

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2007 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK 0' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM

GENERAL AGENDA

Prior to the meeting Cllr Smy advised the meeting that the next phase of the consultation to bring a Skate Bowl and MUGA to Crossways will take the form of a public consultation on Saturday 24th November from 11.00 – 1.30pm consisting of one hour set aside, from 11.30 to 12.30, for a debate/workshop chaired by Inspector Fry and facilitated by Kris Hallett. Cllr Smy encouraged all members to attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mr Barton, a resident of Oaklands Park questioned what is happening on the land abutting Oaklands Park, the B3390 and the Link Road. (Hippy Field). It was noted that following full public consultation with the Agents, Pegasus, and the proposed developer, Ravine Lifestyle, there is now a for sale board on the land. Mr Barton expressed great concern over the recent events advising the Council that he now has a view of concrete and he feels that damage has been done to his property, and others, due to the vibration of the equipment used to demolish the buildings on the field. Mr Barton was reminded that the Council has met with the agent and developer and expressed deep concern of events to date. Cllr Scard informed Councillors that she had rung Goadsby and was informed that the developer had a change of heart and would no longer be going ahead with the proposal for a mixed scheme and has reverted to a scheme with only industrial units. Cllr Smy offered to meet with Mr Barton accompanied by Cllr Smith, Chairman Planning for further discussion if required. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Jim Tarzey to enquire as to what the up to date situation is from his point of view.

ACTION: CLERK

b. Mr Derek Turtle spoke regarding his previous correspondence with the Council with the proposal to install a running track on the sports field stating that the cost of white lining such a track would be in the region of £90.00. Cllr Smy invited Mr Turtle to visit the consultation on November 24th in the matter of the proposed MUGA/Skate Bowl as this might infringe on the provision of a running track and Mr Turtle could offer his thoughts then. Cllr Smy asked Mr Turtle if he felt that a running track would be used enough. Mr Turtle replied he felt it would and a petition is available showing a need. It was agreed to put the matter of the November Amenities Committee agenda.

c. Mr David Croft stating an ACAS directive on effective governance stated that Minutes of meetings should be produced within 7 days. The Clerk replied that Minutes have to be given a priority against other tasks and the Council if they wish, could make a mandate for minutes to be produced in a given time scale and if they did she would comply but other issues would slide down a scale of priority. Cllr Smy advised those present that the Clerk is meticulous in dealing with other items and makes every effort to prioritise her work.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Brewer, Cllr Caroline Round and Cllr Elaine Stenning

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

ITEM 3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2007 Confirmed

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr V Bache

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (5TH September 2007) 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 Cllr Bache reported that the works on the Memorial Park are pressing ahead; the site had been cleared and plants ordered.

ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY CHAIRMAN OF CROSSWAYS FOOTBALL CLUB THAT THE FIELD IS RESTRICTED TO USE BY TWO TEAMS TO SUSTAIN A PLAYABLE SURFACE

Cllr Smy advised Councillors of an e mail received (copied to them) expressing concerns that if too many football teams used the field it may result in damage to a surface which is not too strong. Cllr Smith said that until Saturday he did not know there were two teams playing. He was advised that the Clerk who is responsible for the booking was aware. Cllr Scard said she would like to see the booking sheet. The Clerk replied that it has not been considered necessary to inform all Councillors of all bookings as this would entail extra work. Cllr Northcote

stated that had been more than the usual amount of rain (climate change) and the Parish Council should have the right to restrict use during unusual weather. It was noted that the bookings are made and include the use of the Pavilion, it would be difficult to restrict casual users of the field. The Council discussed past events and difficulties with the pitch. Cllr Connor asked if the football teams had complained of stones/flints on the field. The clerk advised that she had not received any specific complaints and the teams were playing. Cllr Smy suggested agreeing with Crossways's Football Club's request to restrict playing to Owermoigne and Crossways. Cllr Smy spoke about the past difficulties with the field and he felt that the Council had been let down by the Contractor but the Council must now deal with the field as it is now.

It was proposed by Cllr Connor, seconded by Cllr Scard that the use is restricted to two teams and regularly reviewed.

AGREED

ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER INFORMING DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL , CULTURAL SERVICES LIBRARIES AND ARTS SERVICES AND TO ADOPT THE IDEA TO EXTEND THE CROSSWAYS LIBRARY TO INCORPORATE A CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATION CENTRE/EXTENSION (CLLR NORTHCOTE TO LEAD)

It was suggested this time be deferred until the Council is informed by DCC on the future of Crossways Library. The Clerk was asked to look for the reply from DCC following the Council's decision of Library hours in Crossways. Cllr Rhodes said that as the Council is at present involved in fighting to keep the Library open it would not be advisable to bring this item forward at this time. Cllr Northcote was questioned on the funding for the extension. Cllr Northcote said grant funding is available and he has details of funders.

PENDING

ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER WORDING TO BE PLACED ON THE GOLDEN TILE TO BE PLACED IN THE NEW CHURCH It was proposed by Cllr Smy, seconded by Cllr Connor that the wording on the tile reads "Crossways Parish Council and the date"

AGREED

ITEM 7 CONSIDER RESPONSE TO DICK O' TH' BANKS STREET LIGHTING SURVEY AND THE WAY AHEAD

Cllr Bache asked if the survey was closed. Cllr Bache was informed that the request for residents' thoughts on the matter had been extended over two editions of the Bridge. Cllr Bache stated she had not seen these requests. Cllr Smy summarised the responses stating that 21 were for street lighting and 11 against. Cllr Smith questioned whether the responses were counted by households or residents. The Clerk advised that the survey showed households. Cllr Northcote said he would be commenting on street lights for Dick o' th' Banks within the Village Design Statement and would take this figures on board. The Council discussed costs of street lighting and whether they felt Dorset County Council would agree and finance the lights. The Clerk advised Councillors that she had received a document on street lighting and it would be useful for Councillors to have sight of this before further deliberations. This will be deferred until the November Amenities Committee.

PENDING

ITEM 8 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT No report available.

ITEM 9 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Cllr Bache reported the damage to the soffits on the Sports Pavilion and that the Police had been informed. It was advised that a temporary repair was being put in place prior to quotations be sought for new soffits. The question of materials was discussed and the probability that the soffits could contain asbestos. Daphne Bearman was able to confirm there was no asbestos.

b. The Clerk advised that she had been approached by a Mr Hibberd from Toogood Properties concerning the numbering of the nine new units Hybris. It was noted that logically these units should be number 14a – 14j, but they will be situated at the entrance to the Hybris Business Park. Mr Hibberd has asked if the Council wish to consider a name for the units? It was agreed the matter would be deferred to full council.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Signed (Chair) 2007