

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE 2008

Present : Cllr Daniel Smy (Chairman), Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer Vice Chairman (Finance), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning and Cllr Valerie Bache

Also present: Mr Alan Muir, WDDC Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Reverend Jacquie Birdseye and approximately 26 members of the public.

Cllr Smy opened the meeting by introducing those Councillors present and Mr Alan Muir. Cllr Smy advised that Mr Muir was attending as an observer only and thanked Mr Muir for his continued work in the mediation process being undertaken by the Council.

Presentation by Mr Rob Westell, Area Estates Manager Aggregate Industries on the future of quarrying at Warmwell Quarries. Mr Westell introduced Mr Peter Mole and gave a 30 minute presentation on the future of quarrying at Warmwell. Cllr Smy thanked Mr Westell for a very interesting presentation. Cllr Smy regretted that there would not be time for a question period but invited members and residents to e mail or contact him or the Clerk. Cllr Smy reminded those present that he is the Parish Council representative on the Warmwell Quarry Liaison Committee.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS Cllr Smy read out the names of the those residents who called for an election (and advised that the election would take place on the 17th July and named the candidates as Peter Tizzard and Jo Maidment. Both candidates were invited to give a short presentation. Mr Bob Russell questioned the cost of the elections and questioned why none of the eleven signatories calling an election put a candidate up for election. Cllr Smy read two letters from the DCA. These letters are attached to the minutes. Cllr Smy offered his support for Kris Hallett.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

- a. Representations were made by Mr Bob Russell as the applicant for the planning application, 6 Berrylands, on the agenda. Representations against the proposal were heard from residents living near 6 Berrylands.
- b. Mrs Platt, a Magna Housing resident of Warmwell Road, spoke of a dispute between residents of Warmwell Road stating that problems with a foul sewer became a matter of disagreement between Magna, residents and West Dorset District Council and residents had received notice late on Friday 6th June stating that the repairs must be done by the following Monday morning. Cllr Smy offered to intercede with Magna on Mrs Platt's behalf. Mrs Platt expressed concern about the behaviour of a Parish Councillor who she felt did not help matter by shouting at persons present. Cllr Smy advised Mrs Platt that there is a proper complaints procedure and advised her to put her complaint to the correct authorities.
- c. Mrs Marriot advised the Council for information that the Highways Depot in Redbridge Lane has new owners. These owners are not known and using the area for overnight storage. Mrs Marriot accepted that B8 storage is a legitimate use but queried the tarmac of the area. Mrs Marriot advised the Council that she had contacted Cllr Read who said he would speak to DCC. Cllr Smy thanked Mrs Marriot for this information. Cllr Brewer advised that a large diesel tank was delivered to the site and Mr Arnold said that asbestos lined building was being demolished. The Clerk was asked to speak to planning enforcement officers.
- d. Mr Bob Russell, speaking about the difficulties within the Council, informed the meeting that he had been the Chairman of the Parish Council for some 6 years working with some members of the present council. Mr Russell denigrated those persons responsible for anonymously passing malicious e mails and comments. Cllr Smy thanked Mr Russell for his comments and hoped those persons responsible are listening and desist in their actions.

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

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllr Read and Cllr Seall

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Abi Scard, Cllr David Smith and Cllr Thelma Smith

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Brewer spoke about his dilemma in declaring an interest in Item 8 proposed by Cllr Smy. Cllr Brewer spoke of previous declarations of a personal interest which have been challenged as have a personal interest declared in matter pertaining to the Bridge donation. Cllr Brewer expressed disappointment that his involvement in Scouting and the matter of re-homing the Methodist Chapel, as a direct wish of residents and the Parish Council has been used in a campaign leading to investigation for not declaring a financial prejudicial interest. Cllr Brewer stressed that he receives no financial gain from either the Bridge or matters relating to

the Scout Group's plan to resite the Methodist Chapel. In the matter of Item 8 Cllr Brewer declared that the booking for the sports field is made by the District Scout Group of which Crossways' Scouts represents 1/12th of the fee of £27.00. Money that would not benefit him personally.

In conclusion Cllr Brewer declared a personal interest in Item 8 declaring that he would remain in the room, not take part in the discussion and not vote. Cllr Brewer asked fellow members if they had any objections to declare them now, not later. There were no other declarations of interest. Cllr Stenning and Cllr Connor supported Cllr Brewer.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no declarations of predetermination.

