

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2003  
AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman) Cllr S Bryant (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Brewer, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning and Cllr J Manuel

Also Present: County Councillor D Crowhurst, District Councillors T Seall, D Smy and 4 members of the public.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** There were no public information announcements.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

- a. Mr Hewitt of Airfield Close asked for measures to be taken to implement speed restrictions on the link road. The Chairman informed him that the Council had written already on this subject.
- b. Further mention was made about parking on slip roads within the Magna Housing estate at Hope Close. The Chairman informed the meeting that the police were unable to act on this matter as it was Magna Housing property, confirmed that he was in contact with Magna on a regular basis and would speak to them about this problem and would also address the problem of the illegally parked and occupied caravan.
- c. School Buses/Broadmayne – it had been noted that the Broadmayne school bus did not appear to have seat belt. Cllr Crowhurst agreed to follow this up.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER (IF AVAILABLE)** Cllr Russell reported that as always he had been in regular contact with the Community Police Officer but had not spoken prior to this meeting so had nothing new to report.

#### **REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- a. District Councillor Cllr Seall's report is attached at Annex A to the library and main copy of these minutes.
- b. District Councillor Smy - Thanked the Council and Magna for discussions and agreement that led to the works on the walled area opposite the behind the bus shelter in Mount Skippet Way and noted the improvement to the area. In the matter of licensing Cllr Smy informed the meeting that the Junction public house in Dorchester has been given an extended license until 0200 hrs, he felt that public houses were turning into night clubs and this could have implications to local public houses. Cllr Smy further noted that the Community Development is discussing the future of public toilets including those at Ringstead.
- c. County Councillor Crowhurst's report is attached at Annex B to the library and main copy of these minutes.

**REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS** There were no school governors in attendance. It was noted that the school governors had not attended or reported for some time. The Clerk was requested to write to the schools to note this non-attendance.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Connor, Cllr McCartney and Cllr Dullaway.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Brewer declared a prejudicial, non pecuniary interest in Item 10 in that he is the Editor of the Bridge.

**ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

**ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 5 CORRESPONDENCE** None to report

**ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES WITH REGARD TO NEW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS - CLLR BRYANT TO LEAD** This item was deferred until the January 2004 Finance & Administration meeting.

**ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR RICHARDS IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/03/001871 – OLD COUNCIL DEPOT, REDBRIDGE LANE, CROSSWAYS** The Council noted the contents of Mr Richard's letter and agreed that they had previously objected themselves to this application.

*The meeting was suspended to allow Mr Richards to speak.*

Mr Richards noted that that he had become aware that it was the intention of the applicants to saw and mill timber on the site. The Clerk was instructed to add an addendum to the Parish Council's objection further objecting to this. Cllr Peacocke, who had previously voted against the Parish Council's objection asked that his objection to the sawing and milling be noted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

*Meeting resumed*

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER ANNUAL PLAY GROUND INSPECTION REPORT** Cllr Bryant reported that following an inspection by DCC engineer a working group was formed to discuss the works required to the play areas and Cllr Bryant proposed that a budget of £5000.00 be made available to do the necessary works to the play areas to comply as part of the Parish Council's risk assessment. Cllr Russell explained that this money was available due to prudent housekeeping. Proposed: Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Brewer

**AGREED**

**ITEM 9 TO RECEIVE REPORTS, ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENITIES, PLANNING AND FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- a. AMENITIES – Pages 310-311 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee (10<sup>th</sup> November 2003) were presented by Cllr Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Pages 191-192 The Minutes of the Planning Committee (10<sup>th</sup> November 2003) were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION- Pages 117-118 The Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee (10<sup>th</sup> November 2003) were presented by Cllr Bryant and duly accepted.

**ITEM 10 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE DURING PREVIOUS MONTH AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO DATE TO INCLUDE ANNUAL DONATION TO BRIDGE MAGAZINE**

- (a) Expenditure for the previous month was noted as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £
a. Account Fee		5.00
b. Rates		69.00
c. Dorset Waste Plan Publication		24.00
d. Salary Clerk		561.72
e. Inland Revenue (PAYE & NI)		116.33
f. Litter Collector		88.50
g. Sweet Grant, sportsfield		960.00
h. Stage payment sportsfield		1128.00
i. BT		95.01
j. DCC Play Area Inspection		129.84
k. Litter Collector		90.00

Serials a – f agreed at Committee, serials g – k proposed for payment Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Brewer **AGREED**

- (b) Cllr Bryant proposed the annual donation to the Bridge Magazine at £200.00, seconded Cllr Stenning **AGREED**

**ITEM 11 TO APPROVE SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING AGENDA ITEM 12**

**AGREED**

**ITEM 12 TO HEAR PRECEPT PRESENTATION FOR THE YEAR 2004-2005 BY CLLR BRYANT, CHAIRMAN FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND APPROVE**

Cllr Bryant presented the annual proposed budget figures and precept request, this is shown in detail at Annex C to the Minutes. The payment of the Clerk's gratuity was questioned by a member of the public, it was acknowledged by Cllr Russell that this was a statutory payment in lieu of a pension and confirmed that the Clerk was required to be in post for at least five

years to receive the payment. Cllr Smy informed the meeting that the budget was good and congratulated the Councillors on the precept.

It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Chubb that the precept request be set at £20,900.00 **AGREED**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bryant for his presentation and the Councillors for their diligent budgetary control.

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**ITEM 13 ANY LATE ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

(a) Cllr Russell requested Council agreement to ask Betterment properties to give a quote for fencing over and above agreed in the Section 106 agreement to give a fencing height the same as that in situ at the present sportsfield. It was agreed that the clerk could request this costing for consideration.

**AGREED**

(b) Cllr Russell informed the meeting of the necessity to encourage football teams into Crossways to play on the new pitch. Cllr Brewer asked that priority be given to local teams. It was agreed that the football pitch needs to be utilised fully.

(c) Cllr Brewer questioned the anomaly in assessing pedestrian use on the B3390; in matters of planning it is noted that there is little pedestrian use yet signs are being posted warning of pedestrians. It was noted that the walk to Moreton Station was difficult and potentially dangerous due to overhanging bushes and branches. The Clerk was instructed to write to Moreton Parish Council for there assistance in rectifying this problem.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**ITEM 14 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING (DECEMBER (DATE TBC) OR JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> 2004)** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 29<sup>th</sup> January 2004. Delegated powers were agreed cover the Christmas period.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2004