

THE MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2006

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr C Harris and Cllr C Rounds

Also Present: Cllr D Smy, Mr G Northcote and members of the public.

GENERAL AGENDA

Chair: Cllr Russell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Russell welcomed those present to the meeting and invited any member of the public who wished to speak to do so.

a. Mr Tizard, of 46 Dick o' th' Banks, spoke about railway carriages placed in Dick o' th Banks Road as temporary accommodation for troops during the second world war and asked if they had any preservation orders on them. Cllr Brewer confirmed that, as a result of his enquiries regarding the chapel in Crossways he was advised that there are no preservation orders on any property in Crossways.

b. Mr Northcote advised the Council of the plans for the library project as per the letter sent to the Council on the 22nd June 2006. A copy of Mr Northcote's presentation will be attached to the library and main copy of these minutes. The Chairman thanked Mr Northcote for his presentation and advised that this matter would be discussed under Agenda Item 5 of the Amenities Committee.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllrs Peacocke, Bradley and Connor.

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

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

ITEM 4 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11th September 2006 Confirmed

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Cllr Chubb proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Brewer. Cllr Stenning agreed to continue.

AGREED

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (12th June 2006) 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 reported that she had received phone calls about teenagers being on the roof of the sports pavilion. The Police have been advised. Cllr Russell advised Councillors to tell residents to ring 999 to report urgent dangerous occurrences of vandalism. Cllr Stenning confirmed that she had visited play areas. The Clerk reported that Mr Simpson, the play area contractor had been contacted and was due to visit for an inspection. Cllr Russell reported the dangerous condition of the gate at the Paul's Way plays area. Cllr Manuel agreed to check the gate urgently. It was also reported that the bins at the play area were full of beer cans. The Clerk was tasked to inform the Community Police Officer of these events.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR MANUEL

ITEM 5 CONSIDER MR NORTHCOTE'S LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 2006 IN THE MATTER OF THE LIBRARY BROUGHT FORWARD FROM FULL COUNCIL. Cllr Russell commended Mr Northcote for his presentation and the thoughtful ideas contained in it but expressed reservations about staffing the facility and questioned whether all energies at this stage should be put into preserving the library and its staff. Cllr Chubb suggested that consideration could be given to re-locating the Chapel, using an existing historical building to house the 'Contemporary Interpretation' exhibition and related historical documents. Cllr Brewer agreed stating that all energy and support at this stage should be given to

saving the library and put forward an agreement for an agenda item for full council supporting a Vote of No Confidence in Dorset County Council Crowhurst for his lack of published support for Crossways Library. It was therefore agreed that whilst the Council commend the suggestions put forward and into action by the Crossways Community Association Environmental Task Group it agrees that the efforts and finances of the Parish Council would be best served keeping the library open.

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ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE It was agreed that matters on income and expenditure and budget be considered together on the Finance & Administration Committee agenda.

ITEM 7 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Cllr Brewer confirmed that he had been approached about allotments. The Clerk confirmed that allotments are a 'power to provide' and should the Council receive the required number of written requests it will take advice from the appropriate agencies and Councils.

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Signed (Chairman) 2006

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