

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28th MAY 2009 AT 7PM

Present: Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer (Vice Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Abi Scard, Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr Thelma Smith, Cllr Ron Arnold and Cllr Terrie Connor

Also present: County Councillor David Crowhurst, District Councillor Peter Read and Mr John Parker CEO DAPTC.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS The Clerk read out details of road closures at Woodsford Crossing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD Mrs Roach, of Briar's end questioned the road works in Dick o' th' Banks and was advised that they were in connection with the new bungalow being built. Mr Read gave an account of road closures in Tincleton Road and Watery Lane. Mr McGrath advised the meeting that he had written a letter to the Clerk requesting a motion of a Vote of No Confidence in the Chair and Vice Chair. The Clerk informed him that she had not received any letter on this subject and reminded those present of the Standing Order, as read out at the previous meeting, stating that agenda items should be received in writing at least 6 days prior to the meeting. The Clerk also advised members of the public that motions for the Council agenda must be forwarded by a Councillor and advised them to lobby a Councillor if they wish to have a motion/resolution put before Council. Discussion was entered into regarding a review of Standing Orders. Cllr D Smith questioned the correct protocol for electing a new chair and questioned the way this election was undertaken last July. The Clerk advised Cllr Smith that the way she advised last year was the correct way; Mr John Parker confirmed this.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Apologies were received from Kris Hallett.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER CPSO Sarah Pilcher attended in the stead of Vickie Hedges. Sarah warned those present of the BT scam which is going on. A caller, who says they are from BT, say that the telephone bill has not been paid and that the telephone will be cut off. This is then followed by what seems to be the line being cut off. This follows with a request for bank details. Sarah was asked to supply a copy of this advice for the Council web site.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a. County Councillor Crowhurst spoke regarding the new quarrying works at Woodsford Field advising that at local liaison committee would be set up. Cllr Crowhurst advised the meeting that the County Council were taking their obligations to Children very seriously to ensure that the case of Baby P is not repeated, and that the Council has an officer dealing with child abuse cases; the Council is also committed to achieving a reduction in the level of domestic violence.
- b. District Councillor Read advised the meeting that the appeal against the planning decision not to allow two properties to be built at 6 Berrylands had been upheld. Cllr Read also advised that he had attended the opening of the Skate Bowl in Dorchester and felt the construction was impressive. Cllr Read also spoke about bus services asking residents to contact him if they have any concerns. The problems with the congestion experienced at times near the bus stop in Mount Skippet Way. Cllr Read said he was talking to Magna about the possibility of them releasing land to allow residents parking. Cllr Stenning asked Cllr Read how the enforcement conditions on the land known as the Hippy Field was progressing. Cllr Read said that he saw no reason why the owners of the field could be asked to tidy the land as a condition to their latest planning application. Cllr Read advised that Brian Cox was visiting the property every three months to inspect the trees.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Rhodes advised that she would not be standing for re-election. Cllr Rhodes proposed Cllr Brewer, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Connor. Cllr D Smith proposed Cllr Arnold this proposal was seconded by Cllr Scard. A secret ballot was requested.

Cllr Brewer	6 votes
Cllr Arnold	5 votes

Cllr Brewer was elected Chairman.

Cllr Brewer took the Chair. Cllr Brewer stated he will be fair and unbiased as Chairman; he would work for Crossways and not for his own personal gain. Cllr Brewer asked for Councillors to support his Chairmanship and to look forward and work for the good of Crossways. Cllr Brewer thanked Cllr Rhodes for her period of Chairmanship stating that she had taken the Chair under difficult circumstances and worked well and formally noted the thanks of the Council for all her work. Cllr Rhodes thanked Cllr Brewer for his support as Vice Chair during her Chairmanship and wished him well.

ITEM 2 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Brewer signed his Declaration of Acceptance witnessed by the Clerk.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Connor proposed Cllr Rhodes this proposal was seconded by Cllr Stenning. Cllr Scard proposed Cllr Arnold, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Thomas. A secret ballot was requested.

