

THE MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr T Connor, Cllr C Harriss and Cllr S Bradley.

GENERAL AGENDA

Chair: Cllr Russell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No public present.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr J Chubb and Cllr C Round.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Brewer declared a non pecuniary prejudicial interest in Item 5 of the Finance & Administration agenda as he is Secretary and Treasurer to the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Brewer declared that he would leave the meeting room for this item.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION None declared.

ITEM 4 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 18th December 2006 It was agreed that the December meeting would not take place. The next Committee meetings would be held on Monday 8th January 2007. Cllr Russell gave his apology for this meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr A Brewer

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (October 9th) The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None to report.

ITEM 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Brewer reported that the matter of the request for a grant from the Leisure Fund Development Fund in the sum of £10,000 towards the MUGA was to be considered by WDDC Executive Committee on the 14th November. The Council noted the letter of objection sent.

ITEM 4 CONSIDER WEB SITE ADMINISTRATION Cllr Peacocke noted that items on the web site were, in some cases, out of date. It was agreed that it would be difficult for any one person to manage the details and it was advised that organisations are requested to monitor their own details. The Clerk was instructed to place an article in the Bridge to this effect and ask organisations to check their details on the web-site.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 5 CONSIDER THIRD PARTY CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE HALL GRANTS (DETAILS ATTACHED) *Cllr Brewer left the room.* Members considered funding the third party 10% deposit for the landfill tax grant given for improvements to the hall and the provision of a car park. These improvements include new windows and improved disabled access. The Clerk reported that this payment

could be made under Section 137 and under this provision the Council could spend £5.44 per electorate. The sum requested was £3,924.80. Members agreed that the Village Hall was a much used and important asset to the Village.

It was proposed by Cllr Stenning seconded by Cllr Peacocke and unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that this contribution be made.

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ITEM 6 CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE DCC IN THE MATTER OF

LAND ABUTTING SURGERY Members noted the response from Mr Jenkins which showed that the DCC Cabinet’s decision to withdraw the offer of sale of the land abutting the surgery was despite recommendations by the Director of Environmental Services that “disposing of this parcel of land would relieve the County Council of the cost burden of their maintenance, and produce capital receipts without detriment to the long term aims and objectives of the County Council”. Members also noted paragraph 437.2 of the Cabinet meeting dated 19th July 2006 which stated “in answer to questions from the local member, relating to the land south of Crossways Surgery, Warmwell, the Head of Property Management confirmed that given the Cabinet had agreed an extended consultation period on the proposed closure of 13 libraries, including Crossways, and in light of a consideration by the Primary Care Trust on possible increased future uses of the surgery, it would not be appropriate to proceed with the disposal of this area of land for the time being.” The Council will seek further clarification on this matter. A meeting with Jim Knight MP is pending.

ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS FOR THE AMENITIES AND FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATION BUDGETS AND APPROVE

EXPENDITURE Members were supplied with an up to date budget statement. Payments were approved as follows, proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Stenning:

Hardy Tree Surgeons (Safety and Remedial Work)	
Memorial Park	£480.00
Salary Clerk	£754.51
Inland Revenue	£230.62
Rent Village Hall	£ 24.00
Viking Direct	£ 78.75
Datec T & EC Ltd	£ 29.38

Plus Item 5 as agreed.

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ITEM 8 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS Cllr Peacocke noted that some paths in the Memorial Park were showing signs of wear and tear and cost of repairs could affect the precept. This was noted.

The Clerk was instructed to obtains quotes for repainting the gates of the Memorial Park with a rust proof paint.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Signed (Chairman) 2006