

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MUGA/
SKATE BOWL COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION ON THE 13th JULY 2009
AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr Ron Arnold, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Terrie Connor, Mr Graham Walker (Residents Representative), Kris Hallett DCA, Collette McKenney (Parents Representative), Johnny Webb (CYPF)

Also present: Cllr Joyce Rhodes and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES

a. Mr Guy of 11 Egdon Glen disputed the measurements of the plans for the MUGA/Skatebowl development stating that he had measured the distance as 80mtrs not 100 mtrs as stated. Cllr Arnold said that if the measurement was incorrect the planning authority would question it. Mr Guy also stated in concerns regarding parking for cars from other Villages. Cllr Arnold reiterated that the plans are at WDDC who will consider all these things. Mr Brian Puckett congratulated the young people present on their efforts to date in support of the MUGA/Skatebowl and stressed that the Parish Council should support their efforts and asked that the Parish Council reaffirm their support. Mrs Jenny Gibson questioned why certain Councillors and a family member of Councillors continue to tell young people and children to leave the sports field. Mrs Gibson stated these children need somewhere to go. Mrs Gibson questioned why some Parish Councillors have written to WDDC objecting to the application for the MUGA/Skatebowl despite previously supporting the project. Cllr Arnold informed the meeting that those Councillors concerned were not present and that Councillors present had not sent any objections to WDDC. Mr Puckett said those Councillors objecting should declare an interest and leave the room. Mrs Roach questioned the democratic process and questioned the hostility shown to those people objecting to the proposal. Cllr Arnold asked all to respect each other's rights to express their views. Mrs Gibson spoke of Cllr Smith's previous involvement in the sports field and the Vote of No Confidence agreed at an earlier Parish Council meeting. Cllr Arnold explained that a Vote of No Confidence does not preclude a Councillor remaining in his position. Mr Tizzard spoke of the continuing campaign against the sports field. Cllr Arnold said Councillors Dave and Thelma Smith and some residents of Egdon Glen are divided on this matter and are not necessarily against the MUGA but against the Skatebowl. Johnny Webb spoke about visits undertaken by Councillors, members of the CYPF and Kris Hallett and said that the lack of noise was noted. Cllr Rhodes confirmed this. Kris Hallett said the perceived noise problems are dealt with at the design stage and consideration given to banking and planting.

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO CHAIR THE MEETING Cllr Thomas proposed Cllr Arnold, Cllr Connor seconded this proposal.

AGREED

ITEM 2 AS THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS SHALL BE TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 09/10 Cllr Connor proposed Cllr Brewer, Cllr Arnold seconded this proposal.

AGREED

ITEM 3 TO AGREE TO CO-OPT CLLR D SMITH TO THE COMMITTEE This co-option was not formally proposed or seconded. Cllr Smith was not present.

ITEM 4 TO AGREE TO CO-OPT CLLR J RHODES TO THE COMMITTEE Cllr Connor proposed this co-option, Cllr Thomas seconded this proposal. Cllr Rhodes joined the Committee.

AGREED

ITEM 5 TO AGREE TO CO-OPT CLLR D HARRIS TO THE COMMITTEE Cllr Thomas proposed this co-option Cllr Connor seconded this proposal. Cllr Harris was not present.

AGREED

ITEM 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 7 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no Declaration of Predetermination.

ITEM 8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (20TH APRIL 2009) The minutes of the previous meeting (April 20th) were accepted, subject to the section "Cllr Arnold expressed" to "meeting on the 29th January" being expunged, as a true record. Proposed Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Rhodes

AGREED

ITEM 9 MATTERS ARISING Item 3 – Graham Walker stated that he did not consult or liaise on the application. Cllr Arnold questioned whether the £40.00 paid to WDDC for the original application for Permitted Development had been refunded. The Clerk advised that she had been told this sum was non refundable. Cllr Arnold agreed to clarify this.

ACTION/CLLR ARNOLD

ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE UPDATE/REPORT PLANNING MATTERS TO INCLUDE SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY MR GRAHAM WALKER AND DISCUSSION OF CONSULTEE RESPONSES WDDC (COPY ATTACHED) MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CONSULTEE RESPONSES ARE ON THE ‘DORSET FOR YOU’ WEB SITE, SEARCH APPLICATION NUMBER 1/D/09/00862

a. Cllr Arnold asked Cllr Thomas for an update on the present state of play regarding the Council’s application and was advised that the 13th August at 1400hrs was the date of the WDDC Planning Committee meeting. (tbc) It was not known at this stage whether the application would be determined by Committee or delegated powers.

b. Graham Walker referred to the survey undertaken by him noting that members had all received a copy. Graham stated that he is representing the residents and questioned previous consultations and information given noting that not all residents wished to write to WDDC but have views on the proposal which are not all about planning issues. Areas in question are:-

(a) ITEM 3.1 –The need for the facilities

i. Need – it was felt that not enough consultation had been undertaken to ascertain the need for the facility and concern was noted about adequate need and use. Kris Hallett informed the Committee that some 7 consultation events had taken place and the need was further shown in the Village Plan produced by the group now known as the Crossways Community Association and the Children’s Plan. Cllr Arnold said that some residents were not aware of the seven consultations. Kris Hallett asked for the name/names of those persons who missed or did not attend the consultations offering to meet and bring them up to date and address their concerns. Cllr Arnold offered to give these names to Kris Hallett.

