

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM THURSDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice Chairman) Cllr Elaine Stenning (Vice Chairman (Finance)),  
Cllr Daphne Bearman, Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman, Sports Field Management Committee) Cllr Ted Rowley,  
Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Ron Arnold.

In the absence of Cllr Andrew Brewer, the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Terrie Connor opened the meeting.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** There were no public announcements.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

(a) Cllr Bearman, speaking from the public gallery under Paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Parish Council, addressed the Council on Item 9b. Cllr Bearman expressed concerns regarding the quality of the hedge screening abutting the B3390, parking issues and restricted visibility for vehicular traffic joining the B3390 at the junctions of Moreton and Redbridge Road.

(b) Cllr Stenning, speaking from the public gallery under Paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Parish Council, addressed the Council on Item 9a. Speaking on behalf of the residents of Oaklands Park Cllr Stenning read their concerns and objections. A copy of this is attached to these minutes at Annex A.

(c) Liz Callister, the Chairman of the Friends of Crossways Library and the Parish Council's Library Champion gave her report. This is attached at Annex B to these minutes.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** Apologies were received from the Community Police Officers.

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Apologies were received from Cllr Crowhurst.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Cllr Seall's report is attached at Annex C to these minutes.

THE MEETING

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Brewer and Cllr Kathy Foster.

AGREED

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(a) Cllr Elaine Stenning declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 9 and elected to leave the room whilst this item is discussed.

(b) Cllr Daphne Bearman declared a personal interest in Item 9b and elected to remain in the room and not take any part in discussions or the vote.

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

**ITEM 4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**  
The minutes of the previous meeting, with a manuscript amendment Item 7, line 22, Page 1139.

AGREED

**ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING** Cllr Arnold questioned the final payment made to Maverick Industries and was advised no retention figure had been withheld.

**ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Cllr Connor read the Chairman's report. *"My apologies have already been recorded as I am hopefully by now in Berlin working once again with the Holocaust Educational Trust. I have however sent a report with the option for my Vice Chairman to use or not at their discretion. I record with great sadness the passing of former Parish and District Councillor Jim Shuttleworth. He was ward Councillor on West Dorset for some 14 years before joining this Council in 1999 when he was co-opted. He retired in 2001 and some of you may recall the reception which was held after our Council meeting to celebrate a very long life in public service. A tribute to Jim appears in the 'Bridge' which was published today.*

*The Council has received the resignation of Cllr. Valerie Bache and I am sure all Councillors would wish her well and thank her for the contribution she has made since joining the Council. This means we end the Council's term almost as we did four years ago with two vacant seats. We have already been reminded that this is an election year and with so many important issues before us it is vital that we have a strong and representative Council returned in May.*

*Congratulations go to the AdLib movement which has produced an admirable and thoroughly professional defence of the 20 endangered libraries in the County. We are fortunate in having Liz Callister as our advocate and the local group are to be thoroughly commended for a very successful read-in at the Library with well over 100 participants. It is good also to see that Julian Fellowes who helped with the previous read-in and now Lord Fellowes has agreed to be the patron of Adlib which adds even more weight to what is becoming an overwhelming case for the retention of our library service, I know that they are leaving no stone unturned in the defence of the readers of our community.*

*The 'grassy knoll' between Brewer and Blackwell Walk was removed, as agreed and I hope that this now brings the relief that the local residents felt that this would generate. I have also heard from Vickie Hedges that the police are continuing to closely monitor and regularly visit the area. As always seems to be the case, their visits co-incide with the disappearance of any of the trouble makers.*

*May I pay tribute and express the Council's best wishes to Beat officer PC Charlie Dale who is moving on to pastures new. I would ask for your agreement that our clerk should write to Charlie and thank him on our behalf for the service he has given Crossways over the years. I hope that we shall have the pleasure of meeting Charlie's replacement in due course".*

**ITEM 7 LIBRARY MATTERS (CLLR ROWLEY)** Cllr Rowley offered to liaise between the Parish Council and any group of supporters campaigning to prevent the Library being closed. Cllr Rowley acknowledged that Liz Callister has given a thorough report and covered all relevant matters. Cllr Rowley asked that the Parish Council put forward strong representation that DCC had not identified adequate savings and asked members to agree the following statement. *"The Parish Council is dismayed at the proposed closure of our library. Quite apart from its functions in providing free access to books for all ages, our village library is a valued meeting place for members of the community, and an essential part of it. We believe that further savings should be made in overall administration costs at County Hall before consideration is given to the drastic cuts in the front-line services that are being proposed"* This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bearman, seconded Cllr Arnold AGREED

Cllr Arnold further proposed that the sum of £60.00 be paid under Section 137, to assist the Friends of Crossways Library Group in its campaign.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Rowley AGREED

**ITEM 8 REPORT SPORTS FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – CLLR HARRIS** Cllr Harris advised members that no meeting had been held in January, minutes of the February meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be available at the next meeting. Cllr Harris advised that further work had been undertaken on the sports field but due to an area of excessive water lying the football team will have their remaining matches (2) on away pitches. It has been advised that this area is in-filled with sand and top soil. Members were advised of a case of vandalism involving glass on the MUGA; this has been removed and the Police advised. The Sports Field Committee felt that if this case is proved consideration should be given to pressing charges. Cllr Arnold asked about the possibility of putting a petanque pitch on the sports field. This will be taken to the next SFMC agenda. Cllr Arnold asked the Council to consider the value of the Cricket Square, for insurance purposes, on the asset register.

## **ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION**

a. 1/D/10/001961 AMENDED PLANS – LAND ADJACENT OAKLANDS PARK, WARMWELL ROAD, CROSSWAYS – APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS OF OUTLINE APPLICATION 1/D/08/000638 DEVELOP LAND BY THE ERECTION OF OFFICE/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNITS (CLASS B1) AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND PARKING Cllr Stenning left the room.

Members agreed with the comments put forward by the Residents Committee during public participation and agreed no changes were seen on these amended plans.

b. 1/D/11/000094 LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF MORETON ROAD AND REDBRIDGE ROAD CROSSWAYS – DEMOLISH STORE AND CONSTRUCT 3 OFFICE/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNITS Members agreed with the comments made during public participation particularly the traffic issues expressing concerns that the screening hedge could add to visibility issues.

Cllr Thomas said he felt the area was at present an eye sore and suggested that this construction might make the area visually better. Questions were asked if change of use permissions were needed or requested for the Chapel?

c. 1/D/11/000079 41 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD – DEMOLISH CONSERVATORY AND ERECT EXTENSION These plans were not available. Councillors were asked to review these plans online and forward any comments.

**ITEM 10 REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED/REFUSED** None to report.

**ITEM 11 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**  
Income and expenditure was noted as follows. All sums are inc VAT where applicable.

	Expenditure £	Income £
VAT refunded MUGA/Skatebowl		9793.30
Salary Clerk	Withheld*	
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	Withheld*	
Tonrin Contractors	360.00	
Litter Collector	Withheld*	
SLCC Membership	135.00	
Friends Of Crossways Library	60.00	

Proposed: Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

\* Withheld to comply with DATA Protection Act

**ITEM 12 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION** Members were advised that the raised hill on the open space between Brewers and Blackwell Walk on the Woodsford Field estate has been removed. The Clerk and Cllr Connor confirmed that they had received no further complaints of youths gathering at this site.

**ITEM 13 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011** Confirmed.

Signed ..... Chairman .....2011