

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2009

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr Joyce Rhodes, Cllr Dave Smith and Cllr Mrs Thelma Smith

Also Present: County Councillor D Crowhurst

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no public information announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD Mr Ray Turner spoke about the hedges at the junction of Hurricane Close and the Dorchester Link Road stating that the motorist's view emerging from Hurricane Close was obscured and could lead to an accident. The Clerk advised Mr Turner that this matter will be dealt with as soon as possible.

ACTION: CLERK

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER PCSO Vickie Hedges gave out recent crime figures stating that reported crime was very low in the preceding reporting period. PCSO Hedges informed the meeting of a shed break in in Redbridge Lane and increased reports of cars hitting dears on surrounding roads and advised caution. Also noted was a poster competition held at Frome Valley School showing the community speed watch pilot initiative taking place in Warmwell, and incidences of cars failing to stop at the give way signs within the traffic calming area in Dick o' th' Banks Road. Cllr D Smith asked if the regular surgeries held by the Police in Crossways Library were beneficial; it was agreed they were.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Copies of Kris Hallett's report were distributed and noted. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLLR CROWHURST Cllr Brewer asked Cllr Crowhurst to report on the Warmwell Liaison Committee meeting as Cllr Arnold was absent. Cllr Crowhurst advised that he had also attended the inaugural meeting of the Woodsford Fields Liaison Committee with Cllr Arnold. The quarry owners were requested to ensure that they produce an instruction leaflet for all drivers requested they turn right when emerging from the Quarry as stipulated in the planning permissions. Cllr Crowhurst advised that the Warmwell site will be finished extractions in 7 years and the Company will restore and provide leisure areas. It was further noted that Mrs Jane requested that allotment land could be released, Highgate Lane was suggested as a possible area. Cllr Crowhurst advised that he will chair the Woodsford Fields Quarry Liaison Committee.

Cllr Crowhurst advised those present that he now represents Crossways on the Police Liaison Committee and spoke specifically about the increase in domestic violence noting that it was not always violence against women but sometimes violence against men.

Cllr Crowhurst noted that the Weymouth Relief Road was on time and budget and advised that there are opportunities for Councils to visit if they wish.

Cold calling sites are to be installed in some areas to protect the elderly from cold callers and notices will be put up stating no callers. Crossways could adopt these sites contact for this is Bill Jacks at Trading Standards.

In conclusion Cllr Crowhurst advised that Dorset County Council elected not to become a Unitary Authority but will introduce Pathfinder Programme as the way ahead. A copy of the newsletter outlining this way ahead is attached to the main and Library copy of these minutes.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllr Seall. Cllr Read was absent.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas, Cllr Bache and Cllr Arnold. Cllr Scard was absent. Cllr Brewer forwarded the best wishes of the Council to Cllr Arnold for a speedy recovery.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Dave Smith and Cllr Thelma Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 10, 17 and 19 on the agenda and declared they would leave the room when these Items were discussed.
- b. Cllr Joyce Rhodes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 and declared she would leave the room when this item was discussed.
- c. Cllr Elaine Stenning declared a personal interest in Item 12 stating she would remain in the room but not vote

ITEM 16 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 24TH SEPTEMBER- 29TH OCTOBER 2009 TO INCLUDE PAYMENT TO BRITISH LEGION FOR POPPY WREATH - CLLR ARNOLD In the absence of Cllr Arnold the income and expenditure for the period 24th September – 29th October was reported by the Chairman as follows. Cllr Harris proposed a payment of £30.00 to the Royal British Legion, this was seconded by Cllr Thelma Smith and agreed.

| | Expenditure | Income |
|---|-------------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Half year Precept Payment | | 12,500 |
| Wessex Water (Pavilion) | 179.84 | |
| Petty Cash Top Up | 181.82 | |
| Fleet Line (White Lining) | 87.63 | |
| Nildram (Telephone/Internet) x 2 | 36.62 | |
| Loc Out Services Annual Service | 155.25 | |
| Cleaners Pavilion | 80.00 | |
| Edward Sports (Net Hooks) | 34.50 | |
| Century 21 Photocopier Hire | 103.50 | |
| Viking Direct | 73.90 | |
| Net Benefit (Web Site) | 286.35 | |
| BDO Stoy Hayward (External Auditors) | 327.75 | |
| Fleet Line (White Lining) | 78.09 | |
| F C Bearman & Sons (Minor Works Pavilion) | 65.00 | |
| VAT Refund | | 162.58 |
| Litter Collector (4 Months) | 429.75 | |

Cllr Harris noted that the rent for the Allotment (£50) was not listed as a payment to Wyatt Paul’s agents. The Clerk informed Councillors that this is a Standing Order Payment

Cllr D Smith and Cllr T Smith left the meeting having declared on Items 17 and 19.

