QUOTATIONS AS RECEIVED FOR PROPOSED PLAY AREA

IMPROVEMENTS The Clerk gave Councillors a spreadsheet showing quotations received to date and advised that there was one quote outstanding. This will be looked at again when all quotes are in.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 5 CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM DCC FOR COMMUNITY LED LIBRARIES REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER) AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR NORTHCOTE CCA AND RESPONSE (COPY ATTACHED)

Cllr Brewer asked for Standing Orders to be suspended to allow input from Cllr Smy, Chairman CCA (Crossways Community Associated). Proposed Cllr Chubb, seconded Cllr Stenning **AGREED**

Cllr Brewer agreed that the Parish Council would need to meet with the CCA as suggested in Mr Northcote's letter however Cllr Brewer confirmed that the Parish Council's main priority was to campaign to keep the library open. Cllr Brewer expressed caution regarding any proposals put forward which would ultimately involve the Parish Council taking on extra expense without any reduction in Council Tax to DCC. Cllr Manuel expressed concern in that if the Parish Council engages in talks regarding Community Led Libraries it might be construed as an agreement to take over the running of the Library by the Community and the unconfirmed cost of this to the rate payer of Crossways. Cllr Brewer affirmed the Parish Council's position that they are not in favour of Community Led Libraries. Cllr Smy confirmed that the CCA are in agreement. Cllr Smy informed members that he will propose that the CCA meet with the Parish Council to discuss the way ahead at the next meeting of the CCA on January 9th. This meeting will be held prior to the next meeting with Cllr Crowhurst, Paul Lievers and officers conducting the Library Closure remit.

ACTION: CLLR SMY/CLERK

ITEM 6 CONSIDER E MAIL FROM CROSSWAYS FC REGARDING PROBLEMS WITH STRAYING FOOTBALLS INTO DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD Members agreed to seek funding for net extensions. Proposed Cllr Chubb, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED/ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM CLLR CROWHURST, CHAIRMAN CAEA IN THE MATTER OF THE MUGA (COPIES SENT BY ORIGINATOR, CLLR CROWHURST)

Members noted that there were still matters outstanding from Cllr Crowhurst's letter. It was agreed to respond fully when these further matters were replied to. The Clerk was instructed to ask Cllr Crowhurst to respond as per the last paragraph of his letter.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 8 CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE IN THE MATTER OF THE MUGA RECEIVED FROM CLLR SMY, CHAIRMAN CCA Cllr Smy confirmed that the letter was sent with the complete agreement of the CCA. Cllr Smy said that most of the objections to the MUGA were regarding the site and suggested putting the MUGA at the School. Cllr Chubb responded that this site would not be considered safe and that the Parish Council had agreed the siting of the MUGA following consultation with Police and consideration of the safety of people using it. Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting will be arranged, if agreed, between Cllr Brewer, Cllr Stenning and Mr & Mrs Smith to discuss this matter. Cllr Smy will relate this to the CCA.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR SMY

The Committee returned to Standing Orders

ITEM 9 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT Previously noted.

ITEM 10 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION There were no late urgent items.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed (Chairman) 2007

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