

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2003
AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman) Cllr S Bryant (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Brewer, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr P McCartney, Cllr T Connor and Cllr J Manuel

Also Present: County Councillor D Crowhurst, District Councillor D Smy and 7 members of the public.

Mr Gundry from the Crime Prevention Panel timetabled to give a presentation was not present at the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES)

Questions were asked about the availability of Minutes, the Parish Council Assets including the Chairman's chain of office, and office equipment and the web site. The Chairman assured those present that the Council's assets and their valuation are reported in the statutory statements yearly, an asset register is kept and the members were satisfied with matters pertaining to the office equipment and its location. The Chairman confirmed that matters of expenditure were agreed by all Council members and proper procedures undertaken. Further questions were ruled out of order by the Chairman following an improper reference/comparison with Paul Burrell. The lack of representation at the DCC Hybris Expansion Planning Committee was questioned, Cllr Chubb confirmed that the Parish Council were not invited to the meeting and had no prior knowledge of it. Concern was raised about the lack of school governors and police participation at Council meetings. The Chairman acknowledged that he is in regular contact with the police and whilst they are not always able to attend Parish Council meetings they do have a quantifiable presence in the village being in regular contact with himself.

Mr Gundry arrived apologised for his late arrival and proceeded to give his presentation. As part of his presentation Mr Gundry explained that he is Chairman of the Dorchester Crime Prevention Panel and that Cllr Peacocke is the Parish Council representative on the Crime Prevention Panel and spoke about the latest booklet produced by the Panel which offers such information as a list of rural police officers and the areas they cover, help and advice for victims of domestic violence and advice on keeping your possessions safe. The Crime Prevention panel offers advice to parents of young people and the pressures young people are under today. The Panel is in the process of producing updated 'don't talk to strangers' advice on the internet. In response to a question regarding CCTV Mr Gundry explained that CCTV is a very costly operation and there are privacy issues and at this time there is no government funding for CCTV.

Cllr Peacocke and the Chairman thanked Mr Gundry for his presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Contd

Concern was raised by a resident about the drug use problem in Crossways and asked why CADAS and drug action teams were not invited into the Village to help. Cllr Russell replied that the Police and the Magna Housing Association were aware of these problems. Cllr Russell reminded those present of the article placed in the Bridge by the Parish Council advising people to call 999 to report any incidences as they happen. It was noted that Magna wrote to each resident regarding crime and vandalism asking for it to be reported or noted and only 2 replies were received. Cllr McCartney suggested inviting the CADAS team to Crossways and that the Youth Club could do this. Cllr Smy noted that the WDDC has a Crime and Disorder plan and the drugs problem is part of this. The ongoing problems associated with young people and it was suggested that these problems were further addressed with possibly the Youth Club and the Community Worker taking the lead.

Mr Kendrick reminded the meeting that the Community Worker was not available at present, on sick leave, and that Simon Thompson from Dorset Community Action was working in her stead.

Concern was raised regarding the amount of dog faeces on the Warmwell Road. The Parish Council noted its concern and the difficulty of educating dog owners and asked that offenders when spotted are reported to the dog warden. Cllr Brewer reminded the meeting that any resident can become a nominated warden with powers to fine offenders. This post is not popular as it is open to abusive responses from offenders. It was suggested that more dog bins are placed along the road. Cllr Smy offered to speak to the resident regarding her concerns.

Speed limits. A request was made for a 30mph speed limit along the B3390. Cllr Russell confirmed that this matter is in hand and the traffic concerns were raised at the public protest meeting in the application to extend the recycling facilities in the Hybris Depot.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER Cllr Russell offered apologies on behalf of the PC Withers reporting that incidences of graffiti, egg throwing and children knocking on windows of elderly people had been addressed by the Community Policeman and some offenders had been interviewed in the presence of their parents. Cllr Russell also reported that the Youth Centre, Library and Medical Centre were considering joining forces to locate a CCTV camera in their area.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- (a) Cllr Smy offered apologies on behalf of Cllr Seall. Cllr Smy noted items already reported and dealt with and endorsed Cllr Russell's police report and confirmed that the police have worked hard in Crossways and he could offer no criticism of the Community Policeman or police presence in the Village in general.
- (b) Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS – None available

AGENDA

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Stenning and Cllr Dullaway.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no Declarations of Interest

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly accepted and signed by Cllr Bryant, chair of the meeting.

