

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008**

Present : Cllr Daniel Smy (Chairman), Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer (Vice Chairman – Finance), Cllr Caroline Round, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Abi Scard, Cllr David Smith, Cllr Thelma Smith.

Also Present: Inspector Les Fry, Dorset Police, Revd Jacquie Birdseye and Kris Hallett Community Enabling Worker,

Cllr Smy introduced himself, the Clerk and the councillors present.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. The Chair advised those present of the resignation of Cllr Northcote and thanked Cllr Northcote for all the hard work he had carried out during his time with the Council. The Clerk read the Notice of Vacancy notice.
- b. Cllr Smy advised the meeting that the planning application for the land at the junction of the B3390 and the Link Road have been resubmitted and will be discussed at the May meeting of the Council.

Cllr Smith asked that voting regarding Item 7 be by secret ballot. Cllr Smy asked Councillors to vote on a recorded vote not a secret vote. It was agreed 5 for, 4 against to hold a recorded vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

- a. Mr Northcote advised the meeting that the production of a Village Design Statement would be undertaken by the CCA with a grant from the DCA. Mr Northcote advised that the group undertaking this project would be himself, Cllr Peter Read, Cllr Dave Smith (photographer) and Mr William Kendrick. Mr Northcote advised that there will be a village meeting as soon as possible and thanked all representatives of organisations in the village for their contribution.
- b. Mr Kendrick spoke about his wish for co-operation and peace on the Council for the sake of young people and speaking about his representation on the Agenda 21 Committee, asked for harmony stating that there is no time to waste energies on aggression and winding each other up. Mr Kendrick made a plea for all to work together for the benefit of the village and looked forward to a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood.
- c. Mr John Chubb, an ex Councillor, asked about the area for the proposed MUGA/Skatebowl stating that originally this area was for a junior football pitch and questioned whether there would be room for both facilities. Mr Chubb reminded the meeting that the original, passed plans, for the MUGA had two tennis courts stating that the Village surveys showed a need for tennis courts and that it was time the Village had them. Mrs Fleur Chitson said in view of these positive comments it would be helpful if the Council could draw a line in the sand and make positive things happen. Mary Warschauer spoke about the length of time it took for the school to finally come to fruition and hoped that the MUGA/Skatebowl would not take so long and urged the Community to come together to raise funds.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** CPSO Vickie Hedges apologised for her absence from previous meetings. Vickie advised that she had been attending meetings and working with young and old and had attended events at Crossways Court. Vickie spoke about issues raised by Cllr Bache about cars parked in Green Lane explaining that these cars were all taxed and causing no obstructions and therefore not unlawfully parked. Mr Kendrick questioned CSPO Hedges about lorries speeding on the B3390 and parking with their engines running. Inspector Fry offered to address these matters and advised the meeting that there were plans for a mobile lazer speed camera to be utilized in the Village on occasions. Inspector Fry agreed to liaise with the Parish Council regarding looking into again the provision of a SID (Speed Indicator Device).

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

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** Reports to follow.

**THE MEETING**

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Elaine Stenning.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr (Mrs) Smith declared a personal interest in Item 7 stating she would remain, discuss, and vote on this issue. Cllr Dave Smith declared a personal interest in Item 7 stating that he would remain, discuss, and vote on this issue.

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

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008** Cllr Bache suggested item e Page 1030 was incomplete; Cllr Smy stated the minutes were correct and called upon the Council to vote on the content of this item; it was

proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Rhodes, the vote was 4 for, 4 against, Cllr Smy used his casting vote, the amendment was rejected. Cllr Smy advised Cllr Bache that she could raise her points in matters arising and that if she was willing to pass on her written statement it would be added in the next minutes as her comments.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Connor the minutes were accepted as a true record.

AGREED

**ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING** Cllr Bache's additional statement to the previous minutes is attached at Annex A to these minutes.

**ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- a. Cllr Smy informed the meeting that he had received a congratulatory letter from Mr Jim Shuttleworth regarding the work undertaken on the war memorial. Cllr Smy advised he has responded to this letter and copies are available on request.
- b. Cllr Smy advised that any Standards Board complaints will now be dealt with at a local level and complaints will now be dealt with by the Standards Committee at WDDC.
- c. Notice Boards and Combe Way Both these topics will be taken forward to the May meeting.
- d. Magna Cllr Smy attended a full day Magna tenants representative day; an issue arising was the perceived lack of consultation with tenants. Cllr Smy also advised that he had written to the Chief Executive at Magna; it was agreed that he would meet with a Magna representative to discuss this issue.

Cllr Smy ended his report by thanking Cllr Bache, Cllr Scard and Cllr (Mrs) and Cllr Dave Smith for their work on the planting on the War Memorial. The Clerk presented Cllr Smy with a certificate noting his attendance at the Chairman's Seminar run by the County Training Partnership.

