

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 31ST 2003 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman) Cllr S Bryant (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Brewer, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr R Peacocke and Cllr T Connor

Also Present: County Cllr D Crowhurst, District Councillors T Seall and Cllr D Smy and Cllr (Desig) P McCartney and members of the public.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS Nothing to report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES) Mr John Pennington of Moynton Close informed the meeting that the motor-bike scrambling activity taking place in the quarry adjacent to the Link Road opposite Moynton Close, Hurricane Close, Airfield Close and Mount Skippet Way was still in operation and creating an unacceptable noise nuisance. Cllr Russell informed Mr Pennington various people had approached both the police and the quarry manager in an attempt to stop this scrambling. Mr Kendrick also informed the meeting that he had spoken to the police and quarry manager and gave the name PC Snelling as the police officer with particular responsibility for off road motor cycling. It has been noted that adults have been seen transporting young people to and from this location therefore aiding and abetting this practise. It was accepted that this matter is being dealt with and that it should be taken further. The Clerk was asked to contact PC Snelling and the quarry owners.

ACTION: CLERK

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER (IF AVAILABLE) PC Withers was not available to report.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

a. **District Councillor Seall's** report is attached at Annex A to the main and library copy of these minutes.

b. **Cllr Smy**

i. Cllr Smy reported on the meeting with Magna attended by himself and Cllr Russell to discuss various issues connected to the Magna Housing responsibilities in Crossways. A copy of this report is attached at Annex B to the main and library copy of these minutes.

ii. Cllr Smy informed the meeting that Dorchester and Sherborne and in the process of installing alcohol free zones in public places. The Parish Council was invited to supply a map of any areas they wished to be included in this process. It was agreed this would be placed on the next agenda (September 25th). Councillors questioned the policing of alcohol free zones

ACTION: CLERK

iii. Cllr Smy reported that log sheets had been issued to residents of Hope Close to log unsocial behaviours and that only one had been returned. It was accepted that fear of reprisals may be responsible. The matter is ongoing, Cllr Smy informed the meeting that WDDC has a legal responsibility to be seen to be attempting to curb incidences of vandalism.

c. **County Councillor Cllr Crowhurst** informed the meeting that the County Council Planning Committee had met on the 18th July and agreed the matter of the expansion of the Hybris Business Park and questioned why the Parish Council had not attended. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not been notified of the planning meeting taking place on the 18th July 2003. Councillor Crowhurst informed the meeting that the Parish Council's concerns had been addressed and he raised three issues, two pertaining to vehicular movements and one to sight lines at the junction of the Hybris Business Park and the B3390.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS No School Governors present.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 FILL BY CO-OPTION VACANCY FOLLOWED BY SIGNING OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE The Chairman introduced Mrs Penny McCartney to be co-opted to the Parish Council. Following a unanimous vote in agreement Penny was welcomed, signed the Declaration of Office and she received a Register of Interest for completion and was invited to join the Council.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Chubb, Cllr Manuel and Cllr Dullaway

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Cllr Russell reported the meeting attended by himself and Cllr Smy with Magna Housing Association. A *resume* of this meeting is attached to these minutes.

b. Cllr Russell confirmed that Mr Murgatroyd had agreed to become the Tree Officer for Crossways and would undertake this free of charge. He would inspect and report on trees in an unstable state. The Clerk was instructed to provide Mr Murgatroyd with a map of Crossways detailing the trees that are the Parish Council's responsibility.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 HYBRIS RECYCLING DEPOT – REPORT As reported by Cllr Crowhurst the members considered the consequence of the approval for the expansion of the Hybris Recycling Depot. Cllr Russell stated that it would have been beneficial if the Parish Council had been invited to attend the meeting and questioned why the Parish Council is invited to planning committee meetings at West Dorset District and this procedure is not followed at Dorset County Council. A letter, written by Adrian Poller explaining why other areas of Dorset to site this depot were not considered, was given to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Brewer that the Parish Council appeal against the decision and mount a campaign to get the decision reversed. It was noted that the B3390 was used as an argument against the Redbridge Development as being inadequate yet this inadequacy is not considered a problem in the expansion of Hybris.

ITEM 8 REPORT DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL – SUMMARY
CLLR PEACOCKE Cllr Peacocke summarised his attendance at the crime prevention panel as attached to agenda. It was confirmed that Mr Wally Grundy would be invited to speak at the October full council meeting.

ITEM 9 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

a. **FIR TREE AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REAR 33-36 BINGHAMS ROAD**

Cllr Manuel informed the meeting that this tree and hedge was the responsibility of the home owners.

ACTION: CLERK

b. **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF SEAT BEHIND 2a GREEN LANE** The seat removal has been requested by residents close by as the seat was being used as a gathering point for young people drinking alcohol causing a disturbance. Cllr Brewer said that removing seats does not solve the underlying problem and that the elderly needed these seats. After much discussion of the problem with teenagers/young adults congregating around seats within the village it was proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Brewer that the Parish Council do not authorise removal of this seat and consider the provision of a teen shelter

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 10 TO APPROVE AND SIGN ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNT STATEMENTS YEAR END 2003 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO EXTERNAL AUDITOR This item was deferred pending further amendments and consultation with Cllr Bryant.

DEFERRED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE REPORTS, ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENITIES, PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a. **AMENITIES – Pages 302-304** 301 The Amenities Minutes were presented by Cllr Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. **PLANNING – Page 185-186** The Planning Minutes were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.
- c. **FINANCE - Page 112** The Finance Minutes were presented by Cllr Russell and duly accepted.

ITEM 12 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE DURING PREVIOUS MONTH (AS AGREED AT COMMITTEE) AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Expenditure was noted and agreed as follows:

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
	£		£
J PIERSON (SPORTS FIELD)			44,534.02
RATES			69.00
VAT REFUND	6777.22		
SWEET GRANT	8125.60		
J PIERSON (SPORTSFIELD)			9547.58
BRITISH GAS			10.48
RECORD (PLAYBARK)			6566.13
BLANCHARDS SOLICITORS			35.25
SALARY CLERK			562.16
LITTER COLLECTOR			33.60
SWEET GRANT	9450.00		
S MANUEL			828.00
SWIFT SIGNS			176.25
EXPRESS GLASS			141.73
J PIERSON			11,103.75
SALARY CLERK (AUGUST)			561.94
CLERKS EXPENSES			179.00
INLAND REVENUE (PAYE)			232.00

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning

APPROVED

ITEM 13. TO APPROVE DELEGATED POWERS TO CHAIRMAN DURING THE COUNCIL'S RECESS FOR ALL NECESSARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS (AS PER ANNEX A TO FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS SPENDING LIMITATIONS)

APPROVED

ITEM 14 ANY LATE ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT Litter, the sports field, play areas, the Redbridge application, its implication to the Scout Group, and the Hybris Recycling expansion appeal were briefly discussed. It was agreed to mount an appeal against DCC's plans for Hybris and the Clerk was asked to set a date for the initial meeting.

ITEM 15 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH Confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed

Signed (Chairman) September 2003