

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman), Cllr A Brewer (Vice Chairman), Cllr E Stenning, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr C Harriss, Cllr T Connor, Cllr S Dullaway and Cllr R Peacocke

Also Present: Cllr D Crowhurst, Caroline Round, Cllr T Seall and Cllr D Smy

Prior to inviting public participation Cllr Russell welcomed to the meeting Reverend Jacquie Birdseye the new Rector. Reverend Birdseye informed those present that she was pleased to be here and part of her remit was to oversee the building of a new church in Crossways and she looked forward, with the help of the Parochial Council, to work towards that.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** None to report

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

a. Residents living abutting the green in the Woodsford Close area spoke about the increasing number of children playing football on the green. They accepted that children could play games but not ball games. Cars and fences are being damaged and there is considerable noise/nuisance of balls banging against wall, fences and cars. The residents asked the Parish Council to consider planting shrubs to discourage football on the green. A similar problem exists in the area at the junction of Pauls Way and Yalbury Lane. Cllr Russell informed the meeting that the Parish Council had previously supported the residents' complaints and had placed 'no ball games' signs on this green. It has been noticed that this sign is being ignored and football continues to be played by children and adults. The Community police officer will be contacted again. Cllr Connor asked that a 'no ball games' sign be placed on the green at Woodsford Close. It was agreed to check by-laws regarding placing no ball games signs and discuss the matter further at the Committee meetings.

b. A resident of Frome Valley Road expressed his concerns and concerns of other residents, about the proposed gravel extraction west of Egdon House and at Woodsford Fields. Cllr Chubb reported his and Cllr Russell's meeting with Mr Pitt, the manager of the Woodsford Fields Pit workings. Cllr Chubb reported that the full specifications of the proposal (Woodsford Fields) was in the library. Cllr Chubb informed the meeting that the plans for gravel extraction were proposed and agreed in 1994 and a protest group (PAGE – People against gravel extraction) was formed but was unsuccessful in stopping the proposal. Cllr Chubb noted the following points from the meeting with Mr Pitt:

- i. Dust will be kept minimal by wetting down the gravel prior to extraction.
- ii. Working hours will be 06.00 hrs until 18.00 hours with the last vehicle movement at 16.30hrs.
- iii. The noise level will be kept to a minimum.
- iv. There will be a quarter of a mile of tarmac road at the entrance/exit of site. Lorries will be washed on site and will be dry and covered before leaving.
- v. Traffic will turn right out of the quarry and should not need to travel through Crossways. All drivers will be instructed to turn right and face penalties if they do not comply.
- vi. The working will be in valleys with high bunds surrounding to lessen the impact on the area.

It was proposed by resident that regular monitoring meetings are held. Further concerns were raised about the road network including the bridges on the Bere Regis road. Cllr Russell concluded by saying public meetings would be held if requested and regretted that the Parish Council cannot prevent these workings going ahead and informed the meeting that gravel extraction was very much a part of Crossway's history. It was considered surprising that these proposals were not passed to prospective buyers in Crossways during searches by their respective solicitors. The matter of the working to the west of Egdon House will also be placed on the forthcoming Planning Committee agenda.

c. Questions were raised regarding traffic calming in Dick o' th Banks Road. Cllr Russell replied that the Council had met with DCC Highways officers and were still awaiting a reply. This matter is still on the Parish Council's agenda and is being actively pursued.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** PC Withers not present, on leave.

### **REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

a. **Cllr Crowhurst** in reply to questions regarding traffic calming confirmed that £100,000 was available for this and offered to follow up on this matter. In the matter of Aggregate Industries he confirmed that licences for this extraction have been in place for some forty years. Cllr Crowhurst informed the meeting that a highway impact study will be undertaken but as yet DCC have not made any plans to widen the bridges on the Bere Regis Road. Cllr Connor questioned where the traffic for the school construction will go? Cllr Crowhurst confirmed it will be via Frome Valley Road and asked that the public be vigilant and report and vehicles using Dick o' th Banks and Woodsford Road.

b. **Cllr Smy** replied Cllr Russell's complaint that the recycling lorries were dropping rubbish and informed the meeting that he had taken this matter up with Mr Cranmer. In the matter of the gravel extraction he said he, and Cllr Seall were meeting with Mr Pitt on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Cllr Smy reported, as a member of the Licensing Committee, that no applications for 24hr opening had been received to date. The closing date for these applications is November 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. Cllr Brewer, as a member of the Village Hall management committee asked Cllr Smy for his stance on the proposal to remove the discretionary rate relief for Village Hall therefore forcing the Village Hall Committee to increase rents to village organisations to sustain this increase. Cllr Smy replied that he did support the removal of the discretionary rate relief. Cllr Brewer questioned the financial expedience of removing this relief against the cost of administering it. Cllr Smy replied that WDDC had allowed this relief and now must take it back.

**REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS** Apologies were received from Mr Alan Thacker, Broadmayne School. Mrs Cartwright's report from Owermoigne School is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

### **THE MEETING**

**ITEM 1 FILL BY CO-OPTION VACANCY FOLLOWED BY SIGNING OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE** Cllr Russell introduced Caroline Round to the Council. Following an unanimous agreement to co-opt Caroline was welcomed to the Council, took her seat and signed the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Office.

**ITEM 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** All Councillors were present.

**ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Brewer declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 13.

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

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

**ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Cllr Russell informed the meeting that the Cricket Square will be installed the following week. Cllr Russell expressed his disappointment regarding the adverse publicity in the local press in the matter of the football pitch stating that the Council had taken no action regarding the problems with the pitch. Cllr Russell showed letter and e mails relating to this that had been sent and received by the Council and stressed that the Council is and has been active in taking steps to rectify this problem.

**ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE** None to report

**ITEM 8 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF MEETING AT WOODFORD FARMS REGARDING PROPOSED MINERAL WORKING AND DISCUSS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT TECHNICAL SUMMARY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED** It was agreed that this item had been partially covered during public participation. Cllr Chubb spoke about the technical summary and offered a copy to members of the public present if they wished to view it. It was further stated that a copy was available in the Library. The following further points were noted; Cllr Chubb showed those present a map showing the areas of working:

- a. It is proposed to work 40 acres at a time (1 year) to give minimal disruption. A total of 40 acres for a period of twenty years.
- b. A bund (mound), approximately 3 metres high, will be constructed using the excavated top soil; this will be grass seeded.
- c. Four lakes will be constructed as a result of the workings.
- d. The area will not be used for land fill.

It was noted that the Council will consider the full specifications of the planning application at the next full council meeting.

*IT WAS AGREED TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW INPUT FROM CLLR CROWHURST FOR ITEM 9*

**ITEM 9 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/05/000581 – ERECT NEW TWO FORM FIRST SCHOOL TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS. CONSTRUCT NEW VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS (AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL APPROVED UNDER REFERENCE 1/E/2004/000813) – LAND TO THE NORTH OF DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD CROSSWAYS** Cllr Crowhurst informed the meeting that the amendment was added to approve construction traffic to travel along Briar's End. Following representation by the residents, the Parish Council and himself this amendment has been removed. With this further amendment the Parish Council has no objections to these plans.

**AGREED**

**ITEM 10 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/05/000667 – DEMOLISH EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND ERECT NEW CONSERVATORY – 5 HURRICANE CLOSE** No objections.

**ITEM 11 TO NOTE DORSET RURAL RENAISSANCE LITERATURE** Noted. Cllr Chubb suggested that grants towards the Multi Use Games Area could be sought from this source.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORT BY RACHELLE SMITH DCA** Received and noted.

**ITEM 13 TO CONSIDER ITEM 15 PAGE 914 OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES DATED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2004 IN THE MATTER OF HEATING AT THE VILLAGE HALL - DEFERRED ITEM**

Cllr Brewer informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had met with other organisations and fund raising events were being planned for July to make a contribution to the heating requirements. It was proposed that the Parish Council will underpin any shortfall.

**ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 2005 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:**

- a. AMENITIES – Page 337-338 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were presented by Cllr Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 211 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Page 133 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were presented by Cllr Peacocke and duly signed.

**ITEM 15 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE** It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed that the following expenditure for the month March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup> be approved:

- a. Clerks Salary £711.35
- b. Century 21 £105.75
- c. Viking Direct £ 58.09
- d. S Manuel £422.00
- e. Inland Revenue £177.63
- f. Litter Collector £ 97.10
- g. S Manuel £422.00

AGREED

**ITEM 16 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS** Cllr Brewer suggested the Council sponsor a contact card detailing useful and important contact details and telephone numbers in the Village. Possible numbers would include Police, Magna Housing, Bardon Aggregates, Crook & Sons. It was agreed this matter would be taken forward to the next Finance & Administration Committee.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 17 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING (THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY) AGM Confirmed.**

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2005