

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2009

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Joyce Rhodes and Cllr Barry Thomas.

Also Present: District Councillor T Seall

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

a. **MUGA/Skate Bowl** Mr Peter Tizzard asked the Parish Council why the Parish Council voted unanimously for the MUGA/ Skate Bowl project and then four Councillors wrote letters of objection to the proposal. Mr Tizzard stated that he did not understand the actions of these Councillors and asked for maximum support for the project for the children and young people. Mr Richard Grygiel also expressed concern about the facilities for the youth and young people suggesting a referendum to confirm whether this facility is needed.

b. **BUS SHELTER/PARKING, MOUNT SKIPPET WAY** Mrs Angie Smy asked the Council for support in her need for a dropped kerb to allow access to her property across Magna land as she is disabled and has been assessed as needing a dropped kerb but the cost is prohibitive. District Councillor Teresa Seall noted that she has been dealing with queries of this nature and offered to help Mrs Smy. Cllr Seall offered to meet with Mrs Smy and County Councillor Crowhurst to discuss this problem further.

c. **CROSSWAYS COURT BINS** Mrs Jennifer Lampard complained about the lack of bins for dog waste in the area of Crossways Court. The Dog Warden has been contacted on other similar issues in the road to Moigne Combe and areas of Green Lane. The Warden will be asked to consider putting signs in these areas and more bins will be asked for in these areas.

ACTION: CLERK

d. **BUS SHELTER DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD** Mr David Chitson advised the meeting that the timetable requested had not yet been put in the new shelter. The Clerk informed that First Bus had been contacted via their web site and she will write again.

ACTION: CLERK

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER There was no report.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Kris Hallett was not available. Her report is attached to these minutes.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Apologies were received from County Councillor Crowhurst.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from District Councillor Read.

a. **District Councillor Seall's** report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr (Mrs) Thelma Smith, Cllr D Harris, Cllr Abi Scard, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Arnold and Cllr Connor. Cllr Brewer expressed the condolences of the Council to Cllr Connor for the sudden death of her husband Jeff. Cllr Brewer stated his will attend Jeff's funeral representing the Council.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE None to report.

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 25TH JUNE 2009 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Firstly I should like to record my thanks to Cllr Arnold for his help and assistance in taking the chair at very short notice. I am also grateful for his efforts during my absence and for bringing me up to date. I would wish also on

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behalf of the Council to acknowledge and echo the sentiments of an e mail I have been copied by Mr Graham Rowe who has been the investigating solicitor dealing with complaints under the code of conduct and I would wish to read his comments concerning our clerk. *“Dear Stella I write to thank you for all your help in providing me with factual*

information required in connection with the several investigations I have conducted in relation to Crossways and which have all now (bar one set down for 28th August) come to a close in so far as my role is concerned at least. You have frequently supplied information (often at very short notice) with unstinting helpfulness and courtesy and in a timely way and I am very grateful to you for that. I have tried throughout to confine my questions to factual matters so as to not compromise your impartiality. I express my appreciation to you. I am copying this e mail to Andrew Brewer as Chairman of your Council for information. Best wishes Graham”

b. I have received a flyer through my door advertising a gardener and have asked our Community Support officer to note and undertake some checks. It does however illustrate the need for vigilance to us as residents and to local businesses alike. The leaflet has no surname or address, a mobile number and advertises ‘special deals for pensioners’. As we have heard time and time again we must be vigilant against scams and cowboys and although I have no reason to doubt this service I feel it is important that such matters are brought to light and checked.

c. There have been comments raised about the Memorial Park which, I have suggested might make a project for one of the local agencies to look at but also for community participation and ownership. A similar message with regards to the position of litter bins and dog fouling notices. Not a nice topic of conversation but a very real issue. There was also an opportunity of producing an article about fly tipping which has now reached epidemic proportions in our surrounding neighbourhood. There are some unscrupulous traders who are evading the payment of fees for proper environmentally friendly disposal and are dumping in our lanes and quiet spots. Again vigilance is needed, always have a pen and paper to note down registration numbers and details. I would commend the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign.

