

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice Chairman) Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman Sports Field Management Committee), Cllr Elaine Stenning (Vice Chairman (Finance)), Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Kathy Foster and Cllr Ted Rowley

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no Public Information Announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

a. Helen Stavely produced a petition signed by 89 residents asking for a crossing on the B3390 where it meets the Moigne Combe Road to the Village Hall used by many residents including Play Group Children, (up to 40 + under fives), Scouts and various clubs and meetings covering many Village events. Cllr Crowhurst the Dorset County Councillor spoke about this and the past efforts to get the speed limit lowered on this stretch of road. Cllr Crowhurst mentioned that when the Weymouth Relief Road was finished he anticipated a notable reduction in traffic on the B3390. Helen Stavely presented the petition to the Chairman. Cllr Crowhurst noted a new strategy in place in that DCC would only accept petitions with over 1000 signatures. Cllr Brewer stated he felt this limit was very high considering the population of Crossways. The Chairman thanked Helen for her attendance noting that this item was on the agenda for discussion by the Council this evening.

b. Mrs Graham spoke about the continued difficulty with the hill in the open space area between Brewer Walk and Blackwell Walk on the Woodsford Fields Estate. This hill is being used by young people as a BMX bike area causing considerable distress to the residents, notably of Brewer Walk and damage to properties in Brewer Walk. Cllr Brewer advised that this matter is on the agenda and will be discussed during the meeting.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS Apologies were received from PC Charlie Dale and PCSO Vickie Hedges.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr Crowhurst advised those present that he sits on the DCC Pension Investment Committee who manage the Pension Funds. He said that he believes the funds are becoming buoyant and that property prices are moving. Referring to Item 7 Cllr Crowhurst stressed the importance of the Parish Council involvement in the local quarries. Speaking about the 2011/2012 budget Cllr Crowhurst said that a saving of 22 million was being sought and further savings would be needed; advising that there will be redundancies and the amalgamation of services which will save money on Managers other cost saving measures will be pay increases being restricted. It was noted that the Government will make a contribution to the County in an effort to keep Council Tax frozen. In conclusion Cllr Crowhurst stated that Dorset has the highest percentage of elderly in the Country and there will be cuts to services. A further full council meeting will be held at Dorset County Council to consider further the budget presentation.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from District Councillor Seall.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies due to ill health were received from Cllr Daphne Bearman and Cllr Ron Arnold. Apologies were received from Cllr Bache due to other commitments.

ACCEPTED

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. Cllr Stenning declared an interest in Item 12 in the matter of the Tavern Social Club and declared she would not take part in the discussions and not vote.

a. Cllr Harris declared an interest in Item 12 in the matter of the Tavern Social Club and declared he would not take part in the discussions and not vote

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION Cllr Foster declared Predetermination in Item 9.

ITEM 4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 28th OCTOBER 2010 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman subject to the correction to Item 7 – delete Woodsford, insert Warmwell.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Harris AGREED

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Of course the main news for the Chairman's Report must be the official opening of the MUGA and skatebowl last weekend. We were fortunate with the weather and everything went so well and Crossways gave an extremely good account of itself to our honoured guests. Through the chair may I thank everyone who contributed to the event. May I mention the members of Crossways WI who manned the refreshments in the hall with delicious cakes and welcome cups of tea and coffee. May I also mention Rachel Bryant who acted as our official photographer for the day and who has produced some really wonderful pictures to remind us of the day. We will ensure a selection goes to the website and the local press are also covering the event. It was also a great pleasure to present an engraved bowl to Kris Hallett with our thanks and best wishes. A bowl to mark the installation of the skate bowl was a very appropriate gesture and I was delighted to receive a card from Kris thanking all of us on the Council. A letter has also been received from the Lord Lieutenant with many compliments and kind wishes. One of the members of the youth forum has suggested that a plaque is placed around the bowl remembering Joyce Rhodes and even a suggestion that we call the facility the Rhodes bowl. I have asked the Management Committee to consider these matters.

The reception was also a great opportunity for the Council to in that awful modern term 'network'. What better forum than having the Lord Lieutenant, County and District Councillor, Chief Constable, Chairman and Head of the First School. A lot of interesting conversations and a really constructive and wonderful atmosphere. Thank you again.

Having been made aware of a local petition I asked the Clerk to investigate the situation regarding a crossing of the B3390 to the Village Hall. We also have been taking negotiations forward with Betterment Properties regarding the land between Blackwell and Brewer Walk.

The new play area alongside the hall which was also officially opened last week may also give us food for thought about possibilities for the area at Woodsford Fields. We must all be concerned at the reports of anti social behaviour in this part of the village and take forward as soon as possible. It may be that the colder weather and darker nights will help matters but we need to be prepared for Spring.