ITEM 17 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL COMMITTEE DATED 12TH OCTOBER 2009

Proposed: Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Rhodes AGREED

ITEM 18 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 19 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL COMMITTEE DATED 19TH OCTOBER 2009 AND TO SIGN THE CONTRACT AS PROPOSED ITEM 13 Cllr Brewer advised that the draft contract has been supplied by Maverick and as per Item 6 Mr Brian Evans-Johnson will manage the project on behalf of Crossways Parish Council and has seen and advised on the contract. Mr Evans-Johnson is indemnified by DCA.

Councillor Brewer proposed that the Contract is signed when Contract is received, Cllr Rhodes seconded this proposal.

AGREED

ITEM 20 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 21 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 26TH 2009 Confirmed.

ITEM 22 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 There were no late urgent items requested.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed Chairman 2009

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MEETING ON 29 OCTOBER 2009

This has been a busy and exciting month for the council as the project to build a MUGA, skatebowl and associated facilities has really started to snowball. The sub committee has moved from the planning and design phase and is virtually completed the funding stage and now progresses to the part that really matters in the construction and effective management of the project.

All those who have been actively involved should be recognised for the roles they have all carried out to see the delivery of first class facilities funded by a support package which truly identifies the deserving nature of the scheme. Also that so much care and attention to detail as well as ensuring openness and effective communication without costing the public purse extra money.

I have also been delighted to see another transformation taking place on the road to Dorchester with the first 'green shoots' of the allotment. I am looking forward to participating in the official opening and am proud to represent the council and the support that we have given in encouraging and facilitating their work.

Congratulations and celebrations also 20 years of Crossways library is officially marked. Once again I think it right that this council recognises and congratulates Chris Galpin on her extraordinary dedication and devotion to the library. I should like to move that this be recorded in the minutes and we write to Chris with our best wishes.

Crossways Parish Council was in the forefront of the campaign to stop the library from closing and I was interested to learn of the proposals to launch a volunteer scheme to provide support for the library and allow it to be opened for additional hours. With Councillor Rhodes (Our Library Champion) we have suggested that the Library be used for a series of coffee mornings to enlist support and with Council's permission I would like to suggest we sponsor these events to the costs of the refreshments and perhaps enlist some help to raise awareness of this initiative. I cannot say that it has been the ideal solution but certainly better than the closure we faced not so very long ago.

I am looking forward to attending the reception commemorating this important birthday and am reminded of the address my Father gave on the night that General Bond opened the building. I well remember the struggles the council had in making sure Crossways got a first class library, a sports field and pavilion and the land for the war memorial park. In the end all of these things have become well used and respected features of Crossways life and I am sure that this will be the case with our future projects.

Kris Hallett is unable to be with us this evening as she is in company with representatives at a reception recognising great achievements from the younger members of our community. I do hope that they will be given an award to add to the commendations that this Council has already issued.

Many domestic matters have been brought to the attention of the clerk and rightly so, however the Council has limited resources and powers but we need to consider the concerns raised about overgrown hedges, bushes and the safety of trees on our land. We have the maintenance and repairs needed for the younger childrens play areas including the replacement and enhancement of

their equipment. The Pavilion has been identified and as Vice Chairman of Finance I introduced a precept to allow for the replacement of the boiler and update of the heating system and suggestion that we make this building as energy efficient and 'green' as possible. Internal decoration and the replacement of further window units should be placed before us. And also, our canine friends who we love to see enjoying themselves but are not so enamoured of the packages they leave behind. This is now a very serious problem on the road to this hall and we continue to work with the necessary agencies to find a way of educating not the dogs but those on the other end of the lead.

I shall be honoured to represent the Council on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the community and I note the kind offers made by Councillors and friends to undertake the annual tidy up around the memorial.

Finally I wonder if Councillors and public alike would consider 2012 – not the Olympics but it will also be the diamond jubilee of the Queen. Why I mention this now is that in 2002 we set aside funds to commemorate the golden jubilee (Owermoigne & Watercombe did the honours in 1977) and made available a mug to every child who resided in the village and whose parents applied. If we were thinking of such a scheme again I feel it would be prudent to consider this over two precept years and I would welcome feedback on this suggestion and its inclusion as a future agenda item.