

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY JUNE 30TH 2011

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning (Vice Chairman (Finance)), Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman Sports Field and Recreation Committee)\*, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Daphne Bearman and Cllr Kathy Foster.

\* Cllr Harris left the meeting at 8.04 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: (All for part of the meeting) County Councillor David Crowhurst, District Councillor Teresa Seall, District Councillor Peter Stein, P.C. Jeremy Cuff and Miss Robinson representing the Friends of Crossways Library.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Brewer extended the sympathies of the Council to the Parish Clerk Stella Wilson who had recently suffered a break-in at her property. The Clerk was absent due to annual leave, the Chairman introduced the locum clerk Mike Clarke.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** There were no public announcements.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD** No comments received.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** Apologies were received from CPSO Vickie Hedges.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** County Councillor David Crowhurst advised he had received a copy of the Dorset Police Authority Satisfaction Survey which was handed to Cllr Connor for her perusal. Cllr Crowhurst reported the latest position was that Crossways Library was not one of those listed for closure. However the position still had to be agreed by full DCC Cabinet and he did warn that this situation could still change. Cllr Crowhurst stated that as the local member, he would always do his best to ensure that both Crossways and Puddletown libraries remained open. It was stated that it was DCC policy to ensure that libraries in rural Dorset remain.

**REPORT BY PC JEREMY CUFF** PC Cuff joined the meeting at this point and was welcomed by Cllr Brewer. PC Cuff said that there had been a few local problems mainly at the MUGA. Cllr Brewer mentioned recent incidents at the Scout Hut and Allotments. It was stated that weekly surgeries were still taking place and that the number 222222 should be used to report suspicious incidents. Cllr Brewer thanked PC Cuff for his attendance. PC Cuff left the meeting.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (contd)** District Councillor Seall reported that she was pushing for DCC Option D with regard to the Libraries, she felt this offered the best solution. Cllr Seall reported that the WDDC/WPBC Partnership was on track to save £2 million over two years. Cllr Seall further reported that the tender documents for the Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee Cycleway had now been raised and hopefully the cycle way will be completed by September 2011. Cllr Seall explained that the new Localism Bill should enable Parishes to force development if there is local need. In conclusion Cllr Seall explained that monies collected by WDDC is passed onto other authorities for spending and that this is sometimes not understood by the public. District Councillor Stein reported that he is still finding his feet but had today attended his first audit. He had also been nominated for the Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre Committee and Crossways Youth Centre Committee.

**FRIENDS OF CROSSWAYS LIBRARIES** Miss Robinson, on behalf of Liz Callister, read a report of the Friends of Crossways Library. Cllr Crowhurst stated that he was keen to see management costs and the cost of procuring books reduced and he was currently seeking information from DCC Officers on this subject.

THE MEETING

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None

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

**ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS FO PREDETERMINATION** There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

**ITEM 4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**  
The Minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

**ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Cllr Brewer thanked members for their input at recent libraries meetings and expressed his thoughts and hopes that things may be resolved satisfactorily. He feared that the Localism Bill could lead to more problem areas such a dog fouling and parking being p ut onto Parish Councils. He reported on the vandalism of trees at the Memorial Field and that a 'No Ball Games' sign had gone missing but this had now been recovered; he urged people to report any suspicious incidents using 222222 if appropriate. Cllr Brewer reported that the temporary fencing on the new church site had been replaced with a wooden fence. In conclusion Cllr Brewer discussed the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and ways to commemorate it locally. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed and the Diamond Jubilee be placed on the July agenda.

**ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Subject to a correction, Item 12 delete 'plague' insert 'plaque' the minutes were accepted.

**ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN AREA OF LAND BY A RESIDENT.**  
This item was deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk was requested to respond to the letter stating that the Council are making further enquiries and that if such a proposal were to proceed, all legal fees for both sides would fall to the purchaser.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LAND AT WOODSFORD FIELDS**  
This matter will be referred back to the corresponding solicitors. It will be stated that this piece of land was not in the original agreement and we will ask for their proposals on new financial arrangements if they wish to proceed.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Connor      AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE:**

- a. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS STATEMENT 2010/2011
- b. EXTERNAL AUDITORS STATEMENT SECTION 1 (ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS)
- c. AGREE FOR SIGNATURE SECTION 2 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
- d. ACCEPT AND NOTE SECTION 4 – INTERNAL AUDITORS STATEMENT

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Foster

AGREED

Councillor Brewer signed the Statements.

**ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR 41 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD – DEMOLISH CONSERVATORY AND ERECT EXTENSION.** No comment

**ITEM 12 TO APPROVE THE ASSET REGISTER AS AT \* 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011** Proposed by Cllr Foster, seconded Cllr Connor.

AGREED

The Register was signed by Cllr Brewer.

*\* Post meeting note – Date should read 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011. An amendment will be made and agreed at the Full Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011.*

**ITEM 13 TO NOTE AND APPROVED EXPENDITURE 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 30 JUNE 2011** The following expenditure was noted and approved:

	EXPENDITURE
	£
British Telecom	41.37
British Gas	29.63
Insurance (Annual Premium)	2209.02
Steve Manuel Grass Cutting	710.00
Litter Collector*	
Salary Clerk*	
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)*	
Century 21 Photocopier Hire	108.00
Steve Manuel	260.00
Village Hall Hire	36.00
Painting Play Area	1665.00**

\* Not published to comply with the DATA Protection Act

\*\* Agreed for later payment

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Foster AGREED

**ITEM 14 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION** None requested.

**ITEM 15 CONFIRM DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

Signed ..... Chairman ..... 2011