**ITEM 7 TO AGREE THE FOLLOWING; AFTER IN EXCESS OF 12 MONTHS VILLAGE CONSULTATIONS, THIS COUNCIL FAVOURS OPTION 2 FOR THE LOCATION OF THE MUGA, SKATE BOWL, COMMUNITY SEATING AND OTHER SPORTING FACILITIES ON THE LAND RECENTLY ACQUIRED AT THE BOTTOM END OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S SPORTS FIELD IN DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AND TO PURSUE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.** Cllr Smy asked Councillors to agree to suspend Standing Orders to hear from Kris Hallett. This was agreed. Kris reviewed all the consultation that had taken place in the last year in the village. She also spoke of the regrettable and at times rather nasty things she had to overcome from some people in the community who had tried to thwart her work on behalf of the community. After asking the public present, who strongly voted in favour if they wished Kris Hallett to expand on the difficulties she had faced, three individuals were named. The Council reconvened. The Chairman asked Councillors for their thoughts on the proposal. Cllr Smith stated he believed there had not been full consideration given to all options. Cllr (Mrs) Smith spoke of her concerns to neighbouring property and suggested that other options might provide a better facility; Cllr (Mrs) Smith also questioned funding of the project. Cllr Mrs Smith also spoke about how she felt some people in the village had misrepresented their views on certain issues and that they were committed to working for the good of the community. Cllr Brewer stated that financing options are in place and if this option is agreed he will work with Kris Hallett to bring the project to fruition. Cllr Rhodes said she felt this option was the best option. Cllr Connor said she has been in favour of a skatepark in the Village since joining the Council and she backs this option. Cllr Scard requested suspension of Standing Orders to question Kris Hallett. Cllr Scard spoke about her visit to see skatebowls in Bournemouth and posed questions about the security of the children using the facility. Kris Hallett replied that as the facility will not be lit it will be mainly used in daylight. Inspector Fry also added that he will work with the Village to ensure the facility is as safe as possible. Inspector Fry further added that he has worked closely with Kris. Cllr Scard asked Kris Hallett if once this facility was in place would she continue to work with other sections of Crossways. Kris replied that if funding is provided for her work to continue in Crossway then she would, Kris added that she does already work with other residents on projects. The Council reconvened. Cllr Bache echoed Cllr Scard's concerns about other groups. Cllr Bache also expressed concerns about destruction of the field and possible noise nuisance. Cllr Smy read out the views of Cllr Stenning in that she is in favour of Option 2 and commends the young people of Crossways for their continued attendance and meetings and work on this project. Cllr Stenning expressed her hope that the Village finally gets this much needed facility. Cllr Smy said that this item is as a result of a long consultation process and now is the time to get on with the job. Cllr Smy said he supports option two. Cllr Smy called upon each Councillor to vote.

Cllr Smy	For
Cllr Rhodes	For
Cllr Bache	For
Cllr Brewer	For
Cllr Connor	For
Cllr Round	For
Cllr Smith	For
Cllr (Mrs) Smith	For
Cllr Scard	For

The vote was a unanimous.

AGREED

**ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER CLERKS/COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT A SLCC (SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

AGREED

**ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

a. 1/D/08/000532 5 GREEN LANE - ERECT SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION The Council had no comments to make on this application.

**ITEM 10 TO HEAR DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED** The Council was advised that 26 Egdon Glen's outline planning permission had been approved.

**ITEM 11 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008 – 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

	Expenditure £
Rates Sports Pavilion	35.05
Stanton Garage Doors	108.10
Century 21 Photocopier Hire	105.75
Nildram Broadband	26.32
S Manuel	482.00
Litter Collector	222.75
DAPTC Membership	575.88

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Round

AGREED

**ITEM 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2008 THIS WILL BE THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING**  
Noted

**ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION** Cllr Scard started to explain her actions at the previous meeting. The Chairman ruled Cllr Scard out of order. Cllr Scard left the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed ..... Chairman ..... 2008

ANNEX A TO CROSSWAYS PARISH MINUTES  
DATED 24 APRIL 2004

Cllr Bache requested the following statement to be added under matter arising.

From: Doreen Kendrick, Cllr Bache and others

The minutes for the March Parish Council meeting are incomplete, especially as regards the report from our District Councillor Peter Read. He concluded his report by addressing Mr Rice's contribution made during public participation as follows:

Councillor Read stated that he could not recognise either the tone or content of the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 21.45hrs referred to by Mr Rice which took place on the recreation field. His son and a friend were present along with Cllr Smith, Cllr Peter Read and PC O'Shea. Cllr Read stated that Mr Rice's son had behaved impeccably and that they had been asked by both Cllr Read and Cllr Smith to consider the neighbours due to the lateness of the hour and the quietness of the frosty clear night. Cllr Read did confirm that problems with prolonged use of the basket ball ring had been referred to WDDC's Environmental Health team on the advice of Cllr Smy, Crossways Parish Council and the normal procedure of asking complainants to fill in diary sheets was underway. Mr Graham Dugan, of WDDC could be asked to confirm this. Cllr Read explained that it was NOT the children who were being monitored but the noise impact. As to the issue of any ASBO threat Cllr Read explained it was not within his powers to do this and could recall no reason why any such threat need to be made considering the good behaviour of the lads. PC O' Shea was present throughout the meeting and after the lads had left he remained to discuss the geography of the basket ball ring and the value of the lights as security measures with Cllr Read and Cllr Smith. Cllr Read reminded the meeting that noise can have a variable impact due to age and that certain types of infirmity can alter the impact a noise can have on the recipient. He also discussed the issue of whether it was now appropriate to consider posting some guidance notices on using the field with due consideration to its neighbours and to minimise any further conflicts.