

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2005 AT 7PM

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr A Brewer, Cllr S Dullaway, Cllr L Crowe, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr J Chubb
Cllr T Connor and Cllr C Round

Also present: Richard Grygiel, Nick Bourne, Community Support Officer and members of the public.

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Community Support Officer/Ball Games on open spaces. Cllr Russell introduced Nick Bourne. Nick Bourne offered the apologies of PC Mandy Hopkins, the new Community Police Officer. CSO Bourne spoke about the problems experienced by residents from children/youths playing football on the greens in the Egdon Heath development. Nick spoke about this hoping that a resolution can be found. He has had many reports of cars damaged and a window broken and the nuisance to residents abutting these areas and advised that 'No ball games' signs should be erected and shrubbery planted to prevent ball games being played. Members of the public present presented a case that children should be allowed to play ball games on these greens. The Parish Council reiterated their decision to plant shrubs on the green fronting Pauls Way and Yalbury Lane to prevent ball games and in the further interest of Health & Safety would consider other areas abutting roads having similar planting measures. The Chairman said the Council must be aware of the dangers of ball games near roads and the right of residents living near the areas in question to peace and quiet and to not have their property constantly damaged and reminded those present that there is a large sports field in Dick o' th' Banks Road and a large field behind the Youth Club.

b. Traffic/Dick o' th' Banks Road A resident of Briar's End complained about speeding traffic including works traffic along Dick o' th' Banks Road. The Chairman reminded those present about the continuing pressure the Council put on DCC to start the traffic calming on this road as agreed as part of the Section 106 agreement for Woodsford Fields.

c. Street Numbering 4 Pauls Way/Woodsford Road The Clerk was asked to re-visit this problem.

ACTION: CLERK

d. Trees, Woodsford Close Cllr Manuel agreed to check on spurs on trees at 8 Woodsford Close.

ACTION: CLLR MANUEL

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

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Harriss declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6.

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11TH JULY 2005 Confirmed.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Cllr Chubb proposed Cllr Stenning this proposal was seconded by Cllr Brewer and agreed.

AGREED

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (9TH MAY 2005) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.

ITEM 4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Stenning asked that the Clerk advise Magna that the tree situated opposite the Moigne Combe junction needs cutting back.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 5 REPORT SPORTS FIELD – CLLR RUSSELL/CONFIRM DATE MEETING WITH CONTRACTOR

Cllr Russell reported that a further meeting was required with the Contractor and Thursday 16th 6.30pm was agreed as the best date for maximum attendance.

ITEM 6 REPORT ON TREES FOR GREENS YALBURY LANE AND TO CONFIRM POSITIONING AND AGREE COST It was noted that the Council had only agreed at the stage to plant trees on the open space at the junction of Yalbury Lane and Pauls Way. Cllr Manuel suggested that the autumn would be the best time for planting. Type and costs will be deferred to the September Amenities committee meeting. The Clerk was requested to check on health and safety implications of certain species of security ground cover/shrubs. The Clerk was instructed to bring the matter of the other greens to the next agenda.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOOD LETTER FROM ALUN MICHAEL MP ODPM (OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) Councillors were each given a copy of the Home Office documents 'Citizen Engagement and Public Services; Why Neighbourhoods Matter' and 'Vibrant Local Leadership'. The Chairman stressed the positive guidance and message in these documents.

ITEM 8 FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT OCCASIONAL PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE APPLICATION – YOUTH CENTRE OLD FARM WAY The Committee raised no objections to this application.

ITEM 9 MONTHLY PLAY AREA REPORTS Cllr Dullaway reported all well except for an overflowing rubbish bin in Combe Way. Clerk will inform DCC

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE

Items for approval within the Amenities Budget:

Litter Collector £97.00

ITEM 11 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Richard Grygeil suggested that in view of further powers being delegated to Parish Council an article should be placed in the Bridge magazine informing residents of what the Parish Council is responsible for. Cllr Brewer reminded those present of his suggestion for a form of contact card for residents. These matters will be placed on the next Finance and Administration agenda.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed (Chairman) 2005

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