

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

Present: Cllr Daniel Smy (Chairman Parish Council), Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Vice Chairman Parish Council), Cllr Valerie Bache (Chairman Amenities), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Geoffrey Northcote, Cllr Caroline Round, Cllr (Mrs) Thelma Smith (Chairman Finance & Administration), Cllr Dave Smith (Chairman Planning) and Cllr Elaine Stenning.

Also Present: District Councillor Peter Read and District Councillor Teresa Seall and members of the public.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Mr Peter Tizzard a resident of Dick o' th' Banks Road made a complaint about Cllr Dave Smith's behaviour in questioning the Leaders of Cubs and Brownies about their presence on the sports field and complaining about trespass by cubs and beavers into the lane behind properties in Egdon Glen. Mr Tizzard suggested fencing on the border of the sports field abutting the lane in question. Cllr Smy agreed to look into fencing this area; the Clerk was instructed to place the matter of the fencing on the next Council agenda. In reply Cllr Dave Smith asked if a complaint had been received in writing. The Clerk confirmed it had not. Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he acted as a private citizen and homeowner not as a Councillor. Cllr (Mrs) Smith stated she had no comment. District Cllr Read asked the Council to free up green areas for children to play on and said that tolerance is required and suggested that users be asked to use the middle of the sports field. Cllr Northcote asked that parents be asked not to allow their children to play football in the Memorial Park. Cllr Smy reaffirmed the need to ensure that the sports field is kept and encouraged as a sports field for all to enjoy.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were made on behalf of Cllr Brewer.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. Cllr Stenning declared an interest in Item 6 of the Planning Committee agenda stating that she is a resident of Oaklands Park declaring that she would stay for any discussion but would not take part or vote.
- b. Cllr Smith declared an interest in Item 4 of the Amenities Committee stating that he would remain in the room but would not take part in any discussion or vote.
- c. Cllr (Mrs) Smith declared an interest in Item 4 of the Amenities Committee stating that she would remain in the room but would not take part in any discussion or vote.
- e. Cllr Bache declared an interest in items 4 and 5 of the Planning Committee agenda stating that she would remain in the room but would not take part in any discussion or vote.
- b. Cllr Rhodes declared an interest in Item 4 of the Amenities Committee stating that he would remain in the room but would not take part in any discussion or vote.

**ITEM 3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE CONFIRMED** The date of the next meeting would be confirmed following an agenda item at full council to consider changing meeting dates to allow for new Councillors with prior commitments

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Chair: Cllr V Bache

**ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed/

**ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Cllr Bache raised the following:

- a. Item 5 Attendance at CPRE Seminar The Clerk informed the Committee that she had been unable to attend due to illness.
- b. Item 6 Note dog exclusion sports pitches and Children's Play Areas Order 2007 The Clerk informed the meeting that this matter was in hand.
- c. Item 7 Consider Attendance at Computers for Community Conference 30<sup>th</sup> March at Wareham The Clerk informed the Committee that she had attended this Conference with Cllr Stenning. Following this a report was placed in the Bridge Magazine requesting that any person interested in starting up a club or expressing any interest to get in

touch with the Clerk. To date not such interest has been expressed..

d. Item 9 Consider Purchase and Installation of SPD (Speed Indicator Device) The Clerk informed the meeting she had started consultation on this matter; it is ongoing.

**ITEM 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** The Chairman had nothing to report not already covered by the agenda.

**ITEM 4 CONSIDER LETTER FROM SPORTS ENGLAND IN THE MATTER OF MUGA FUNDING AND THE WAY AHEAD** Cllr Smy summarised the contents of the letter received from Sports England suggesting that the money applied for did not merit an investment by Sport England and questioned whether the MUGA would find funding from another source. Cllr Bache asked for comments. Cllr Connor said that there seemed to be a question of usage and stated that the MUGA needs to be supported because there is an ongoing debate about facilities for the youth of the Village. Cllr Connor stated that the Council should continue to seek funding from other sources. Cllr Stenning asked that the Clerk be instructed to seek funding elsewhere. Cllr Round seconded this. It was noted that the recently produced Parish Plan noted the need for a MUGA following a Village questionnaire. Cllr Smy suggested feasibility study. Cllr Connor reminded those present that the funding for the MUGA was withdrawn and given to other applicants despite going through a process lasting nearly 12 months and being agreed in principle by the CAEA and ENTRUST; a body governing the CAEA. Cllr Round stated that if Milborne St Andrew can get a MUGA why is Crossways denied this facility. Cllr Round stated that Crossways needs this facility. Cllr Smy in summary stated the Council would look at a feasibility study or consider working with the school and an opportunity to work in partnership to get this facility. It was agreed to keep the consideration of a MUGA on the agenda.

AGREED

**ITEM 5 CONSIDER DATE/VENUE FOR CRIME PREVENTION PANEL TO OFFER INVISIBLE MARKING FACILITY AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL REPORT AND MINUTES** The Council noted receipt of the Dorchester and District Crime Panel Report and Minutes and agreed to offer the Sports Pavilion as a venue for the invisible marking operation and suggested a date in August.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CROSSWAYS FOOTBALL TEAM TO HOLD A CELEBRATORY FOOTBALL MATCH, THE COUNCIL'S INVOLVEMENT AND TO AGREE TO WAIVE THE FEE** The Committee agreed to this request for the match on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Cllrs Thelma Smith and Valerie Bache offered to supply half time refreshments to be paid for out of Council funds. Cllr Dave Smith advised the Committee that he had agreed to make a photographic album for the team.

AGREED/ACTION CLLR (MRS) SMITH/CLLR BACHE/CLLR D SMITH

**ITEM 7 UPDATE AND CONFIRM KEY HOLDER LIST SPORTS FIELD AND PAVILION** A revised key list was agreed. Cllr Stenning agreed to pass her key on the Cllr Bache. The Clerk will issue a revised key list for information.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 8 APPROVE PURCHASE OF A CO2 FIRE EXTINGUISHER AS RECOMMENDED BY FIRELINE ENGINEER** This expenditure was proposed by Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Smy and agreed.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYING FOOTBALL ON THE 'NO BALL GAMES' DESIGNATED AREA AT YALBURY LANE (ITEM DEFERRED FROM FULL COUNCIL- MAY 17<sup>th</sup>)** Cllr Smy suggested this item be deferred to full council and a site meeting be arranged for Councillors prior to the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Smy, seconded Cllr Round

AGREED/

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TREE SURVEY AS AGREED AT FULL COUNCIL MAY 17<sup>th</sup>** Cllr Smy informed the meeting that he had consulted with Stuart Murgatroyd, the Parish Council tree advisory officer, and was now of the opinion that a full tree survey was not needed and following further talks with Ron Martin at WDDC suggested the following, two pronged approach:

- a. Consider tree protection as part of the Village Design Statement.
- b. With an ordnance survey map and Stuart Murgatroyd employ a professional arborist on a daily basis; at an estimate cost of £400.00 to go around the Village to identify trees possibly needing a protection order and forward the details to WDDC for action.

It was agreed that the cost would be in the region of £400.00 plus VAT. Cllr Connor was pleased that this approach was now being taken as a full tree survey would be very expensive and Mr Murgatroyd has previously worked well on behalf of the Council. Cllr Stenning suggested that Mr Murgatroyd be requested to look at the trees in the first instance and the get professional advice if needed. Cllr Northcote offered to go around the Village stating that he is a designer of gardens, and look at the problem from an aesthetic point of view.

It was proposed by Cllr Stenning that Mr Murgatroyd be asked to under take a survey in the first instance and bring in further professional services only if needed. This was seconded by Cllr Smy and agreed

AGREED/ACTION CLLR SMY/MR MURGATROYD/CLLR NORTHCOTE.

**ITEM 11 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT AND CONTRACT PLAY AREA INSPECTOR** The Clerk told those present that she had experienced difficulty in contacting the present contracted play area inspector. It was proposed by Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Smy that a new contractor be sought.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

**ITEM 12 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** There were no further items requested.

Signed ..... (Chairman) .....2007