ACTION/CLLR ARNOLD/KRIS HALLETT

Cllr Arnold stated that there should be a business plan produced suggesting further consultation. Cllr Thomas questioned the perceived lack of need as there is a skate park in Dorchester stating that he would not like to see 10 to 13year old children travelling to Dorchester and restating the need for these facilities in Crossways. *It was agreed that on point 3.2 the Consultation documents which show the need and the feasibility studies will be made available.*

Proposed Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Connor AGREED
ACTION: CLERK/KRIS HALLETT

Cllr Connor requested copies of the original responses provided .. Mr Walker agreed to provide.

ACTION: GRAHAM WALKER

POST MEETING NOTE: A COLLATED COPY OF ALL CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

(b) ITEM 4 – Location and position of the facilities, disturbance, noise and visual impact.

i. Mr Walker asked for a noise assessment . Collette McKenney said that Maverick had addressed these concerns. Cllr Arnold questioned whether the plans show trees and bunding. Kris Hallett offered to work with residents regarding planting asking who will raise funds for the planting suggesting the residents might like to consider raising funds. Graham Walkers asked for a noise assessment; it was noted that the cost may be in excess of £450.00. Cllr Arnold suggested consulting with villages who have skate bowls. Kris Hallett suggested a landscape architect could be asked to advise on screening but the children’s safety would have to be taken into consideration when thinking about screening. Cllr Arnold suggested Dorset County Council may be willing to assist in landscaping advise. Kris Hallett agreed to research other sites. *It was agreed on point 4.3 that an agenda item would be placed to consider budgeting for a landscape survey with a view to limiting perceived noise issues involving the Police authorities to be aware of children’s safety and to approach DCC for advice.*

ACTION: CLERK

(c) ITEM 6 – Management of the facilities

i. Mr Walker stated that residents have concerns about the issues that could arise associated with management, policing and supervision. It was noted that one or two residents have visited other installations and were concerned about noise and litter and that some installations were padlocked to avoid vandalism. The Parish Council was asked to provide a management plan. Kris Hallett stated it was not permissible to have a locked facility, Cllr Connor confirmed this; it is a matter of funding. Cllr Connor stated that skate park etiquette is usually very good. Cllr Rhodes stated that when she visited other skate parks with Councillors she was impressed at how well behaved users were and how varied the age group of users was. Cllr Arnold stated that some surprise has been expressed at the lack of noise at the Dorchester skate park. Kris Hallett advised members of the magazine “Side Walk” which had a large article about the Dorchester Skate Park. Kris Hallett said the users themselves would police their facility. Graham Walker asked that Item 6.2 is addressed and asked Kris Hallett to address these concerns with a view to allaying some of the residents’ concerns.

ACTION: CLERK/KRIS HALLETT

(d) ITEM 7 – Running Costs

ii. Recommendation: Advice about revenue costs should be provided as soon as possible within the project.

(i) Any extra insurance costs will need to be assessed. ACTION: CLERK

(ii) The guarantees provided will be assessed at Contract agreement.

(iii) Covenants – It was noted that there were no Covenants that would interfere with this plan. This will be qualified. ACTION: CLERK

(iv) The agents for Woodsford Fields will be advised of the development. ACTION: CLERK

c. Further questions on planning matters were raised in the matter of toilet facilities it was noted that this development equates to a further play area and as such toilet facilities are not a prerequisite.

ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE UPDATE/REPORT FUNDING WORKING PARTY There was no further matters to report. It was noted that the CYF had been granted £2000.00 from the Dorchester Markets Fund.

ITEM 12 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS

a. Cllr Rhodes said she appreciated that this development has caused concern for some but and spoke of her commitment to provide this facility for Crossways.

b. Mr Graham Walkers asked for all that can be done is done to alleviate the fears and concerns of residents abutting the sports field.

c. Cllr Thomas asked that the Committee record its thanks to Graham Walker for undertaking the residents survey.

d. Cllr Arnold stated that he had spoken to many residents of Egdon Glen and stressed that those residents placing objections are not objecting to a Skate Park and MUGA but only objecting to the location. Cllr Connors stated that the Parish Council must respond to need and the sports field is the only feasible location. Cllr Connor expressed her regret that the Parish Council are not working as one on this project. Cllr Thomas stated that those Councillors who have objected to the plans should be excluded from further discussion.

e. A final suggestion was that consideration should be given to providing further ‘furniture’ to the development; picnic tables and barbeque were suggested.

ITEM 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 17th August 2009 at 6.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed (Chairman) 2009