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER DCC LETTER IN THE MATTER OF THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME Councillors questioned the costs of this scheme and value for money received from this project. It was agreed to seek a meeting with a Council (Ferndown) already running this scheme to get as much as background information as possible.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER WDDC RECYCLING LETTER IN THE MATTER OF NEW SITES FOR PLASTIC BOTTLE RECYCLING BANKS It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to hear from District Councillor Seall. Cllr Seall advised that some Parishes have agreed to place these bins in their Parish. It was noted that Crossways used to have recycling bins in the entrance, on the Link Road, to the Quarries and at the entrance to the Sports Field. Land by the Library was suggested but noted that this land belongs to DCC. The Village Hall Car Park was also suggested; it was noted that it is preferred to site these bins in walking distance and the Landlord would also need to give permission for this site. It was agreed the sites, the quarry entrance and at entrance to sports field would be forwarded.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM MRS SALLY KEEPING Councillors noted the letter received from Mrs Sally Keeping regarding dog fouling in the road to the Village Hall and the pathway leading to Green Lane from the B3390. Cllr Brewer read the e mail from the Dog Warden advising that the road in question (to the Village Hall) was privately owned and permission should be sought from the Land Owner. Cllr Brewer advised that he had spoken to the Agent for the Land Owner who was in favour of placing of dog bins. It was agreed to use the Bridge to highlight this problem and raise awareness. Cllr Rhodes suggested a poster/notice in the Library. This matter will be taken forward with advice and assistance from the Dog Warden.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT NEW COUNCILLOR’S TRAINING TO BE HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER AT DCC AT 7PM Councillors present did not wish to attend.

ITEM 12 UPDATE SPORTS FIELD WORKING PARTY – CLLR ARNOLD This item was deferred because of the absence of Cllr Arnold.

ITEM 13 TO CONSIDER CLERKS ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN THE SUM OF £165. 00, 50% OF TOTAL. Proposed Cllr Stenning, Seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED

ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER COUNCIL’S RESPONSE TO AN E MAIL FROM MAVERICK INDUSTRIES It was noted that the e mail from Sue Mitchener at Maverick Industries expressed concern about letters written by four Parish Councillors objecting to the plan stating that it was considered that the Parish Council gave full support to the project. It was agreed to write to Maverick Industries restating the Council’s 100% commitment to the project, noting the letters written by Cllrs D Smith, T Smith, V Bache and A Scard and copy this letter to WDDC Planning Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Rhodes

AGREED

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ITEM 15 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MUGA/SKATE BOWL COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 13TH JULY 2009 AND RECEIVE UP TO DATE REPORTS IF REQUIRED In the absence of Cllr Arnold, who chaired this meeting, Cllr Brewer asked for any questions on the minutes. Cllr Brewer updated those present on the fund raising received by the Crossways Young People’s Forum noting that £4485.00 had been received from Comic Relief. The continued efforts of the CYPF was applauded.

ITEM 16 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a. 1/D/09/001003 WARMWELL LEISURE RESORT - DEMOLISH TWO TIMBER CHALETs AND SITE TWO TWIN UNIT CARAVAN PITCHES FOR HOLIDAY USE, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROAD AND CAR PARKING - The Council had no comment on this application.

b. 1/D/09/000980 LAND TO THE REAR OF 40 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD – ERECT BUNGALOW
The Council voted to accept this application noting concerns regarding it being very close to No 28 Green Lane and the continuing practice of infilling.

AGREED

ITEM 17 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 25TH JUNE 09 – 30TH JULY 09

The following expenditure was agreed, proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Rhodes

	£
Salary Clerk	755.45
Inland Revenue PAYE	274.45
Petty Cash Top Up	139.49
Charles Arnold Baker (Reference Book)	53.60
Repair Glazing Bus Shelter Mount Skippet Way	109.56
Nildram Broadband	16.07
DAPTC Councillors Training	30.00
S Manuel Grass Cutting	403.43
Century 21 Photocopier Hire	103.50
Mileage Clerk 31 Mar 09 – 13 Jul 09	67.20

ITEM 18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE 2009 BUDGET REPORT AS AT 30TH JULY 2009 Councillors present were each given a copy of the budget report.

ITEM 19 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) 1960 TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE It was agreed to defer Item 20 until after Item 22.

ITEM 20 – SEE BELOW

ITEM 21 TO FORM A SMALL WORKING PARTY TO INCLUDE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR TO UNDERTAKE RISK ASSESSMENT 2009 It was agreed this working party would consist of Cllr Brewer, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Rhodes and Cllr Stenning.

AGREED

ITEM 22 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24TH 2009 AND APPROVE DELEGATED POWERS TO CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, AS PER STANDING ORDERS, DURING COUNCIL RECESS
The date of the next meeting was confirmed and it was noted that a locum Clerk will be required.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 23 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 No late urgent items were requested.

There being no other public business the meeting closed. Members of the public left the building.

ITEM 20 TO AGREE CONTRACTOR TO UNDERAKE THE SHRUB AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2009 – 2012 Councillors open sealed quotations received and agreed that Mr Steve Manuel's quotation was best value.
Proposed: Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Rhodes

AGREED

Signed Chairman2009