MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2006 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Village Hall Mr Southall asked what the state of play is regarding the Village Hall. Cllr Russell reported that the village hall had been refurbished but had a limited life and lease. The Parish Council wish to look to the future and hoped to obtain money from planning gains from the proposed extra development in Woodsford Fields to build a new village hall/community centre on the land abutting the Youth Club subject to Dorset County Council agreeing to release this land to the Parish Council. The West Dorset District Council structure plan did not include any further development on Woodsford Fields. The Structure Plan was appealed and the Government Inspector recommended reinstatement of this provision. This recommendation is now the subject of further review following the decision of West Dorset District Council to not accept the Inspector' recommendations.

Multi Use Games Area Mr Smith asked for an update regarding the MUGA. The Chairman declined to answer as this was an agenda item and he wished to inform Councillors in his report.

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

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes. Apologies were received from Cllr D Smy and Cllr T Seall.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS Apologies were received from Mrs J Cartwright, Governor Owermoigne School

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Peacocke, Cllr Harriss and Cllr Round

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

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

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 30th MARCH 2006 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 TO INCLUDE UPDATE OF MUGA

a. Cllr Russell informed those present that he had sadly received the resignation of Cllr Dullaway Cllr Russell expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to Cllr Dullaway for her work during the four years with the Council and wished her well.

b. The Chairman offered congratulations to Andrew and Mary Brewer for being recognised as Community Champions at the presentation ceremony, sponsored by DCC in Chante Marle. Mary and Andrew were recognised for all the many hours they spend on community ventures with many organisations in Crossways.

c. Proposed Library Closure The Chairman expressed the dismay of the whole Council at the proposal to close Crossways Library noting that Crossways had the highest ratio of members to books taken out. It was agreed that the Council would campaign vigorously against this closure and enlist the office of Mr Knight MP to aid this campaign.

d. Multi Use Games Area The Chairman informed Councillors that the CAEA (Crossways Area Environment Association) had refused the funding for the MUGA stating that a business plan had not been provided and insufficient surveys carried out. The Chairman noted that as stated on the CAEA's publicity literature a condition of funding was that the project must be non profit making thereby negating the need for a business plan. It was also noted that three surveys had been carried out, each stating the MUGA on the 'wish list' of the people of Crossways. The latest survey was carried out as recently as 2005 by the Parish Plan Committee. Cllr Russell referred to the previous years correspondence and confirmed that the application had been forwarded to SWEET (South West Environmental Trust) the regulator of the Landfill Trust Scheme and then to ENTRUST (Environmental Trust Scheme Regulators) The Chairman also noted that he had spoken to the Secretary of the CAEA on the evening prior to their meeting and was informed that they had all the information required. Cllr Brewer expressed disappointment at this refusal confirming that Puddletown had recently warmly welcomed a MUGA as a village amenity. The Chairman questioned the need for a business plan for a non profit making village amenity and did not recall having to supply a business plan for earlier grants. It was further

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noted that the recently compiled Youth Survey also expressed a need for further sports facilities. The Council resolved to continue in their efforts to bring this facility to the Village and the Clerk was instructed to contact DCA (Dorset Community Action) to enlist their assistance in procuring funding. It was agreed unanimously that alternative funding would be sought and the reasons stating for withdrawing of the funding by the CAEA Committee would be questioned.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 CONSIDER RESPONSE TO CROSSWAYS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES VILLAGE SURVEY Cllr Brewer drew attention to the request for extra sports facilities as previously noted. Cllr Brewer also questioned why the survey seemed only to focus on the Youth Club; neglecting to note the thriving Scout organisation within the Village. Cllr Bradley expressed concern that the children felt unsafe at night. Cllr Brewer said the focus of the survey seemed narrow but stressed that it was a good report and encouraging that children responded to the questionnaire. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the report to PC Mandy Hopkins and send congratulations to Karen Bennet on her work on the survey.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 8 CONSIDER REPORT BY MR MURGATROYD RE PLANTING PAULS WAY Planting agreed.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION TO SITE A 25m MONOPOLE WITH 3 ANTENNAS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT NEAR MOIGNE COMBE COTTAGES (CLLR CHUBB IS REQUESTED TO COLLECT DETAILS FROM THE LIBRARY) Cllr Chubb reported the location of the mast being 80-90 metres from the cottages at Moigne Combe. The Council had no objections to these plans.

AGREED

ITEM 10 CONSIDER CHANGE OF USE GROUND FLOOR 10 GREEN LANE TO PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM (DETAILS FORWARDED 11TH APRIL) Cllr Russell abstained from discussion as he is a patient of the physiotherapist. The Council had no objection to this change of use.

AGREED

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES 10th APRIL 2006 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES (ATTACHED)

a. AMENITIES – Page 353 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 10th April 2006 were presented by Cllr Russell and duly accepted.

b. PLANNING – Page 223 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 10th April 2006 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.

c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Page 143 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 10th April 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.

ITEM 12 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH 30TH MARCH 2006 TO 27TH APRIL 2006 It was proposed by Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Connor that the following expenditure be agreed:

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Rates WDDC Sports Pavilion	60.85
Litter Collector	212.10
Salary Clerk	695.99
DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils)	381.76
Century 21 Photocopy Hire	105.75
Viking Direct Stationery	55.72
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	191.45

ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT BUSINESS Cllr Brewer informed those present that the next meeting to co-ordinate the Village Fete would be Tuesday 16th May. Leaflets will be distributed with the Bridge Magazine asking for volunteers to help put on the Fete.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed …… (Chairman) …….. 2006

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