

## MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Ron Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Joyce Rhodes and Cllr Barry Thomas.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD** A question was raised regarding progress of the working party and the sports field drainage problems. Cllr Arnold replied that funding was being sought by the working party and the field would be professionally inspected in the New Year. The CPC Working Party continues to work on this problem.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** The Community Police Officers were not available.

**REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER** Apologies were received from Kris Hallett

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Read and Cllr Teresa Seall

### THE MEETING

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** There were no apologies for absence.

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

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

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

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

**ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING** Action points were noted. Cllr Arnold asked that expenditure made by Standing Order could be noted in the expenditure report. This was agreed.

**AGREED/ACTION CLERK**

### ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO INCLUDE UP DATE MUGA/SKATE BOWL PROJECT

Since the last meeting a lot has happened in the village and on this Council. I record acceptance of resignation letters of three of our Councillors. Firstly David and Thelma Smith who have retired through ill health which has meant they have been unable to commit as much to the role that they feel it rightly deserves. I totally respect and appreciate the reasons for their decision and hope all remaining Councillors will join with me in sending my thanks for their efforts and our best wishes for improvement to their health.

I have also received the resignation of Abi Scard who felt unable to continue in the role as a Councillor. I cannot in all honesty say I agree with the reasons given and I had hoped that following my election to the Chairman this Council had moved on and that we would have been able to work with a renewed vigour. I have endeavoured to abide by the commitment that I gave to you all that the 'past is past' and that is where it should remain. Once again I hope Council will join with me in thanking Mrs Scard for her input and concern for the community and the time she has given in various ways. This does mean that there are three vacancies on the Council and due process will be put in hand and notices published. I know that Stella is more than happy to talk with any member of the public who is interested in finding out more about what the role entails.

I wish to record with great sadness the passing of Mike Cullingham, the Chairman of Governors of Frome Valley First School and Crossways Scout Group. As a Councillor I well recall the conversations we had as the new school for Crossways balanced on a knife edge. Had it not been for the pressure behind the scenes being applied by this Council, Mike and Helen Boyce and our MP Jim Knight I remain firmly convinced that our First School would never have been built. One of our calls took place as Mike was on the train en route to Westminster to meet the Minister responsible to put the case. I am sure we would wish to send our condolences to Mike's family but also to our school community who are missing him deeply. To more pleasant matters. It has been my pleasure to represent this Council at the celebrations commemorating 20 years of our village library and to pay a personal tribute to the work of Chris Galpin. It was also good to see Maj. Gen. Bond looking well and in fine form as he recalled the opening night of the library. A good attendance of well wishers, supporters and friends.

The following day was the official opening of the allotments and I was delighted to help with the ceremony. At both events the welcome was very warm and the hospitality and refreshments superb. Thank you to the Library and the Allotment Society for the credit you have brought to Crossways. It was another opportunity to view an exciting and self driven project and to hear of plans for the future.

The following day was a hat-trick of events with the annual service and parade for Remembrance Sunday. It felt unusual not to be in Scout uniform but also an opportunity to see the event from a different perspective and to feel pride in Crossways which paid tribute to the men and women who gave their lives when this was RAF Warmwell.

The village has also bade farewell and happy retirement to John and Angela Warsany of Tree Stores and we wish the new owners well as they come in to run this invaluable facility.

Following our last meeting I am also able to advise Council that on your behalf I have signed the contracts with Maverick for the installation of the MUGA, Youth shelter, Skate bowl and associated pathways. This is a significant milestone on the development and marks the transition to physical building. The contractors have been keen to start but we are at present dealing with the planning conditions with West Dorset District Council. Once again I am grateful to all those who are working so hard to cross the t's and dot the i's for us. I am particularly pleased that we have engaged a project manager through Dorset Community Action who has put his expertise at our disposal free of charge and will be a strong point of contact as the development begins. Thanks also to Collette McKenny for putting together an information newsletter and for organising its delivery to the surrounding properties of the site. The subcommittee felt that it was very important for residents to be given as much information as possible. Regrettably it does seem as though the weather has not been in our favour but hope that when we are ready to go the elements are more favourable and disruption kept to a minimum.

May I finish my report by wishing the compliments of the forthcoming season to all and for a quiet and peaceful Christmas recess, a good break and a chance to return in the New Year to attack the 'in box'.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER REPORT ON TREE ABUTTING 24 MOYNTON CRESCENT AND THE RESIDENT'S REQUEST TO HAVE THIS TREE FELLED** Cllr Arnold asked if a replacement tree would be planted.

Proposed by Cllr Stenning seconded by Cllr Rhodes and unanimously agreed that this tree should be felled and replaced. AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER AND GIVE RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS GUIDELINES** It was agreed Councillors would respond individually.

