

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2006 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman), Cllr A Brewer (Vice Chairman), Cllr Manuel, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr C Round, and Cllr C Harriss

Also present: County Councillor D Crowhurst and members of the public.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD Mrs Blake, the proprietor of a pasty business at Hybris, complained about fumes allegedly coming from an adjoining property engaged in paint spraying without change of use permissions. Cllr Russell explained that the Council had not received any planning application details for this property and as so could not discuss the matter. Cllr Seall informed the Council that she had also received representation from Mrs Blake and was looking into the matter.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER The Community Police Officer was not available.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor D Crowhurst Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

District Councillor T Seall Cllr Seall's report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

District Councillor D Smy Cllr Smy thanked the Parish Council for the public meeting held in response to reports of the proposed library closure noting that the meeting was very informative and well chaired. Cllr Smy informed the meeting that a love of reading day would be held on the 10th June this would involve a 12 hr reading session with all residents being invited to read a favourite piece of literature. Local celebrities Julian Fellowes and Nannette Waters have been invited to, and have agreed to, attend.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS There were no school governors present.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Peacocke nominated Cllr Russell; this nomination was seconded by Cllr Rounds. There were no other nominations. Cllr Russell was duly elected as Chairman for the further term.

ITEM 2 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN The Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of chairman and to observe the code of conduct in the presence of the Council and the Clerk.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Stenning nominated Cllr Brewer; this nomination was seconded by Cllr Peacocke. There were no other nominations. Cllr Brewer was duly elected as Vice Chairman for a further term.

ITEM 4 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Brewer signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of vice chairman and to observe the code of conduct in the presence of the Council and the Clerk.

ITEM 4a -DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS Cllr Russell informed those present that he would cover Items 8,10 and 11 within his report.

LIBRARY CLOSURES Cllr Russell stated that he and Cllr Brewer had attended a meeting at DCC with officers of DCC and Paul Leivers, Head of Cultural Services. Cllr Russell referred to an article published in the Dorset Evening Echo giving details of an investigation into the failure of the costing of the introduction of a new computer system in Dorset Libraries culminating in an overspend of £300,000. (A copy of this press release is attached). The Parish Council agreed that this was a serious matter and questioned who is culpable for this and has it resulted in the proposed Library closures?

CLLR DULLAWAY Cllr Russell confirmed the resignation of Sue Dullaway and said she had been a valuable asset on the Council and would be greatly missed.

VILLAGE FETE Cllr Russell reported that the request for volunteers to help organize a Council sponsored fete was poor despite a wide spread appeal; this left a shortfall and it was agreed that the Fete on the proposed scale could not go ahead. Members of the Church will hold their Fete on the date agreed, August 6th. Cllr Brewer expressed his disappointment that the Fete would not proceed

ITEM 6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr J Chubb, Cllr S Bradley and Cllr T Connor.

ITEM 7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 8 PREVIOUS YEARS ATTENDANCE REPORT Councillors attendance during the previous 12 months was noted: (Out of 10 meetings)

Cllr Russell	10
Cllr Brewer	9
Cllr Manuel	7
Cllr Stenning	7
Cllr Chubb	8
Cllr Peacocke	5
Cllr Connor	9
Cllr Harriss	6
Cllr Round	7
Cllr Bradley	5 (Co-opted Sep 05)

ITEM 9 COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES Councillors membership of Committees was noted as agreed as follows:

Winfrith Liaison & Neighbourhood Committee:	Cllr Chubb	Vacant
Agenda 21	Vacant	
Transport Forum/Liaison	Cllr Peacocke	Cllr Harriss
Youth and Community Centre Representative	Cllr Connor	
Footpath Liaison Officer	Cllr Chubb	
Play Area Inspector	Cllr Stenning	
Environmental Officer	Vacant	
Village Hall Liaison	Cllr Brewer	
Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils	Cllr Russell	Cllr Brewer
Hybris Recycling Monitoring Group	Cllr Chubb	Cllr Russell (Resident member)
Tree Warden	Mr S Mugatroyd	
Internal Auditor	Mr M Clarke	
Warmwell Quarries Liaison Group	Cllr Stenning	Cllr Harriss
DCA Steering Group	Cllr Russell	
Ancient Monument Liaison	Cllr Brewer	
Emergency Planning Liaison	Cllr Brewer	Cllr Peacocke
Crime Prevention Panel Representative	Cllr Peacocke	
Crossways Playgroup Management Cttee	Cllr Stenning	
Crossways School/Community Committee	Cllr Russell	

ITEM 10 REPORT LIBRARY CAMPAIGN/MEETING AT DCC – CLLR RUSSELL AND CLLR BREWER

Cllr Russell’s input under Chairman’s report. Cllr Brewer informed the Councillors that the meeting on the 11th May attended by Cllr Russell and himself lasted 2½ hours. Cllr Brewer noted that the Council had offered to distribute the questionnaire with the Bridge but had not received them in time. He was saddened that this was an opportunity missed Cllr Brewer said the Library site had been valued with a view to development and that DCC were even considering this option is outrageous noting that this site was given to DCC for a library. Cllr Brewer advised caution in that DCC might have plans to sell the library site and the Youth Club site as a ‘job lot’ leaving Crossways with more housing and less amenities. Crossways is the most isolated village being 7 miles from the nearest library. Cllr Brewer stressed the need for continued lobbying and urged residents to complete the questionnaires. He also asked that the Parish Council writes to Cllr Crowhurst directly and asks for his support and to vote against the Library closure. Cllr Harriss said she felt that the questions on the questionnaire were ‘loaded’ and leaned towards giving an option to use another library and cautioned care when filling these questionnaires. Cllr Brewer proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Cllr Crowhurst formally requesting his vote against the closure of Crossways Library, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Round and agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 11 REPORT VILLAGE FETE – CLLR RUSSELL Item covered under Chairman’s Report.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 6 REDBRIDGE ROAD ERECT TWO STOREY EXTENSION AND DETACHED GARAGE (APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING PRIOR TO MEETING)

The Council had no objections to this application.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 17 DICK O’ TH’ BANKS ROAD ERECT SINGLE STOREY DWELLING AND CONSTRUCT VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS (APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING PRIOR TO MEETING) The Council had no comments on this application.

ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES (MAY 8TH) AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. AMENITIES – Page 355 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 8th May 2006 were presented by Cllr Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 224 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 8th May 2006 were presented by Cllr Russell and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Page 144 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 8th May 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.

ITEM 15 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR PREVIOUS MONTH AND AGREE EXPENDITURE FOR SIGNATURE TO DATE Expenditure for the previous month April 27th to May 25th was noted and payment agreed.

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John Pierson Landscapes	851.87
Loc Out	76.38
Express Glass	195.23
S Manuel – Grass Cutting	472.00
Salary Clerk	754.89
Inland Revenue	229.24
Rates	63.00
S Manuel Grass Cutting	1024.00
Viking Direct Stationery	48.88
British Telecommunications DD	99.96
Litter Collector	200.40

ITEM 16 TO RECEIVE ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS Cllr Peacocke reported that he had attended the AGM of the Dorchester Crime Prevention Panel and would be forwarding a report.

ITEM 17 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING (JUNE 29TH) Confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.58pm