

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2005

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr Round, Cllr Manuel and Cllr Connor and Cllr S Bradley

PRIOR TO THE MEETING Gill Woods, an Outreach Worker from the Dorchester Volunteer Centre, gave a talk about the needs for support within the community in Crossways. Gill asked Councillors to identify opportunities to improve the life and well being of residents of Crossways. Gill informed Councillors that the Volunteer Bureau has a web site showing volunteering opportunities.

GENERAL AGENDA

Chair: Cllr Russell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Alan Brown, Chairman of Crossways Football Club, referring to item 4, spoke about the exchange of e mails between himself and Colin Chainey and confirmed that the Football Clubs do not consider the pitch approved by the Dorset Football Association and that Colin Chainey e mail misrepresented the situation. Cllr Brewer stated that Colin Chainey's e mail did state that the pitch was approved by the DFA and Cllr Russell confirmed that the e mail as written did lead the Council to believe the pitch had been approved. Alan Brown stated that the football teams would not play on the pitch and asked that correspondence be addressed/copied to him. It was agreed that further inspections are needed by independent agencies and the Clerk was asked to action this.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Harriss and Cllr Dullaway.

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

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12th DECEMBER 2005 Confirmed.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (10TH October 2005) The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO INCLUDE SMP SEMINAR BLANDFORD 3RD NOVEMBER 2005 Cllr Stenning reported that she and the Clerk attended the seminar at Blandford and received up to date advice and brochures for play equipment. Generally there was no reported problems except the damage by removal of a section of fencing by the entrance to the sports field. Cllr Stenning asked again that Magna be instructed to trim the trees on the Link Road.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 4 SPORTS FIELD UPDATE It was agreed that this item was fully discussed during the public participation period allowing input from the football clubs. Action will be taken as noted.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 5 VILLAGE FETE 2006 - AGREE DATE (EARLY 2006) FOR INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING INVITING ALL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS Cllr Russell reiterated his wish that the Parish Council hold a fete for the benefit of all organisations. Cllr Brewer informed the Committee that the Church would be having a fete in Sept and questioned the need for two fetes.

At this point the meeting was suspended to allow input from Mr Spackman, the representative from the Church.

Mr Spackman reported that he attended to listen to the Committees intentions and report to the Church Committee. Discussion was held as to consider two fetes or an amalgamated fete. Mr Spackman will report to the Church Committee and advised that the Church Committee intended to hold their fete at the end of July/beginning August.

The meeting was reconvened

Cllr Russell asked that a public meeting be arranged for January and notice of this be placed in the next edition of the Bridge and a letter sent of all organisations inviting them to this meeting. Wednesday 11th January was agreed. The Clerk and Cllr Brewer were requested to liaise and produce this notification. Cllr Russell proposed that the Parish Council underwrite some of the costs of the fete and proposed a contingency figure of £1000.00 be placed on the 06/07 budget, this was seconded by Cllr Peacocke and agreed.

AGREED/ACTION CLERK/CLLR BREWER

ITEM 6 NOTE RESULTS BEST KEPT AND BEST COMMUNITY VILLAGE COMPETITION AND CONSIDER WHERE TO SPEND THE £50.00 PRIZE MONEY

The Clerk reported that the Village had received certificates of excellence in the Best Kept Village and Best Community Village categories. The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to Richard Hansford (Best Kept Village) and Mary and Andrew Brewer (Best Community Village). Cllr Brewer suggested that the prize money could be put towards producing a contact card denoting useful and important contact details. These cards could list details of contact details for the Police, Quarries, Surgery, Library, Clerk etc. The proposal put by Cllr Brewer was second by Cllr Russell and agreed. The Clerk was instructed to place this item on the next Amenities Committee agenda.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 CONSIDER LETTER FROM MR T JANE FOLLOWING MR MURGATROYD'S REPORT RESULTS (COPY LETTER ATTACHED) MR MURGATROYDS REPORT PREVIOUS AGENDA

Mr Jane's letter was noted.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER E MAIL RECEIVED FROM KAREN BENNETT (NCH) The Committee agreed that Councillors would be happy to meet with the Children's Forum but equally would allow more time for consultation with the children if Ms Bennett needed it.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM PAULINE COLE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER, DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP Noted, no further action.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP Noted, no further action.

ITEM 11 MONTHLY PLAY AREA REPORTS Cllr Dullaway was not available for report.

ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE Expenditure was noted as below:

a. Express Glass (Repair damage to bus shelter)	£134.98
b. Litter Collector	£ 65.65

ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION No late items requested.

Signed (Chairman) 2005