AGREED

**ITEM 9 TO RECEIVE THE JUDGES COMMENTS FOR THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009**

The Chairman read the judge's comments *"This year saw the village get an improved average mark which is very encouraging but I am afraid the presence of litter at most venues spoilt your marks. Top marks were given to the notice-boards. Mr John Saunders, the volunteer who posts notices on behalf of the Council was congratulated. The Council noted these comments and resolved to consider any action to improve the litter problem.*

**ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER USE OF FOOTBALL FIELD BY OWERMOIGNE FC TO HOLD A CHARITY MATCH DURING THE CHRISTMAS RECESS FOC** This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Arnold AGREED

**ITEM 11 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE MATTER OF WREATHS IN THE MEMORIAL PARK TO REVISIT ITEM 17 COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 2008 – COPY ATTACHED CLLR BACHE TO LEAD** Cllr Connor proposed that the Council stay in line with Bovington and remove the Wreaths at the end of February. Cllr Stenning seconded this motion. Cllr Bache proposed that the Wreaths were removed before Christmas, this was not seconded. The Council voted 6 for with 1 abstention.

AGREED

**ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR COLLIER** The Chairman read Mr Collier's letter requesting that the Parish Council publish an up to date street map. It was noted that licences to print maps are held at WDDC and questioned copyright. It was agreed to consider placing a map on the information board in the Memorial Park. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Collier advising that this matter would be given consideration in the New Year.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 13 TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL** Concern was expressed in that Warmwell Parish Meeting Chairman had not received a copy of this letter. Cllr Connor said she understood the concerns of Bere Regis residents. Cllr Brewer and Harris expressed concern regarding further vehicular movements in Warmwell. Cllr Arnold proposed the Council note the contents but take no further action except writing to Bere Regis Council suggesting they send a copy of their correspondence to Warmwell Parish Meeting Chairman.

Seconded Cllr Stenning AGREED

**ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. 1/D/09/001463 PLOTS 80 AND 83 WOODSFORD FIELDS – 2 PAIRS SEMI DETACHED HOUSES

Cllr Connor noted that this was not the first application of this type. The Council voted not in favour but advised that if the application is approved a Sect 106 increase could be considered.

AGREED

b. 1/D/09/001652 25 GREEN LANE – ERECT DORMERS, ROOF LIGHTS AND NEW CONSERVATORY

The Council had no comment on this application.

AGREED

The Council agreed to allow for a supplementary application, to agree the restoration plans for areas of Warmwell Quarries. Cllr Stenning declared a personal interest and agreed not to vote or comment. Cllr Arnold expressed concern regarding restoration using lakes and paths does not help the flood plain and asked when considering further applications consideration should be given to reinstating woodland. On this application the Council agreed not to comment.

AGREED

**ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR ITEM 16**

**ITEM 16 PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2010/11 CLLR ARNOLD - FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO STANDING ORDERS** Cllr Arnold proposed two further options than those previously advised. It also noted that the figure given on the print out was incorrectly recorded as an increase of 7.25% this should read 8.40%. Cllr Arnold advised that it was proposed to increase the Sect 137 donations to support more local organisations this would mean approximately £1 per household. The further options proposed decreasing the contingency budget and the Sect 137 budget. Each item option was considered separately. Sect 137 proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Thomas and agreed that the increase should stand. Contingencies Cllr Stenning proposed reducing to £750,00 Cllr Connor seconded. Cllr Bache proposed no change to Option A figure £1000.00, seconded Cllr Rhodes. Members voted for Option A (no change).

The Council returned to standing orders

**ITEM 17 ACCEPT PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR 2010/2010** Cllr Brewer proposed Option A, as advised, Cllr Harris seconded.

AGREED

**ITEM 18 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 - 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - CLLR ARNOLD** Expenditure was noted:

	Expenditure £	Income £
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	274.45	
Sports Field Hire		132.50
SLCC Book Shop Reference Book	15.20	
Cleaner Pavilion	60.00	
Nildram (Broadband)	24.69	
Hardy Tree Surgeon	563.50	
Expenses Clerk	186.40	
Rent Village Hall (Meetings)	24.00	

Proposed Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Thomas

AGREED

**ITEM 19 TO CONFIRM/RESTATE BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES TO BRING UP TO DATE RECORDING ERRORS AT HSBC DORCHESTER** Councillors Brewer, Arnold, Stenning and Arnold were confirmed as signatories.

Proposed: Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

The Clerk was requested to investigate on line banking.

**ITEM 20 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING (TO BE CONFIRMED) IF COUNCIL DECIDE TO NOT MEET DURING DECEMBER COUNCIL WILL AGREE DELEGATED POWERS TO CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS** Proposed Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

**ITEM 21 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION – CLLRS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE CHAIRMAN OF ANY LATE ITEMS THEY WISH TO BRING FORWARD PRIOR TO THE MEETING** No late items were requested.

Closing the meeting Cllr Brewer thanked all Councillors for their hard work on behalf of the Village and wished all present a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year