

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MUGA/
SKATE BOWL COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION ON THE 20TH APRIL 2009**

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr Ron Arnold, Cllr Barry Thomas
Mr Graham Walker (Residents Representative), Kris Hallett DCA, Collette McKenney (Parents
Representative), Johnny Webb (CYPF)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES No members of the public
present.

Cllr Arnold expressed his concern about inaccuracies in the minutes and wished to make it clear that at the meeting of the 12th January, and the minutes recorded, he abstained from voting on the issue of acceptance of tender based on contract law. Cllr Arnold wished it to be noted that he subsequently accepted the motion put forward at full council 29th January and the statement made by Cllr Brewer that the Council accept Maverick as a preferred bidder; therefore the minutes as recorded on the 12th January differ from the motion presented and agreed at the full council meeting on the 29th January.

Apologies were received from Mr John Kneebone and Cllr Terrie Connor.

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (9th MARCH 2009) The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING Kris Hallett wished to advise the Committee that Mrs Roach was kept up to date of meetings.

ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE UPDATE/REPORT PLANNING MATTERS Cllr Arnold advised the Committee that the application to build the MUGA/Skate bowl using Permitted Development permissions was not passed. The application will go to full planning; Maverick have agreed to assist with drawings. Cllr Arnold asked that he has everyone confidence to proceed with the planning application and if any member doubted his integrity they should speak up. The Clerk was requested to ask WDDC is the £40 spent on the permitted development application is refundable. It was agreed that Cllr Arnold, Cllr Thomas and Mr Walker liaise to produce the planning application. Cllr Brewer thanked them for their assistance.

ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE UPDATE/REPORT FUNDING WORKING PARTY Johnny Webb advised that the Crossways Young People's Forum had received funding of £2000.00 from the Dorchester Car Boot funds bring there total to £6465.33. Collette advised that funding streams were being researched under two issues, the MUGA and the Skate bowl. The Chairman congratulated Johnny on the Car Boot award and thanked Collette for her continued role in securing funding. Kris Hallett asked if the Parish Council could hold the funds raised by the CYPF. This was agreed. Members were updated on funding issues by Collette McKenney' who advised that funding was being sought under two headings, MUGA and Skate bowl.

ITEM 5 REPORT/DISCUSSION PUBLIC CONSULTATION The Chairman thanked Kris Hallett for the report which was attached to the agenda and attached at Annex A to these minutes. Kris Hallett summarized the day saying it was well attended and it was encouraging to be able to address residents concerns. A representative of Maverick Industries attended. Cllr Arnold questioned the extent of information prior to the public consultation. Mr Walker asked if anything had come from the public consultation that would influence the project outcome. Kris Hallett said the matter of adequate screening trees will be considered under a separate budget and asked the committee what trees would be suitable and best to offer screening. Cllr Arnold suggested involving a landscape artist to advise; a possible conflict in thickness of screen and visibility was considered. There was further discussion regarding

future management and maintenance of the facility; it was agreed that a business plan would be put in place and a Management Committee would be formed. Mr Walker stressed the importance of a proper management plan. A proper bookings procedure should also be put in place. Graham Walker stated that he will consult with residents bordering the sports field. Cllr Rhodes asked if any comment forms had been returned as a result of the public consultation; the Clerk confirmed that none had been received by her.

ITEM 6 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS It was noted that an e mail had been received suggesting that the skate park, from the Charles Street car park, be requested; it was noted that this skate park had already been allocated.

ITEM 7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING To be notified.

Signed Chairman 2009

ANNEX A TO CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL
MUGA/SKATEBOWL COMMITTEE
DATED 20th APRIL 2009

PLANNING CONSULTATION Wednesday 8 April 2009
Pavilion, Dick O th' Banks Road, Crossways 16.00 – 19.00

Facilitated by: Stella Wilson, Clerk to the Parish Council
 Cllr Andrew Brewer, Chair of the Fundraising Steering Group
 Kris Hallett, Community Development Worker, Dorset Community Action

Attended by: Representative from Maverick Industries (the selected supplier/contractor)
 Crossways Young Peoples Forum members
 The Chair of the PC and 7 Parish Councillors
 Dorset Police – Inspector Les Fry,
 The Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant
 PCSO Vickie Hedges

The planning consultation was attended by 65 people, (by head count), and over-ran by 30 minutes, so lasted until 19.30. Comment sheets were made available but none were filled in as people appeared to prefer to talk face-to-face and discuss the display material and the project. Of that number, one local resident totally opposed the whole scheme on the grounds of noise alone and the anticipation that the new facilities would bring with it vandalism, drugs, alcohol and anti-social behaviour – and then added that the children need somewhere to go and something to do, and she supports that. Seven other attendees also had reservations of the same, but were happy to explore and discuss methods of ‘policing’ and looking after the new facilities as well as suggesting some ideas of their own. One person questioned the design of the skate bowl, insisting it was not of the design he remembered when the PC vote was taken. The PC has voted to allow the project to go forward, to include further extensive consultation (7 in total have taken place), and supporting meetings of a smaller group overseeing and guiding the project, and fundraising applications to be sourced and funds applied for. The final design was a culmination of those consultations with the community and particularly the input of the residents living closest to the field who requested refinements which would ensure their privacy and help prevent noise. Four people suggested it should be sited elsewhere, mentioning a quarry site some distance away. It was explained that consultation has overwhelmingly shown the community want the children to have facilities within the village, not outside it, and concerns for their safety were highlighted if needing to cross the main roads around the village as well as recognising this more isolated location was not acceptable. The Police also expressed these concerns. The majority of those attending made positive comments on the project and were seeking either clarification on:

- How it would be run and looked after
- What facilities are available inside the MUGA
- How much it will cost in total (whether they will have to pay in the Precept),
- Future maintenance costs,
- How far from housing,
- What sort of screening can be used – trees/shrubs/banking?
- Why the playing field site,
- What about flooding and the history of the ‘unsatisfactory’ football pitch? (Maverick sent a representative to answer the drainage concerns and how they deal with such issues in their designs and installations).

Attendees congratulated the young people on their fundraising activities and chatted with them.
 The meeting closed at 19.30.

Kris Hallett,
Community Development Worker
Dorset Community Action

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