

THE MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2006

Prior to the meeting Councillors heard representation from Beverley Knowlden, Practice Manager of Crossways Health Centre. This meeting is reported under Item 4 of the Amenities Committee. Cllr Brewer thanked Beverley Knowlden for her report. Cllr Brewer on behalf of the Council forwarded thanks to the Surgery personnel for all their work in Crossways.

Present: Cllr A Brewer, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr C Harriss, Cllr C Round, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr E Stenning and Cllr S Bradley

Cllr Brewer reported that the Chairman, Cllr Russell was still unwell and had asked that Cllr Brewer take the Chair of the Council in his stead until notified otherwise. Cllr Brewer asked for formal agreement from the Council for Cllr Russell's request. It was proposed by Cllr Peacocke, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all members that Cllr Brewer act as Chair until further notice. It was also agreed that Cllr Chubb would stand in as Vice Chair.

AGREED

GENERAL AGENDA

Chair: Cllr Brewer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Non requested.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Russell and Cllr Connor.

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

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

ITEM 4 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 13th November 2006

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (September 11th) 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 The Chairman had nothing to report not covered by the agenda.

ITEM 4 CONSIDER REPORT OF PRACTICE MANAGER IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSIONS TO THE HEALTH CENTRE Cllr Brewer thanked Beverley Knowlden for her presentation in which she explained that the practice has at present 2500 patients this number is expected to rise with the completion of the Woodsford Fields development. It was agreed and recommended by the Primary Care Trust that the expansion of the Surgery would allow doctors to carry out minor surgery and extend medical facilities for the Village residents. Beverly outlined the history from the start of the proposals to extend the Surgery in the summer of 2004 to the withdrawal of the offer by DCC to sell the land; in July 2006 following a decision by the DCC Cabinet. Mrs Knowlden expressed the dismay of the Doctors to have the offer of the land withdrawn after two years of consultation, surveyors, planning and solicitor's involvement. Mrs Knowlden informed Councillors that on requesting a reason for the withdrawal of the offer of land Cabinet member and DCC member for Crossways, Cllr Crowhurst, told her that lack of involvement of the Parish Council worked against the proposal. The Parish Council queried this statement as Cllr Crowhurst had not at any time consulted them to ask what involvement they had with this scheme. It was noted that Mrs Knowlden had been in regular contact with the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Russell, who reported these meetings.

The Parish Council offered continued support for this project and was dismayed that another facility was being withdrawn from the people of Crossways. Cllr Brewer questioned the accountability of the Cabinet at DCC and its mandate to veto this proposal after DCC agreed to sell the Practice the land in September 2005.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would strive to get this proposed surgery extension back on the agenda and wholeheartedly support this extension. It was agreed to enlist the support of Jim Knight MP to highlight the perceived lack of support for Crossways from DCC.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Peacocke

AGREED

ITEM 5 CONSIDER TREE WORK QUOTATIONS TO UNDERTAKE WORK AS DETAILED IN STUART MURGATROYD'S REPORT DATED 14TH JULY 2006 It was agreed that this work would be offered to Hardy Tree Surgeons. **Proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Harriss, agreed.**

AGREED

ITEM 6 CONSIDER LETTER IN THE MATTER OF VERGE PROTECTION DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD
The Parish Council noted the contents of the letter copied to them. and Cllr Bradley suggested that these verges are tarmaced to facilitate easier parking for parents picking up children from school. The Council agreed to monitor the situation as advised by Mr Madgwick.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER RESPONSE (SWEET (SOUTH WEST ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST) IN THE MATTER OF MUGA FUNDING APPEAL (MEMORANDA DATED 26th AND 27th SEPTEMBER REFERS) Cllr Stenning supplied Councillors with a copy of the Minutes of the CAEA meeting to be agreed at the meeting on Wednesday 11th October. These minutes, in conjunction with the letter received from Alison Southern of SWEET, showed that there were matters raised that were in direct contradiction to the Minutes of the CAEA meeting. It was also noted that an item denied in the MUGA application, on particular grounds, the car park, were allowed in the Village Hall application a direct contradiction. Finally it was noted that the dates of the Minutes preceded the dates and explanations given in Ms Southern's letter.

Cllr Stenning was asked to raise some of the Parish Council's concerns at the forthcoming meeting and request that the application be re-considered. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to Jim Knight again bringing these subsequent points to his attention. This letter would be copied to the CAEA members.

ACTION: CLLR STENNING/CLERK

ITEM 8 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT Reports of the Contractor Jon Simpson were noted. It was agreed to consider applying for funding for new updated equipment. Kris Hallett Community Worker will be enlisted to help.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 9 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Concern was expressed regarding an article in the October Bridge about the placing of a teenage shelter in the grounds of the Youth Club which suggested that the Parish Council did not put enough thought into the proposed site within the Youth Club grounds. This was not a correct statement as the placing of the shelter within the grounds was considered but not pursued following complaints from residents in Old Farm Way and the opinion of Youth Leaders that it would encourage non members of the Youth Club to congregate outside the Youth Club which would not be acceptable. The Clerk was instructed to invite the Youth Leader to discuss this matter again if he wishes.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed (Chair) 2006