

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2010

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Ron Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Daphne Bearman, Cllr Kathy Foster, Cllr Valerie Bache, and Cllr Ted Rowley.

Also present: 33 Members of the Public

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

- a. Mr Graham White made representation about Item 15a, the Tavern planning application expressing his concern about the close proximity of the development to his and other properties in Old Farm Way. Cllr Brewer showed the meeting a copy of the plans and maps on screen highlighting the area in question. Andrew Sims, Chairman of the Tavern Development Committee gave a history of the application and the need for a new Social Club. Andrew Sims stated that before putting in the plans talks had been held with WDDC and Highways. Mr Daniel Smy expressed concern regarding the vehicular access/exit on Mount Skippet Way. It was noted that the Tavern Social Club has financial issues and the building fabric is in poor order. It was noted that a new club would be preferable, Andrew Sims explained how the new club would look and its function. Cllr Arnold asked if any of the 25 properties would be affordable housing; this was not known at this stage.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER The Community Officers were not available.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER An apology was received from the Community Development Worker.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR An apology was received from Cllr Crowhurst.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS An apology was received from Cllr Teresa Seall.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 TO FILL BY CO-OPTION AND MAJORITY VOTE A VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT - MR EDWARD ROWLEY Cllr Brewer proposed the co-option of Mr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Bearman
AGREED

Mr Rowley signed his Declaration of Officer and acceptance of the Code of Conduct which was witnessed by the Clerk. Cllr Rowley also presented the Clerk with his Register of Interests.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies for absence.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Brewer declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 15b stating that he would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.
- b. Cllr Harris declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 12 stating he would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.
- c. Cllr Rowley declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 12 stating he would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.
- d. Cllr Bache declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 11 stating she would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.
- e. Cllr Stenning declared a person prejudicial interest in Item 15b stating she would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.
- f. Cllr Rhodes declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 11 stating she would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed
- g. Cllr Bearman declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 11 stating she would leave the meeting room whilst this item was discussed

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no declarations of predetermination.

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 25TH MARCH 2010 Cllr Brewer advised members that the Minutes had been amended ‘c’ under public participation to read “Deer on roads”, not “Deer in gardens”. Noting this amendment the Minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Foster

AGREED

ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING

- a. Page 1109 Item 5b – to be brought up under late items.
- b. Page 1110 Item 5b – noted still in action.

ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

“Firstly I would wish to record with sadness the recent passing of Elizabeth, Lady Williams who has lived in this Parish for many years. I am sure all of you would wish to extend condolences to her brother Major General Bond and the family at this sad time.

I was pleased to send a letter of thanks and good wishes to our former village Librarian, Chris Galpin and this has been copied to the Head of Library Services at County Hall. We continue to monitor the situation here and I would refer those interested to the article contained in the Bridge, published today, concerning the volunteer scheme.

The commencement of work on the MUGA and skatebowl, although delayed has benefitted from superb building weather and progress has been noticeable as work has gone according to schedule. I received contact concerning the access route along the side of the playing field to the site and will refer to this later in the meeting when we consider options available to us.

It has been good to hear from the contractors of the pleasant comments and genuine interest from those who pass the area. In this connection, application has been made for the release of grant funds held at both DCA and West Dorset District Council and my thanks to the officers at both for speeding this through.

I have made a request to Mrs Helen Boyce of the Frome Valley First School for a report and update on how the school is progressing and I hope that this can be received at a meeting in the near future.

As Group Scout Leader, I was proud to lead a contingent of Crossways youngsters and leaders in the march held to commemorate St George's Day held in Dorchester and once again to receive positive comments and feedback about how our community is now being perceived.

Posts are now in place for the dog fouling notices which are shortly to follow.

There are issues currently with our internet broadband connection with the Clerk and I gather that whilst it is possible to receive e mails it is not possible to reply so Stella is having to make contact by telephone or 'snail mail'.

ITEM 8 REPORT ON PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22nd APRIL 2010 Cllr Brewer expressed his disappointment that despite many strongly worded requests at the previous Parish Meeting for the meeting to be held on a separate evening and widely advertised; only 1 member of the public was present, excepting those organisations who were invited. These reports were welcomed Cllr Brewer asked the Council to reconsider the date of the Parish Meeting. These reports were welcomed. Cllr Brewer gave his reply to the question received at the Parish Meeting regarding the play area on the new Woodsford Field development. “The play area on Woodsfield Development is a land allocation in line with requirement for Public Open Space (POS) and agreement was made as part of the planning consent. Crossways Parish Council agreed to the transfer of this land into its ownership with a financial payment. This was to be used for development of a children's play area and other community facility. As with other play areas in Crossways this to be constructed and maintained by the Parish Council who, as landowners, are legally responsible for them. Councillors are mindful of issues that have previously arisen in other areas and have sought to develop this area along the lines:-

- an enclosed small play area for younger children
- Notice Board, seating, pathway construction.
- Sensitive planting to discourage teenage games of football which should be directed to the main playing field (accessible by footpath by the school)
- Easy and cost effective to maintain

It is to be a village amenity but designed to be sympathetic to its surrounding and appropriate to its neighbourhood. All suggestions will be listened to sympathetically and matters to be discussed in our public meetings which are preceded by public participation.

