

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr R Arnold (Vice Chairman) Cllr Barry Thomas and Cllr Dave Harris

Also Present: District Councillor T Seall Christine Stone WDDC

Cllr Brewer introduced Christine Stone, a Community Funding Advisor, from WDDC who will be answering questions on the funding. Christine joined the Councillors. Cllr Brewer explained that this meeting is primarily to deal with the funding agreement but due to the number of planning applications received during the summer recess these would be dealt with also.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr (Mrs) Thelma Smith, Cllr Valerie Bache and Cllr Abi Scard

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Stenning declared a personal interest in Item 7 stating she would remain in the room, not enter in discussions and not vote.

**ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** There were no declarations of pre-determination.

**ITEM 4 TO AGREE AND SIGN THE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AND DCC (DORSET PLAYBUILDER PROGRAMME) FOR THE MULTI USE GAMES AREA/SKATE BOWL PROJECT BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE MUGA/SKATE BOWL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009** Councillors posed questions on the agreement. These comments are entered as Contemporaneous Notes. Date as above Cllr Stenning questioned the deadline as given (March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010) Christine Stone advised that the preferred contractor is very experienced and it is generally understood that prevailing circumstances may occur but this is not a problem. Cllr Stenning questioned Item 3 of the contract and was advised by Christine that all these projects are approved by Government therefore they have accepted that the MUGA will be used by all age groups. Cllr Arnold asked for written confirmation of this, Christine advised this is not needed as the funder understands that the MUGA is open to all ages. Cllr Brewer read an extract from an e mail received from Tony Hurley at WDDC quoting Mr Chris Skinner at DCC (lead officer for this programme). *“it is accepted that play projects provide ‘free to use and free to come and go facilities’ – so no one would expect a Parish Council to restrict access to a specific age group. What is important is that the facility is attractive and suitable to this age group due to its design”* Cllr Stenning asked if the words only could be removed from Item 3. Christine Stone advised that these concerns could be noted but encouraged signing of this document. Cllr Arnold questioned Item 8 saying that the Council cannot assure that the MUGA would be used for the five year period. Ms Stone advised that this is a standard clause; the MUGA is very unlikely to fail to be used. Cllr Arnold questioned Item 10, the tendering process. Ms Stone advised that DCC are happy with this process. Cllr Arnold said that due to the credit crunch prices agreed could have gone down and said the price for the tender could now look extravagant. Ms Stone stated there is no requirement to renegotiate, the funding package is now in place the money for the project is not precept matter and the project has been accepted as good value for money. Cllr Arnold suggested that the Parish Council could be criticised for not renegotiating the price. Ms Stone advised Councillors that the Parish Council were not alone in this project it is supported by WDDC. It was suggested a covering letter is sent with the signed funding agreement confirming that the assurances received from Tony Hurley will stand. Ms Stone says the Parish Council has Mr Hurley’s assurances in writing. Cllr Arnold questioned what would happen if the preferred contractor went into liquidation; it was noted that staged payments are used.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Harris. The Council voted 5 for 1 against (Cllr Arnold)

AGREED

**ITEM 5 PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/09/001244 BEECH TREE BARN, HEATHFIELD PARK – RELOCATE FRENCH DOORS AND WINDOWS. INSTALL FLUE. INSTALL NEW WINDOW.** The Parish Council had no objections to these plans.

AGREED

**ITEM 6 PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/09/001109 - UNITS 14A TO 14D, SCOTTEN WAY, HYBRIS BUSINESS PARK – ERECT BUILDING FOR MIXED USE IN CLASSES B8 AND A1 USE FOR STORAGE, DISPLAY AND RETAIL AND TRADE DISTRIBUTION OF EQUINE PRODUCT, GOODS AND SERVICES** The Parish Council had no objections to these plans.

AGREED

**ITEM 7 PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/09/001309 – VARIATION OF CONDITION 5 OF PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/08/000638 LAND AT NORTH WEST CORNER OF THE JUNCTION OF WEST LINK ROAD AND WARMWELL ROAD (B3390)** The Parish Council had no objections to this variation of condition. It was agreed that the Parish Council’s response to 1/D/08/000638 would be restated.

AGREED

**ITEM 8 PLANNING APPLICATION – 1/D/09/001093 LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF MORETON ROAD AND REDBRIDGE ROAD – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STORE (METHODIST CHAPEL) AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL/OFFICE UNITS (CLASS B1)** Cllr Brewer read copies of e mails received regarding this application. Questions were raised as to number of units and the exit onto the already busy five ways junction. Cllr Arnold suggested this development would improve the visual aspect of this area. The meeting suspended to hear from Mr Barry Crooke, the applicant.

**MEETING SUSPENDED**

Mr Crook informed the meeting that he had made changes to the application to placate the concerns of Highways. Mr Crook advised that he had incorporated a ‘church’ look to the development to imitate the previous presence of the Methodist Chapel.

**MEETING RE-CONVENED**

Members agreed the application with the conditions:

- a. Landscaping – The Council would like to see proper landscape concerns put in place regarding the screening and maintenance of the trees/hedges abutting the B3390 in consideration of the visual aspect of this development.
- b. Signage – The Council would wish that any large signs are not allowed and no illuminated signs are permitted. Due consideration must be given to the visual aspect of this development in the matter of signage.
- c. Highways Issues – The Council has been aware of highway issues that have been address and that these issues have now been noted and the concerns of the Highways Dept allayed.
- d. Five Ways Junction – The Council continues to be concerned about the volume of traffic at Five Ways junction.

**ITEM 9 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2009** Confirmed.

**ITEM 10 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** None requested.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed ..... Date ..... 2009