

CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL  
SPORTS FIELD SPORTS FIELD & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The tenth meeting of the Sports Field & Recreation Committee took place in the Sports Pavilion, Dick o' th' Banks Road on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Present: Cllr D Harris (Chairman), Cllr E Stenning, Cllr N Bundy and Cllr B Thomas. Apologies were received from Cllr D Bearman and Cllr K Foster

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present.

**ITEM 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

**ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011** The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 meeting (as ratified at full council) were signed by the Chairman.

**ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING**

Item 11 Cllr Stenning advised that the meeting at WDDC confirmed details of Section 106 monies held at WDDC. The money held as a contribution to a Village Hall was discussed and a suggestion put forward on the possibility of building a Village Hall on the sports field. The Clerk advised that a covenant may prevent this and only a sports hall would be permitted. It was also noted that any major build would be subject to monies received from further development.

**ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Welcome to the first meeting of 2012 so I firstly would like to wish everyone a happy new year. Last weekend we held a public consultation regarding the play area in Brewers walk, all the plans received were on show and we had a very good attendance throughout the morning with some very good feedback received we will be reviewing all this later in the meeting and hopefully making a recommendation to the full council later in the month. I am disappointed to find out that the skate bowl has been vandalised it would appear the surface has been hit a number of times with a solid object and has chipped the surface, there are also a number of joints in the concrete that appear to be opening wider, Maverick have been asked to inspect and report. I am also disappointed that Tonrin still have not treated the football field this should have happened back in the summer, and has been postponed initially due to dry weather. They were due to call in Oct then Nov I have had an email early in Dec asking when is a good time I did reply that anytime was fine to date I have had no reply (I have emailed since asking when it will happen). I have started to look for another contractor who can carry out similar work as it would appear Tonrin does not want this work. On a positive note the memorial bench has been put into place on the edge of the pull in outside the sports field, I am sure this will be a useful rest stop for our less able residents walking along Dick o' The Banks road to local businesses

Cllr Brewer and PCSO Kathy Holmes joined the meeting. The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow discussion with PCSO Holmes. Councillors updated PCSO Holmes on matters regarding alleged bullying at the Skate Bowl and criminal damage to the equipment. PCSO Holmes agreed to look into these matters.

The meeting re-convened.

**ITEM 6 DIAMOND JUBILEE GRANTS** Deferred to full Council

**ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER LANDSCAPING QUOTES FOR THE RURAL HEDGE TO THE REAR OF THE MUGA/SKATEPARK** The Clerk reported that despite requesting quotes from Landscaping Contractors who had quoted for the original hedge only one response had been received. This was Steve Manuel's quote which the Committee accepted.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 8 REPORT PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAY AREA MIDDLE HILL, WOODSFORD FIELDS AND CONSIDER SELECTION OF PREFERRED CONTRACTOR** Cllr Harris reported that the consultation on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January had been very well attended and Councillors received comment forms and the comments were welcomed and noted. Subject to ratification at full Council Fawns Playgrounds was agreed as the preferred contractor. A further meeting with Fawns will be arranged. A final meeting advising those residents immediately overlooking the play area will also be arranged.

Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Bundy

AGREED/ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 9 REPORT BENCHES (ALL) AND CONSIDER QUOTES RECEIVED FOR PAINTING** Two quotes were received. F Bearman & Son will be asked to undertake this work.

Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Thomas

AGREED/ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER A MATTER OF CONCERN TO LOCAL RESIDENT REGARDING THE PEDESTRIAN RAILWAY LINE CROSSING TO THE REAR OF THE ALLOTMENT SITE** The Committee discussed two matters regarding the pedestrian crossing from the Cycle Path to the Allotment Site and the concern regarding safety of the crossing.

- a. A request has been put forward asking for a gate at the allotment site crossing rather than a stile, it was noted that access over a stile was not possible for cyclist and allotment holders carrying equipment or pushing a wheel barrow/trolley. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to the footpaths officer at DCC and write to Rail Track on the matter of a gate replacing the stiles.
- b. The Council had received representation that felt that the crossing was not adequately signed and could present a danger to pedestrians. It was reported that there is adequate signing and the crossing has wide visibility down and up the line. The Committee agreed that all safety procedures were in place. It was noted that Railtrack had also been notified of these concerns and agreed all was in order.

**ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED REGARDING THE CONDITION AND SUITABILITY FOR PURPOSE OF THE CYCLE TRACK FROM WOODSFORD ROAD TO THE LINK ROAD** The Clerk reported that this cycle/pedestrian path was constructed by Hills as planning condition and forms part of the proposed Crossways to Dorchester cycle path. It was noted that the provision of a cycle path to Dorchester formed part of Section 106 agreements for the Woodsford Fields development. The Committee agreed that DCC should be asked about the progress of this path as when queries were raised about this path the Council was advised that this path could not be constructed because of the difficulties with Sustrains about the path crossing the railway line.; however this path does not cross the railway line as it does not need to. Clarification is needed regarding the provision of the Crossways to Dorchester Cycle as Section 106 money was earmarked for this. It was also noted that the path is not within the Crossways border. The Clerk will liaise with Woodsford Parish as to the current situation and the unacceptable condition of the surface for cyclist.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER POSITION OF NOTICE BOARD TO BE SITED ON THE COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT MIDDLE HILL, WOODSFORD FIELDS** The Committee agreed that the Notice Board would be placed within the fence of the play area on the path leading from Blackwell Walk to School Drive.

AGREED

**ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION**

a. Gate/Fence to Sports Field The gate at the entrance to the sports field is in an unstable condition. It was agreed to obtain quotes for replacing the fencing and gate at the entrance. Some consideration was giving to replacing with steel fencing and gate; this was thought to be aesthetically unsuitable.

b. Play Area Woodsford Fields Matters raised at the play area consultation were discussed. The request for a ‘no ball game’ sign was felt to be unenforceable and limiting to small children wishing to play with a ball of any description. The request for no cycling/no skateboarding signs will be taken to Highways at DCC. The matter of the landscaping was also discussed and it was agreed that the Council will consider landscaping the remaining green area outside the play area to discourage football/rugby being played by older children. As previously noted a Sweet Chestnut will be planted, without any seating surrounding. Comments received at the consultation noted the surfacing at this and other play areas; notable some residents felt that bark surfacing at the Pauls Way play area was very messy. The Clerk reported that the Council were in the process of getting quotes for bark surfacing. The Committee agreed to consider alternative surfacing for Pauls Way namely under-equipment safety matting with a grass surround similar to that which will be utilised in the Woodsford Fields play area.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

The meeting closed at 20.37hrs

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2012