

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ON MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2005

Present: Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr E Stenning and Cllr T Connor

Also Present: Mr R Grygeil (Crossways Football Club)

In the absence of Cllr Russell Cllr Chubb proposed Cllr Brewer to Chair the General Agenda, this was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed.

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There was no member of the public present.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Crowe, Cllr Russell and Cllr Peacocke.

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

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11th April 2005 Confirmed

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (7th February 2005) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3 CLLR STENNING'S REPORT

- a. Cllr Stenning reported that Mr Hansford would be starting as Litter Collector with immediate effect.
- b. Notice Boards – Not yet actioned.
- c. Response to Mr Colliers letter – It was agreed that unfortunately the request by Mr Collier that dogs be segregated on the sports field is not practicable. Cllr Brewer felt that the problem with dog fouling on the field seemed to have improved. The Council expressed empathy with Mr Collier's concerns but felt unable to grant his request. The Council will continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Brewer asked that a bin be placed at the Village Hall.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to Mrs J Raimes, DCA, to date no reply received. Letters of condolence have been sent to Mrs Royston and family.

ITEM 5 UPDATE IN THE MATTER OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH AND NOTE LETTER RECEIVED FROM CROSSWAYS FOOTBALL CLUB

It was noted that the letter received pre-dated verbal communications between the Football Clubs and the Parish Council. Mr Grygeil confirmed that Crossways Football Club will not play any matches on the field this season. It was noted that the remedial works agreed with Mr Pierson, the Contractor, had been carried out verti-draining, 4" deep slitting, soil vibrating and fertilizing with a high nitrogen mix. It was suggested that Kingston Maurward be approached and asked to undertake an analysis of the field as part of a project. It was noted that Hurst Football Club have asked to continue playing and have booked further dates.

ACTION CLERK

ITEM 6 CONSIDER LETTER IN THE MATTER OF REGARDING HEATING AT THE VILLAGE HALL It was agreed that any donation to the Village Hall should be taken to full council for agreement. It was agreed that any payment made under the heading of Section 137 would need to be justified. The Clerk agreed to research the Section 137 as noted in the Local Government Act.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS HOARE IN THE MATTER OF REDBRIDGE ROAD The contents of Mrs Hoare's letter as copied to the Council were noted.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER LETTER FROM BETTERMENT PROPERTIES IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE JUNIOR SPORTS PITCH/ADDITIONAL PITCH Cllr Brewer asked for confirmation that the field was completed to a satisfactory state. The Clerk was instructed to consult with Andrew Martin at WDDC to instigate release of the Section 106 monies and to confirm with the Contractor that the field is ready for handover.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 9 REPORT BY PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Cllr Dullaway reported that the management committee had met with PC Withers in attendance. Items of note were the fitting of a new kitchen and disabled toilet, money may be made available for the younger age group (9-12yrs) and that the Youth Club was receiving extra revenue from Starz. The Parish Council welcomed this additional funding from Starz and was pleased to acknowledge that the extra income was being kept 'in house'.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER MATTER OF FURTHER REPAIRS TO PLAY AREAS AS DESCRIBED IN DIJON SERVICES LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 2004 AND BROUGHT FORWARD AS AGREED IN MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE APRIL 2004 It was agreed that provision for this repair would be considered in the 06/07 budget. Dijon Services will be asked for an update with current specifications and works required.

ACTION: CLERK/CHAIRMAN FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 11 CONSIDER MAGNA HOUSING'S RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES REGARDING LITTER COLLECTION The contents of the letter and enclosed map were noted. The Clerk was instructed to compare the map supplied by Magna against the Parish Council's work sheet as supplied to the Litter Collector.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 12 MONTHLY PLAY AREA REPORTS It was noted that the rubber surround to the entrance at Combe Way has been repaired and that a new bin had been installed at Pauls Way.

ITEM 13 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE Copies of the up to date accounts were given to members. The Clerk reported that she was still actively looking for a Sage course. In the interim the accounts will revert to Excel. This course of action was agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 14 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS The Clerk reported that two firms had asked to visit the sports field following release of tender specifications for the MUGA.. Cllr Manuel and Cllr Stenning agreed to meet them. Other Councillors agreed to meet also if available. There was further discussion regarding the usage of the MUGA. It was agreed to hold a MUGA Working Party meeting following full council on 31st March.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed(Chairman)April 2005