Cllr Arnold	7 votes
Cllr Rhodes	4 votes

Cllr Arnold was elected Vice Chairman

ITEM 4 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Arnold signed his Declaration of Acceptance witnessed by the Clerk.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that he was happy to take on board Cllr Arnold's suggestion that an agenda item should be set to consider a full review of CPC's Standing Orders. Cllr Bache asked that

all Councillors are involved. It was suggested that the DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils) and the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) is asked to assist.

ACTION: CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

ITEM 6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE All Councillors present.

ITEM 7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 8 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no declarations of predetermination.

ITEM 9 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR JUNE 2009 – MAY 2010 . COUNCILLORS ARE ADVISED THAT THE PARISH MEETING HAS BEEN NOTED AS 22ND APRIL; COUNCILLORS ARE NOT OBLIGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING ITS INCLUSION IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY. COUNCILLORS ARE ALSO ASKED TO NOTE AND AGREE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ON THE 17TH TO ALLOW FOR CLERKS ANNUAL LEAVE Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that in the absence of the Clerk the Council would be obliged to seek the services of a locum Clerk and this could incur costs. Cllr D Smith said he would prefer the meeting date in September to remain as the last Thursday of the month and proposed that the September meeting is held on the 24th. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Bache and agreed.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO APPOINT/CONFIRM MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES:

a. DAPTC REPRESENTATIVE	Cllr Brewer/Cllr Arnold
b. WINFRITH LIAISON & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE	Vacant
c. WARMWELL QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE	Cllr Arnold/Cllr Stenning
d. CRIME PREVENTION PANEL COMMITTEE	Cllr Connor
e. YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Cllr Rhodes
f. TRANSPORT FORUM	VACANT
j. CROSSWAYS SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	Cllr Harris
h. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Cllr Brewer
j. WOODSFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE	Cllr Arnold
k. REPRESENTATIVE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY CROSSWAYS	Cllr Scard

ITEM 11 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS:

a. ANCIENT MONUMENT LIAISON OFFICER	Cllr Thomas
b. EMERGENCY CONTACT OFFICER (2 POSTS)	Cllr Brewer/Cllr Rhodes
c. RIGHT OF WAY/FOOTPATH OFFICER	Cllr Scard
d. PLAYGROUND INSPECTOR VISUAL	Cllr Harris
e. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER	Cllr Arnold

ITEM 12 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR MAY 08 – APR 09. MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE 11 MEETINGS

CLLR RHODES	11
CLLR BREWER	10
CLLR STENNING	7
CLLR CONNOR	9
CLLR BACHE	9
CLLR SCARD	5
CLLR SMITH D	5
CLLR SMITH T	4
CLLR ARNOLD	7 out of 7 (First meeting October 08)
CLLR THOMAS	8 out of 8 (First meeting September 08)
CLLR HARRIS	5 out of 5 (First meeting January 09)

AGREED

ITEM 13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting (April 23rd 2009) were accepted as a true record and duly signed. Proposed Cllr Rhodes, seconded Cllr Arnold

AGREED

ITEM 14 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 15 TO RECONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A CONFERENCE DIGITAL RECORDING MACHINE IN THE SUM OF £250+ IN RESPONSE TO A WRITTEN REQUEST MADE AT THE APRIL PARISH MEETING. SUGGESTED PROTOCOL ATTACHED It was noted that the recording could not be accepted without an agreed protocol. Cllr Arnold felt recording would benefit the Clerk. Cllr Bache said she felt Councillors would not speak freely is being recorded and stated that any dispute with minutes could and should be settled at the acceptance of the minutes at the following meeting. Cllr Smith asked that the recordings be downloaded and kept as a lifelong record. Cllr Brewer questioned the validity of doing this when minutes are accepted at the following meeting and nothing further would be a legal record. Cllr Brewer further questioned copyright and human rights and suggested looking at other Council's protocols for guidance.