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 22nd MAY 2008 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Smy reported the following:

- a. Kris Hallett's report. Copy attached. A cheque in the sum of £50.00 donated by the Dorchester Lions Club towards the MUGA/Skatebowl project was presented to Council.
- b. An inspection of the play areas had been carried out. The Clerk reported that it was now a condition of insurance that a professional inspection should be carried out. This will in arranged.
- c. Cllr Smy thanked Cllr Bache for the planting at the Memorial Park.
- e. A fire risk assessment had been carried out in the sports pavilion. Cllr Smy also noted that the coving had been repaired and the damaged door repaired, by the Football Club.
- f. The Mediation process by Dorset Mediation is underway.
- g. Cllr Smy asked that Councillors respond to the Clerk on Council matters. Cllr Smy advised that he also does not get responses when requested.
- h. Councillors were again requested to respond to the 'wish list' spread sheet given to Councillors to advise the Council of any projects/improvement they would like considered. Responses are requested prior to the budget setting process. It was noted that there is a nil response to date.
- j. A request for an allotment in Crossways was received by the necessary six signatures. This will be an agenda item for the July meeting.
- h. Cllr Smy read a press statement from DCA (Dorset Community Action) regarding rumours circulating in Crossways and Owermoigne regarding the actions of the Community Worker. (Copy attached). Cllr Smy called for an end to these scurrilous rumours asking Councillors to move forward as asked in his speech at the Parish Meeting.

ITEM 7 ANNUAL REVIEW KEY HOLDERS LIST - TO AGREE REVISED KEY HOLDERS LIST – COPY ATTACHED Councillors were advised of an amendment to the list; Cllr Brewer holds a key to the gate. With this amendment noted the revised key holders list was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

ITEM 8 TO AGREE TO ALLOW THE SCOUTS/BEAVER/CUBS TO USE OF THE SPORTS FIELD FOR THEIR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FREE OF CHARGE Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Rhodes. The Council voted 4 for, one abstention (Cllr Bache) and one declaration (Cllr Brewer).

AGREED

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 1/D/08/000949 14A GREEN LANE – ERECT GARAGE The Council had no comment on this application.

b. 1/D/08/000959 ... ADJACENT TO 6 BERRYLANDS, CROSSWAYS – DEVELOP LAND BY ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES, INCORPORATING THE CHANGE OF USE OF LAND EXISTING LANDSCAPED AREAS FORMING PART OF THE WIDER LANDSCAPING AREAS FOR THE HOUSING ESTATE TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED TWO HOUSES (COPIES OF LETTERS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION) Proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Connor approved with the condition that construction traffic is monitored and works with

minimal nuisance to neighbouring properties. A vote was taken 5 for 1 against. AGREED

c. 1/D/08/001055 48 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD - ERECT BUNGALOW The Council recommended refusal on the grounds of over development and restricted access . A vote was taken 5 for 1 against.

AGREED

d. 1/D/08/001095 48 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD - ERECT BUNGALOW The Council recommended refusal on the grounds of over development and restricted access . A vote was taken 5 for 1 against.

AGREED

e. 1/D/2008/1089 HYBRIS BUSINESS PARK – VARIATION OF CONDITION TO ALLOW THE SITE TO OPERATE ON THE SATURDAY OVER EASTER WEEKEND Cllr Brewer advised that the Council had previously objected to any extension of working hours on the site and proposed refusal, Cllr Connor seconded this proposal. The Council voted unanimously to refuse.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO HEAR DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED

- a. 10 Green Lane, allow use of room for physiotherapy treatment on a permanent basis.
- b. Land within cartilage of 66 Dick o' th' Banks Road - Withdrawn

ITEM 11 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 22 MAY 08 – 26th JUNE 08 Income and Expenditure for the previous month was noted and approved:

| | Expenditure | Income |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Crossways Football Club | | 162.00 |
| Owermoigne Football Club | | 108.00 |
| DCC Grass Cutting Agency | | 1313.21 |
| Salary Clerk | 720.65 | |
| Inland Revenue (PAYE) | 312.20 | |
| F C Bearman & Son | 69.75 | |
| Allianz Insurance | 1610.64 | |
| Petty Cash | 174.44 | |
| Rates WDDC | 33.00 | |
| Frome Valley Archers | 150.00 | |
| Southern Electric | 68.15 | |
| Fireline | 34.17 | |
| S Manuel Grass Cutting | 482.00 | |
| Century 21 Photocopy Hire | 105.75 | |
| Nildram Broadband | 25.18 | |
| British Gas | 207.29 | |
| Viking Direct | 31.75 | |

Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Connor AGREED

ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT – VICE CHAIRMAN (FINANCE) COPIES OF THE UP TO DATE BUDGET REPORT WILL BE SUPPLIED AT THE MEETING Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that there were no concerns of note to date. The provision of a new bus shelter in Dick o' th' Banks Road has not been precepted and will produce a shortfall. Cllr Brewer suggested the cost, less grant of £1000.00, is sourced from the monies held on deposit at West Dorset and replaced over a period of time from the precept. Councillors offered no comment on the quarterly budget report and it was accepted.

AGREED

ITEM 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – JULY 31ST 2008 Confirmed.

ITEM 14 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION Councillor Brewer presented the Chairman with a copy of the Crossways Scouts Annual Report. Cllr Smy offered the thanks of the Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm