

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2004 AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman) Cllr S Bryant (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr Dullaway, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning Cllr J Manuel, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Connor and Cllr L Crowe

Also present: County Councillor D Crowhurst, District Councillor D Smy and one member of the public.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public information announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES) None requested

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER (IF AVAILABLE) The Community Police Officer was not available.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a. Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached at Annex A to the main and library copy of these minutes.
- b. Cllr Smy informed the meeting that the District Council tax increase will be limited to 8% and for the District Council to sustain this increase savings in the region of 1.1 million must be saved or found. Cllr Smy also informed the meeting that the recycling initiative was underway in Crossways and all villagers should have their recycling bins. The Chairman questioned why plastic was not included in the recycling Cllr Smy replied that plastic was not viable to meet government recycling targets. Cllr Smy ended his report by saying that he had been meeting with Peter Stenning, Chairman of the Oaklands Residents Society, about their quest to get their banding, for Council Tax, reduced. Cllr Smy reported that sadly he was not optimistic for a favourable outcome.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS There were no School Governors present.

AGENDA

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE There were no apologies for absence.

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

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting (26th February 2004) were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. The Chairman reported that he had through the Clerk sent a comprehensive list of minor works required to DCC Highways under the new Parish Maintenance Units scheme.
- b. The Chairman reported that the Notice Boards are being well maintained and notices displayed correctly.
- c. Complaints have been received regarding nuisance stone throwing and verbal abuse emitting from the Youth Club and directed at the residents of Berrylands. The Community Police Officer, Magna and the Youth Club officers have been informed.
- d. Parish Plans. The Chairman reported that he had received a request from Mrs Bache for a meeting with himself and two Parish Council members. It was agreed that the meeting would be arranged with all Councillors present and an agenda requested

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE None to report.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER LETTER FROM DTI (DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY) AND DEFRA (DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS) - PARTNERSHIP IN ROLLING OUT BROADBAND TO RURAL COMMUNITIES Cllr Peacocke reported that Broadband was already available in Crossways. No further action deemed necessary.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT SOUTH WEST FOUNDATION INFORMATION DAY WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL WEYMOUTH DORSET – DETAILS ATTACHED Cllr Peacocke to attend.

ITEM 9 TO RECEIVE REPORTS, ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENITIES, PLANNING AND FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a. AMENITIES – Pages 315-316 of the Amenities Committee (March 8th 2004) were presented by Cllr Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Pages 196-197 of the Planning Committee (March 8th 2004) were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - Page 121 of the Finance and Administration Committee (March 8th 2004) was presented by Cllr Bryant and duly accepted.

ITEM 10 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE The following items of income and expenditure for the previous month were noted and approved:

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
£	£
Dijon Services (Play Areas)	1500.00
Southern Electric	25.59
S Manuel	524.00
Dijon Services	1723.10*
British Gas	159.05
S Manuel Maintenance Contract	500.00
Litter Collector	90.00

* It was reported that sections of the painting on the underside of equipment were incomplete. The Clerk was instructed to withhold payment until the work is satisfactorily completed.

ITEM 11 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS

- a. Forthcoming meetings were reported with SMP Playgrounds and Broadway Maylan. Cllr Dullaway expressed concerns about the nuisance of large lorries using Woodsford Road to reach the Woodsford Fields construction site and asked for site traffic signs to be erected. It was also noted that these lorries were reversing into Woodsford Close and mounting the pavement. The Clerk was asked to write to Betterment Properties and Balfour Beattie regarding this matter. Cllr Crowhurst was asked to assist.
- b. Cllr Brewer asked that it be noted that he did not refuse to place any notice or article in the matter of the Parish Plan public meeting in the Bridge Magazine as had been said.
- c. **MATTERS OF PLANNING** Due to the reporting time and the date of the next committee meetings Cllr Chubb asked that the planning applications for 8 Green Lane, 47 Old Farm Way, and the changes to the acoustic barrier at Hybris Recycling Centre be considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to these plans but asked that in the matter of the acoustic barrier at Hybris the Council ask for reassurance that the barrier is as efficient as that first agreed and also question the frequent variations to the agreed plans. The Council was informed about the planning application for 40 houses at Five Cross Spinney. Cllr Chubb produced a written objection for the Parish Council to consider. Cllr Brewer question whether it was in order for Crossways Parish Council to send in objections to a planning authority in another District (Purbeck) It was agreed it was permissible. The Parish Council agreed to voice these objections

ITEM 12 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING (THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2004)* Confirmed

* This will be preceded by the Parish Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed (Chairman)2004