It was an honour to represent Council on Remembrance Sunday and to lay the wreath on our behalf. The Memorial area does also need some attention and needs to be added to the list of jobs to do. The evergreens which have been planted looked good and once again the village gathered in number to observe the silence.

May I commend the events coming up for the coming festive season which are in the 'Bridge' which was published today. A good range of things to do and no doubt the village will be decked with a range of interesting and imaginative lighting displays. May I commend the Christmas Fairs and the Scout Post scheme as well as the Christmas Carol services and events at the Tavern.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TO REPLACE CLLR ARNOLD, WHO WISHES TO STAND DOWN, ON THE QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEES WOODSFORD AND WARMWELL It was noted and agreed that Cllr Stenning will represent the Parish Council on the Warmwell Quarry Liaison Committee and Cllr Harris will represent the Council on the Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee.

Proposed Cllr Rowley, seconded Cllr Foster

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER LIBRARY OPENING HOURS CONSULTATION Cllr Brewer read the details of the new hours which showed a small gain in hours using volunteers? The Council wished the volunteers and staff well.

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATION MADE FOR A CROSSING ON THE B3390 AT THE JUNCTION OF MOIGNE COMBE (THE ROAD TO THE VILLAGE HALL) Cllr Brewer read the e mail received by the Clerk in response from Matthew Williams, Manager Network Traffic Control "Dear Mrs Wilson, Following the current comprehensive spending review the budget that has been allocated for the provision of new pedestrian crossings has been set at £0 for the next 2 – 3 years, therefore at this time the County Council will not be accepting any new requests for pedestrian crossings. This means that no new surveys will be undertaken to ascertain if the proposed crossing meets our minimum criteria, until a budget is available to allow the crossing to be built. However given the description of the location I would very much doubt that the pedestrian flow would be high enough to justify a formalised crossing. For the foreseeable future I will be asking Parish Councils to retain requests for new crossing until a budget allows for any new crossings to be built" The Council accepted the Petition. Cllr Crowhurst asked for a copy of Matthew Williams's e mail. Cllr Crowhurst suggested a volunteer saying that Dorset County Council could provide clothing and training.

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM BETTERMENT PROPERTIES REGARDING THE MOUND ON THE OPEN SPACE AREA ABUTTING BREWER WALK AND BLACKWELL WALK Cllr Brewer advised the Council that Betterment Properties were unwilling to decrease the size of the mound. The Clerk was instructed to write to Betterment Properties's solicitors advising them that the Council will not accept this open space area until these issues are addressed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 11 CONSIDER WDDC DRAFT PROTOCOL ON HOW TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM PLANNING OBLIGATIONS (SECT 106 AGREEMENTS) TO COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND RECREATION PROJECTS – ATTACHED Councillors agreed to accept this draft protocol.

AGREED

ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER THE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED The Council considered the amended planning application for the development at the Tavern Social Club. The modifications were noted; no further comments were made.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Connor AGREED

ITEM 13 REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED/REFUSED None reported.

ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATED 16th NOVEMBER 2010 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES AND TO AGREE ANY ITEM FOR EXPENDITURE REQUEST INCLUDED Cllr Harris presented the minutes of the Sports Field Management Committee which were accepted.

AGREED

ITEM 15 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 28TH OCTOBER 2010 – 26th NOVEMBER 2010

The following items of income and expenditure were noted and approved.

Proposed Cllr Foster, seconded Cllr Thomas AGREED

	Expenditure £	Income £
Allotment Rent		50.00
Maverick DBM (MUGA/Skate Bowl)	31,102.56	
Salary Clerk (November)	753.46	
British Gas	22.33	
Maverick DBM (MUGA/Skate Bowl)	10,256.05	
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	276.45	
Hardy Tree Surgeon	540.00	
Village Hall Rent	11.00	
Cleaner Pavilion	40.00	
Steve Manuel (Grass Cutting)	417.00	
Thomas Lily Tree Care	420.00	
Pavilion Intensive Clean	100.00	
Salary Clerk (December)	753.46	
Petty Cash (Top Up)	179.79	

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

ITEM 17 Public question time not requested.

ITEM 18 PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2011/12 CLLR STENNING (VICE CHAIRMAN (FINANCE)) Cllr Stenning presented the budget for the year 2011/2012.

ITEM 19 ACCEPT PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR 2011/2012

The Council agreed the precept for the financial year 2011/2012 at £29,103 an increase of 7.39%. Copy attached at Annex A to these minutes.

Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Brewer AGREED

ITEM 20 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.

ITEM 21 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING 27TH JANUARY 2011 AND TO AGREE DELEGATED POWERS FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS Proposed Cllr Rowley, seconded Cllr Connor AGREED

The Chairman closed the meeting and wished all present the compliments of the season.

Signed (Chairman) January 2011