

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr A Brewer (Vice Chairman) Chair, Cllr J Chubb, Cllr J Manuel, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr T Connor, Cllr C Harriss and Cllr S Bradley

Cllr Brewer opened the meeting explaining that Cllr Russell was unavailable and welcomed Kris Hallett. Community Worker for Crossways. A copy of the presentation by Ms Hallett is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Brewer thanked Ms Hallett for her presentation, welcomed her to Crossways and expressed the Parish Council's good wishes for her tenure in Crossways adding that the Parish Council looked forward to working with her and hearing reports of her work in Crossways. The Clerk was instructed to place Ms Hallett on the distribution list for Council agendas.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD** None requested.

**REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** Community Police Officer not present. Cllr Peacocke, the Parish Councils representative on the Crime Prevention Panel informed the meeting that a new CSO (Community Support Officer) would be employed in October.

**REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** Cllr Crowhurst and Cllr Smy not present. Cllr Seall's report is attached to the library and main copy of these minutes.

**REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS** No school governors present.

THE MEETING

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Cllr Russell, Cllr Stenning and Cllr Round.

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

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

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006** The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as a true record and duly accepted.

**ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING** Cllr Peacocke asked if Cllr Crowhurst had responded to Item 10 the Council's vote of no confidence in the matter of the Library. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had not received any response from Cllr Crowhurst

**ITEM 6 VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a. Cllr Brewer informed those present that Mrs Daphne Bearman was unwell and on behalf of the Council expressed a get well wish reporting that Daphne was a well know and respected resident of the Village and a former Councillor.

b. Cllr Brewer reported incidences of youngster causing a nuisance in Dick o' th' Banks Road. The Police attended. No further incidences reported.

c. Football Cllr Brewer was pleased to report that referees had offered congratulations on the condition of the sports field and football matches were being played and supported.

**ITEM 7 UPDATE LIBRARY CLOSURE MATTERS** It was noted that DCC had delayed any decision regarding library closure for 12 months. The Council expressed concern regarding an e mail being sent to Library employees reporting a meeting attended by Elaine Taylor (DCC) in which the following was stated:

"Serious thought has been given to the Cambridgeshire CC model where 9/10 libraries have been handed over to the local community to run. The library is given about £3000/year for stock etc and is run by volunteers who make stock selection decisions (a service run by volunteers for the volunteers own interests?). It has been proposed that DCC talk with CCC and send 2 elected members and 2 officers to have a look at the CCC service"

The Parish Council expressed deep concern on such a proposal taking place and the Clerk was instructed to write to Paul Leivers (Head of Cultural Services Libraries and Arts Service) DCC with this concern and reiterating the request that Crossways is taken off the list of proposed library closures. Crossways Library is the furthest distance from any other library in the closure lists. Cllr Chubb noted that Ferndown Library and West Moors Library were only 2 miles apart but neither being considered for closure and questioned why?

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER LETTER FROM THE REVD JACQUIE BIRDSEYE** The Rev Birdseye asked for the Council's support for the plans for the proposed Church in Crossways. It was noted that the matter of planning would be

formally discussed at the next planning meeting of the Council but initial concerns were raised about the parking concerns in that there was very few car parking spaces. Under the 'Buy a tile' proposal it was proposed by Cllr Peacocke, seconded by Cllr Manual that the Council would purchase a Gold Tile at a cost £250.00 subject to the Church gaining planning permission. This was agreed by all members.

AGREED

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT BEST KEPT AND BEST COMMUNITY VILLAGE AWARDS MORDEN 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** No Councillor available. The Clerk confirmed that she had received no notification of any award for Crossways.

**ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

- a. AMENITIES – Page 359 - 360 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 228 - 229 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Page 147 - 148 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.

**ITEM 11 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTHS 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006** Expenditure for the previous months was noted and approved:

	Expenditure £	Income £
J SIMPSON (PLAY AREA INSPECTOR)	202.10	
VAT REFUND		423.24
BT	110.56	
EXPENSES CHAIRMAN	50.00	
FEE/EXPENSES INTERNAL AUDITOR	142.40	
SALARY CLERK	754.50	
INLAND REVENUE (PAYE)	230.63	
VIKING DIRECT	42.15	
NET BENEFIT DOMAIN	292.58	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE SLCC	265.00	
S MANUEL (GRASS CUTTING)	944.00	
FLEET LINE MARKERS	171.88	
LOC OUT	146.88	
J PIERSON LANDSCAPES	264.37	
S MANUEL – MAINTENANCE ANNUAL	500.00	
PETTY CASH	199.97	
BRITISH GAS	2.87	
VIKING DIRECT	17.88	
HARDY SIGNS	48.03	
HARDY TREE SURGEONS	400.00	
S MANUEL (GRASS CUTTING)	472.00	
J HYMAS GAS SERVICE PAVILION	50.00	
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC	15.65	
CENTURY 21 PHOTOCOPIER HIRE	105.75	
LITTER COLLECTOR	218.75	

**ITEM 12 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 2006** Confirmed

**ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT BUSINESS** Cllr Peacocke reported that he had attended the Crime Prevention Panel. Cllr Peacocke agreed to post his report on the Parish Council web site.

ACTION: CLLR PEACOCKE

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.43pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2006