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (a) Cllr Russell reported that the Village had been awarded Runner-Up in the 2003 Best Kept Village Competition, a special environmental award and a Very Highly Commended Standard in the Best Community Village Competition.
- (b) Cllr Russell reminded members of the Remembrance Service to be held on the following Sunday and invited members to join him.

ITEM 6 COMMENTS ON DORSET WASTE FORUM The Clerk was requested to apologise for the non attendance of a Parish Council representative at the meeting on the 17th October and ask for a copy of the report of the meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 7 CONFIRM PARISH COUNCILS POSITION REGARDING THE LAND ABUTTING THE YOUTH CENTRE AS NOTED IN THE SECTION 106 AGREEMENT Cllr Russell read the relevant section of the Section 106 Agreement wherein it stated that the land abutting the Youth Centre would be offered to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the Parish Council wish to accept this offer and a letter stating same had been sent to Mr Andrew Martin, Principal Planning Officer and copied Mr Keith Armstead, DCC Education, Mr Graham Pickard, Valuation and Estates DCC, and Mr Patrick Brown.

RESOLVED

ITEM 8 CONSIDER BEST COMMUNITY VILLAGE AND BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS AND CONSIDER HOW TO SPEND PRIZE MONIES (£105) Cllr Peacocke suggested the money is used for refurbishing the wishing well and gates in the Memorial Park, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed.

RESOLVED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 9 CONSIDER DRAFT MEETING DATES PROGRAMME 2004 (COPY ATTACHED) CLLR BREWER PLEASE HAVE VILLAGE HALL DIARY AVAILABLE

AGREED

ITEM 10 REPORT DAPTC AGM – CLLR PEACOCKE Cllr Peacocke reported he had attended the DAPTC AGM which was attended by Councillors from all over Dorset. Cllr Peacocke reported that the President and Chair position at the DAPTC remained the same and the recent problems encountered in appointing a retaining a Chief Executive had now been resolved.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. **1/E/2003/2007 – 25 AIRFIELD CLOSE, ERECT CONSERVATORY** The Council had no objections to this application.
- b. **1/E/2003/2015 - 56 MOUNT SKIPPET WAY, ERECT CONSERVATORY** It was noted that the conservatory was against its neighbour's wall.

ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE REPORTS, ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENITIES, PLANNING AND FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a. **AMENITIES – Pages 307-309** The Minutes of the Amenities Committee (13th October 2003) were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- b. **PLANNING – Page 189-190** The Minutes of the Planning Committee (13th October 2003) were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. **FINANCE - Page 115-116** The Minutes of the Finance Committee (13th October 2003) were presented by Cllr Bryant and duly accepted.

ITEM 13 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE DURING PREVIOUS MONTH (AS AGREED AT COMMITTEE) AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO DATE TO INC:

Expenditure for the previous month was noted as follows:

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Amazon UK (Virus Blocker)		45.79
Blanchards Solicitors (Legal Fee)		63.45
S Manuel (Maintenance Contract)		570.00
DAPTC Cllrs/Clerks Training		60.00
Account Fee		5.00
Salary Clerk		561.94
Inland Revenue (PAYE)		116.11
S Manuel (Grass Cutting)		380.00
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Mr P Stenning (Litter Collecting)		84.00
DCA Best Kept Village Award	25.00	
DCA Best Community Award	85.00	
Hire Pavilion	25.00	
Internal Auditor		73.06
SLCC Conference		45.00
R Caulkett (Graffiti Removal)		141.00
British Legion (Poppy Appeal)		30.00

The expenditure for approval, proposed Cllr Peacocke, seconded Cllr Brewer

AGREED

ITEM 14 ANY LATE ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT There were no late urgent items.

ITEM 15 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH Confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed (Chairman) 2003