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW COUNCILLORS TRAINING OF 6TH JULY 2010

Cllrs Rowley, Foster and Bearman will attend.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE FIRST DRAFT OF NEW STANDING ORDERS FOR CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AND HIGHLIGHT ANY AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS REQUESTED PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE AND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY. (COUNCILLORS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THESE STANDING ORDERS BY E MAIL OR POST)

Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that the long awaited new Standing Orders had been received from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and he has produced a bespoke copy for Crossways Parish Council. Each Councillor (excepting Cllr Rowley) was given a copy during the preceding week. Cllr Arnold asked if the original NALC document was available; he was advised it was but declined the offer of a copy. Cllr Brewer advised Councillors if they wished a Working Party could be formed to discuss these orders. This was not taken up. Cllr Brewer asked Councillors for submit any amendments/queries to the Clerk prior to the agenda setting time for the May meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Arnold

AGREED

Cllrs Bache, Rhodes and Bearman left the meeting room

ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER SECTION 137 GRANT IN THE SUM OF £324.20 TO THE CROSSWAYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HISTORY GROUP

It was noted that the no proper accounts or bank statements were presented by the CCA the body under which the History Group operates. The Council was not able to sanction this application; the Clerk was instructed to write to the applicant explaining why this application was declined.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Foster

AGREED

Cllrs Bache, Rhodes and Bearman returned

Cllrs Harris and Rowley left the room

ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER A CHANGE TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY OF CROSSWAYS TO INCORPORATE PERMISSION FOR GROWING TUNNELS

Councillors were given copies of the e mail from the Landlord's Solicitor stating that they would have no objection with installation of these tunnels and they would not require an amendment to the lease between the Parish Council and Wyatt Paul.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Rhodes

NOTED

Cllrs Harris and Rowley returned.

ITEM 13 TO RECEIVE WOODSFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED 11 MARCH 2010

NOTED

ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER RETENTION OF CONSTRUCTION TRACK ON SPORTS FIELD Cllr Brewer showed a power point presentation showing the track under discussion. It was noted that this track was built purely for construction traffic but it retention could give some 'comfort' to residents of Egdon Glen being a buffer between the sports field and residents by discouraging playing of sports close to the boundary with the resident's lane. Cllr Arnold said he felt there should be refund of monies if Maverick were to leave the track as this would save them the expense of reinstating the field.

Cllr Harris stated that this track could be useful for emergency access and disabled access and proposed asking Maverick to install fencing and gate in lieu of reinstating the track. It was agreed to take this proposal forward, a meeting would be convened with Maverick Industries to discuss these options. Cllr Thomas agreed to liaise with WDDC on planning issues.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Stenning left the room

a. 1/D/10/0000494 DEMOLISH EXISTING TAVERN. CONSTRUCT REPLACEMENT SOCIAL CLUB CONSTRUCT 25 NEW DWELLINGS (17 HOUSES AND 8 APARTMENTS IN FOUR BLOCKS OF 2/3 STOREYS WITH ACCESS FROM MOUNT SKIPPET, PARKING AND REFUSE/CYCLE STORE

It was agreed Council would make the following comments to WDDC:

Whilst not making any recommendation either positive or negative the Parish Council would like the following comments noted:

- a. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the access/exit onto Mount Skippet Way which has already many vehicle movements. It is suggested that a Footpath would be better placed on Mount Skippet Way and Vehicular Access placed on Old Farm Way.
- b. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the number of parking spaces shown as being insufficient to cater for some functions.
- c. The Parish Council has listened to and agreed with the concerns of residents living very close to the development in Old Farm Way and would ask if anything can be done to alleviate these concerns, screening or similar.

The Parish Council agrees that a new modern social club will be an asset to the Village and supports the members of the Tavern Club in there endeavours and has no concerns regarding the visual aspect of the proposed development.

Proposed Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Arnold

AGREED

Cllr Stenning returned

Cllr Brewer left the room

b. 1/D/10/000590 12 WARMWELL ROAD – REPLACE LOCK UP GARAGE The Council has no objections to this application. Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Rhodes

AGREED

ITEM 16 REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED/REFUSED

- a. Old Council Depot Refused
- b. Methodist Chapel/Redbridge Lane Refused
- c. 35 Combe Way Refused

ITEM 17 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 25TH MARCH 2010 – 29TH APRIL 2010 The following income and expenditures were noted for approval:

	Expenditure	Income
	£	£
VAT Reclaimed		60.52
DCC Grass Cutting Agency		2650.46
Allotment Rent (Annual)		100.00
Salary Clerk		
Litter Collector	377.00	
Cleaning Pavilion	40.00	
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	276.25	
Rates Pavilion	27.43	
Nildram Broadband	17.60	
Grass Cutting	800.00	
DAPTC Annual Subscription	572.10	

Proposed Cllr Foster, seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED

ITEM 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 27TH MAY 2010 THIS WILL BE THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 27TH MAY 2010

ITEM 19 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION – CLLRS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE CHAIRMAN OF ANY LATE ITEMS THEY WISH TO BRING FORWARD PRIOR TO THE MEETING Cllr Arnold spoke about the Sports Field advising that he has been advised that the drains are good but the manholes are silting up. Cllr Arnold stated that the ground is compacted and this is causing the problems. It has been suggested that the ground needs to be broken up by a machine , earth breaker, then sanded and fertilized. Four quotes have been requested, received 2 waiting for 2, when these are received the working party will meet. Cllr Brewer asked that the working come forward with these quotations as soon as possible.

ACTION: CLLR ARNOLD

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed CHAIRMAN