

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

Present: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice Chairman), Cllr Elaine Stenning (Vice Chairman (Finance)), Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman SF&RC), Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Daphne Bearman, Cllr Kathy Foster, and Cllr Jeff Allen

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** None to report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD** Karen Hood spoke regarding the closure of the Woodsford Farms Fields abutting the School and Woodsford Fields Estate. It was noted that this closure, and its reasons, had been reported in the Bridge Magazine. Ms Hood spoke about the evolving problems regarding extra dog fouling on footpaths. It was advised that the Dog Warden is aware of this and has been undertaking extra patrols. Ms Hood stated that there had been mixed messages regarding this closure initially advised that it was only until mid November but seemingly now a permanent closure. The Clerk agreed that this was so but it seems now that this is not going to change in the foreseeable future. Cllr Crowhurst confirmed that there were no plans to quarry this area of land. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Rights of Way Officer at DCC to consider the way ahead and see if any right of way could be established.

ACTION: CLERK

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** The Community Police Officer was not available.

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Cllr Crowhurst spoke about the recent problems with school transport, the way it has been operated since September return to school is subject to an enquiry. It was noted that previously transport was separated but now all transport has been amalgamated which contributed to the problems including bad time keeping thought to be because of inexperienced drivers. Cllr Crowhurst advised that there would be a re-run of the Library decision to close some libraries but as Crossways Library was not on the original list for closure it would not be affected. Cllr Crowhurst further reported the Travellers sites identified in Dorset including West Stafford and Broadmayne, a consultation document will be produced and Parish Councils kept informed and the Warmwell Liaison Group meeting advising that the Warmwell Quarry will cease operation in 5 years and the site will be marketed and finally from the Woodsford Quarry Liaison Group reported that the quarry is running well and areas quarried are being reinstated as they are used.

**PCSO VICKIE HEDGES** joined the meeting. The Chair allowed her report as this stage. Vickie reported that the fence at the new church site had been vandalised, a moped stolen in Bingham's Way and a burnt out car abandoned in Hybris. Vickie spoke about the increase in rural theft and advised there is a campaign to undertake more crime prevention in rural areas. Vickie informed those present of the new non-emergency number to contact the Police, 101. This number will cost 15p per minute.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Teresa Seall advised that the Policy Scrutiny Committee is involved in working on the new Local Plan and advised of forthcoming meetings, it was noted that these meetings are on the agenda. Cllr Seall informed the members that WDDC and WPBC (Weymouth and Portland Borough Council) will be joining together their waste collection services and it is anticipated that plastics will be collected in 2013. Cllr Seall spoke about the Policy Scrutiny Committees Countywide Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople development plan document and difficulties being experienced in tracing landowners. Cllr Seall gave the Clerk a copy of the document.

Cllr Stein advised that he had held a surgery recently in Crossways and the closure of the land at Woodsford Fields was brought to his surgery. Cllr Stein advised that he will hold another surgery in January 2012.

**THE MEETING**

**ITEM 1 TO FILL BY CO-OPTION A VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT THE CHOSEN CANDIDATE WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE THEIR SEAT ON THE COUNCIL** The Chairman introduced Nigel Bundy and proposed him to fill a vacancy on the Council by co-option. Cllr Thomas seconded this proposal which was agreed unanimously. Mr Bundy signed the Acceptance of the Code of Conduct and the Declaration of Office witnessed by the Clerk and took his seat. Cllr Brewer welcomed Cllr Bundy to the Council.

**ITEM 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** There were no apologies to record.

**ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

**ITEM 5 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Clerk advised that the minutes have been amended to include Cllr Harris's apologies, subject to noting this amendment, the minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Bearman

AGREED

**ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** The Chairman gave a verbal report.

**ITEM 8 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING.** Attendance was confirmed as noted below.

(i) HIGH SPEED BROADBAND BRIEFING THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10AM – 12 NOON AT WDDC( ITEM 8 MINUTES 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 REFER) The Clerk will attend.

(ii) FLOOD WARDEN SEMINAR – BLANDFORD WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER Attendance not required.

(iii) AN INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY PLANNING 2.15PM - 4.15PM OR 5PM- 7PM AT WDDC ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER Cllr Allen, Cllr Harris second session. Cllr Stenning Clerk second session.

Post meeting note: Limited numbers, Cllr Allen and Clerk attended

(iv) A GUIDE TO LOCALISM THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10.00PM DORCHESTER Cllr Allen, Cllr Harris and Cllr Bundy will attend.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER TREE PROTECTION ORDER 5 OLD FARM WAY** It was agreed that if this tree could be preserved it should be but is advice is to fell then the Council will support.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

**ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/11/001522 EXTENSION TO POOL BUILDING WARMWELL LEISURE RESORT** No objection.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

**ITEM 11 REPORT SPORTS FIELD AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (CLLR HARRIS)** Cllr Harris informed members that he had attended meetings, with the Clerk and Cllr Connor, with play equipment suppliers and their quotes and presentations will be looked at initially at the next SF&R Committee prior to public consultation. Cllr Harris advised that the application for the Sports Field to become a field in trust as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations were moving forward. It is felt that the football field and Pavilion is not being properly booked and steps will need to be taken to keep a better record of these bookings. Cllr Harris also referred to the Woodsford Quarry Liaison meeting and the Youth Club Management Committee. Resulting from the Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee Cllr Harris advised that, following some confusion regarding the recently fenced off fields to the rear of the school, these fields are not earmarked for quarrying in the foreseeable future. Cllr Harris attended the Youth Club Management Committee meeting which did not officially take place as numbers attended made it un-quotable but informal discussions took place regarding lack of attendance, the Youth Club's involvement in the Jubilee celebrations and a plan to set up a Friends of the Youth Club committee and look for charitable status.

**ITEM 12 ARRANGE DATE/TIME FOR BUDGET SETTING MEETING TO CONSIDER PRECEPT FOR 2012/2013 (CLLR STENNING)** It was agreed this meeting would take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November following the Sports Field and Recreation Committee meeting.

AGREED

**ITEM 13 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT WITH SUPPORTING PAPERS FOR THE ACCOUNTING YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2010 TO 31 MARCH 2011** Councillors were each provided with a copy of the auditor’s report. Cllr Stenning referred to the issues raised and advised that action will be taken regarding the Risk Assessment and the Section 137 comment noted. Councillor Stenning stated that she felt the item noted on the Section 137 was not correct and asked that this point be raised with the auditor. Subject to this the Auditor’s report was accepted and noted.

Proposed: Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Bearman

AGREED

**ITEM 14 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 – 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**  
Income and expenditure for the previous month were noted as follows:

	Expenditure £	Income £
Salary Clerk (October)*		
BKV and Environment Award		150.00
Allotment Rent		50.00
Talk Talk Business	18.00	
BDO External Auditor	1092.00	
HM Customs & Excise PAYE*		
DAPTC Seminar x 2	55.00	
F C Bearman & Son	90.00	
Cleaner Pavilion and Sundries*		
Steve Manuel 2 x Cuts	440.00	
Blanchard Bailey Solicitors	516.00	
British Legion Poppy Wreath	35.00	
Litter Collector*		
Hire Football Field/Pavilion		35.00

\* Not published to comply with the Data Protection Act.

Proposed: Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

**ITEM 15 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** Cllr Bearman advised that she, and the Clerk, would attend the meeting at Moreton to hear proposals for the quarrying on Moreton Plantation.

**ITEM 16 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011** Confirmed. Cllr Brewer offered his apologies for this meeting due to work commitments.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

Signed ..... Chairman .....2011