

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2010

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning (Vice Chairman (Finance)), Cllr Ron Arnold, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Daphne Bearman, Cllr Kathy Foster and Cllr Ted Rowley

Also Present: District Councillor Teresa Seall

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public information announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD No public participation requested.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER Apologies had been received from the Community Police Officer.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Apologies were received from Kris Hallett

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Cllr Seall's report follows Item 4

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Bache's absence was noted.

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

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

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 27TH MAY 2010 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr Rowley, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

The meeting was suspended to allow Cllr Seall's to offer report omitted in error.

Cllr Seall's report

NEW COUNCIL OFFICES – ADDITIONAL ENERGY SAVING MEASURES The council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions and has adopted a Carbon Management Plan. The proposed additional measures will further reduce the council's energy bills and also reduce the carbon emissions of the new building. Therefore it has been resolved at the Executive Committee that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council, is authorised to approve the inclusion of the following energy saving measures if it is confirmed that they demonstrate a positive payback:

- Improved insulation
- Small appliance power control
- Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) heat recovery
- Photovoltaics

DORCHESTER PARK & RIDE

A transport engineering consultant is to be procured in partnership with Dorset County Council to undertake a study to identify possible park and ride sites for Dorchester with the aim of having a site in operation by 2012. The council is committed to reducing long stay parking and commuter traffic in Dorchester town centre and promoting alternatives on the town's periphery, including park and ride.

REVISED SUPPORTING PEOPLE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT Housing related support services for individuals or groups are commissioned in Dorset via the Supporting People Partnership at an annual cost of some £9.6m. Recent decisions have highlighted the need for the partnership agreement to be reviewed to ensure that the correct governance arrangements are in place

In view of any changes that may take place the District Council has recommended that the draft agreement is amended to provide for any issue proposing significant changes to local services is considered by the appropriate committee of the district or borough council concerned prior to any reports being presented to the Partnership;

SCRUTINY

The development control and scrutiny of discretionary services are now underway and a programme of informal meetings to seek information has been set up and also Members will be attending other council's development control and planning board meetings to see how they are run. I am also devising a questionnaire for Parish and Town Councils who I hope will fill in and return to us giving their experience of the development control service.

TRAVELLERS ENCAMPMENT

I have received copies of several communications with regard to the encampment near Shakes Hole Tincton which is actually in the adjacent ward represented by Cllr Patrick Cooke. Concern has been raised regarding the damage to the barrier which was put in place last year, the litter and rubbish, the concern regarding the dogs and the impediments to walking the footpath and also that people feel intimidated by the travelers. The County Council Gypsy Liaison Team is attempting to deal with the problem. The County Council has the primary responsibility for provision of licensed sites and has been liaising with all districts regarding the provision of permanent sites for travelers as required by law. It is difficult problem as when consulted no residents are happy for site in their area.

RESUME

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Brewer reported as follows:

Play Area – Woodsford Fields Cllr Brewer, accompanied by Cllr Connor and Cllr Stenning, met with residents living abutting the open space and play area on the Woodsford Fields Estate, Brewer Walk and School Drive. Residents were concerned about children on bikes using the pathway in front of their houses and children using the 'mound' proposed to stop football as a 'run down' to a public assessable walk way between two houses and owned by the adjoining residents. A chicane similar to one installed opposite in Blackwell Walk was suggested by the resident; this would need to be considered between the resident and Betterment Properties. It was agreed that the Council will consult with residents prior to play equipment being put in place.

Challenge Day July 10th Cllr Brewer advised that the Community Challenge and opening day for the MUGA/Skate bowl will take place on July 10th

Parish Council E Mail Cllr Brewer apologised for the recent problems with the Council's e mail. These are now hopefully fixed.

Sports Field Management Committee Councillors were asked to consider their availability dates for the week beginning 5th July for the inaugural meeting of this Committee.

It was noted that to date Mr Cheffey and a representative of the Frome Valley Archers had come forward to sit on this committee.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF TREES IN MEMORIAL PARK ABUTTING 2 SPITFIRE CLOSE. It was agreed to obtain quotes for the works as recommended.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER PROTOCOL FOR REQUESTS FOR WEB SITE LINKS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE Following discussion it was agreed to defer this item until further research could be done to enquire other Council's view on this topic.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 9 NOTE PUBLIC PATH DIVISION ORDER 2007 FOOTPATH 2 CROSSWAYS Noted

ITEM 10 TO ACCEPT/ADOPT THE COUNCILS FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS AS ADVISED AT PREVIOUS MEETING, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT No requests for amendments was received from any Councillor. Discussion took place as to the distribution of Standing Orders as a whole. Electronic copies only was considered; noting not all Councillors have computer access. It was agreed to obtain quotes for printing this document.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE:

- a. **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS 09/10 PAGE 1 – 3**
- b. **EXTERNAL AUDITOR STATEMENT, SECTION 1 (ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL)**
- c. **AGREE FOR SIGNATURE SECTION 2 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**
- d. **ACCEPT AND NOTE SECTION 4 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

Subject to change of detail on Page 3 of the Statutory Statements to note the Allotment Tenancy Lease from Woodsford Farms it was:

Proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Arnold, agreed by all Councillors that the Parish Council accounts and supporting statements as described in 11 a, b c, and d be accepted.

AGREED

ITEM 12 REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED/REFUSED The following planning applications granted were noted:

- a. 27 Airfield Close
- b. 12 Warmwell Road

ITEM 13 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 27th MAY – 24th JUNE 2010 The following income and expenditure was noted for the preceding month;

	Expenditure £	Income £
<u>Transfer Funds from WDDC Account</u>		5,000.00
AON Annual Insurance	1867.35	
Salary Clerk	753.66	
HM Revenue PAYE	201.41	
<u>Transfer from MUGA Account</u>		60,000.00
Part Payment Invoice No 2	60,000.00	
British Gas (DD)	28.16	
Grass Cutting CPC & DCC x 2	800.00	
DAPTC Employment Seminar	25.00	
Nildram Broadband	17.95	
Litter Collector (13 weeks)	377.00	
Internal Auditor 2009/2010	164.80	

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29th JULY 2010

ITEM 15 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- a. Grass Cutting – Mount Skippet Way Cllr Harris asked if the grass could not be get so short in dry weather as it looked bare and sparse. The Clerk agreed to speak to Steve Manuel or Magna as appropriate.

ACTION: CLERK

b. Works Sports field Cllr Arnold advised that the work had commenced on the sports field and because of the dry weather the field will need watering. Ways of doing this were investigated including the fire brigade at £186 plus VAT per hour to include travelling. Volunteers with hoses or contacting Woodsford Farms for assistance or to request a price. Cllr Arnold agreed to contact Woodsford Farms.

ACTION: CLLR ARNOLD

c. Play Area Pauls Way Cllr Connor advised that a section of lining had come through the bark in Pauls Way play area. The Clerk agreed to ask Steve Manuel to attend.

ACTION: CLERK

d. Access Track – Sports Field Cllr Thomas spoke about planning requirements for the Council’s proposal to retain, under the surface, the hard surface which forms the access track to the sports field. Cllr Thomas agreed to draft a letter to WDDC , David Hodges for advice.

ACTION: CLLR THOMAS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed Chairman 2010