Cllr Stenning proposed deferring this item, Cllr Rhodes seconded, this was agreed by unanimous vote.

AGREED

ITEM 16 TO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE SPORTS FIELD WORKING PARTY – CLLR ARNOLD

Cllr Arnold reported that he was experiencing problems getting those interested parties together. He has compiled a list

of possible funders and has spoken to WDDC Sports Liaison and is waiting for a response. Funding for a survey is being sought. The Clerk suggested COMMA.

ITEM 17 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MUGA/SKATE BOWL COMMITTEE DATED 20TH APRIL AND RECEIVE UP TO DATE REPORTS IF REQUIRED Cllr Brewer thanked Councillors Arnold and Thomas for putting the planning application together. Copies of the plans will be made available to non e mail Councillors as requested.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 18 MATTERS ARISING – THESE WILL BE TAKEN FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE TO BE CONFIRMED There were no further matters arising noted.

ITEM 19 TO CONSIDER QUOTATION IN THE MATTER OF STREET LIGHTS MOIGNE COMBE TO VILLAGE HALL. THIS ITEM WAS DEFERRED FROM THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS COUNCILLORS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THE QUOTES SUPPLIED WITH THE PREVIOUS AGENDA TO THIS MEETING.

Cllr Brewer supplied a brief history behind the installation of these lights. It was noted that DCC pays for the electric for these Lights and the Parish Council maintain them. Cllr Harris questioned the Council's liability should there be an accident if these lights were not maintained.

Proposed Cllr Thomas that the Council continues to maintain these lights

Seconded by Cllr Harris

AGREED

ITEM 20 TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BY-LAW DOCUMENT *BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES* IN RELATION TO THE SPORTS FIELD AND OPEN SPACES

The Council suspended to hear from Mrs Hilary Marett. Mrs Marett advised the Council she had researched other sports field sites and suggested that the lack of a bye-law could lead to problems with camping, travellers etc. Cllr Brewer suggested a sign forbidding these activities might suffice.

The meeting re-convened. Cllr Brewer suggested an ad-hoc working party to consider this by-law provision. All Councillors expressed a wish to join. A model set of by-laws as supplied by WDDC will be supplied to all Councillors and a meeting to discuss convened.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 21 TO CONSIDER TO ALLOW A BOOKING ON THE SPORTSFIELD, WITH ACCESS TO THE PAVILION, FOR A FAMILY PARTY TO INCLUDE A BOUNCY CASTLE, ON 23RD AUGUST 2000 FROM MIDDAY UNTIL 6PM AND TO CONSIDER WHAT CHARGE Subject to the person booking has adequate insurance Cllr Smith proposed a fee of £30.00 seconded by Cllr Thomas.

AGREED

Cllr Thomas suggested a review of charges be considered for the sports field and pavilion bookings. It was agreed, in the first instance the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Thomas take this proposal forward.

ACTION: CHR, VICE CHR, CLERK, CLLR THOMAS

ITEM 22 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 23RD APRIL – 28TH MAY Cllr Smith questioned the payment to Mr Manuel for the grass cutting. The Clerk advised Cllr Smith that she would supply him with a copy of the spreadsheet regarding these payments for his information.

Proposed: Cllr Smith, Cllr Connor seconded approval of the expenditure.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 23 TO RECEIVE ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION ON THE CHAIRMAN

a. Cllr Scard questioned progress regarding placing a notice board in the Woodsford Fields estate. She was advised that a suitable site had not yet been identified.

POST MEETING NOTE: Cllr Rhodes will meet with Cllr Scard to look at site suitability.

b. It was noted that the Vice Chair historically took responsibility for Finance and Administration matters of the Council. Cllr Arnold said he would be willing to undertake this role. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss.

ACTION: CHR, VICE CHR, CLERK

ITEM 24 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING - JUNE 25TH 2009 Confirmed.

Signed Chairman 2009