

**MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2004 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD, CROSSWAYS AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr R Russell, Cllr Bryant, Cllr Stenning, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Manuel, Cllr Dullaway, Cllr Peacocke, Cllr T Connor and Cllr Crowe

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no members of the public present.

GENERAL AGENDA

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Brewer and Cllr Harriss.

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

ITEM 3 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11th October 2004

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr E Stenning

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (12TH JULY 2004) 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 CLLR STENNING'S REPORT

a. Councillor Stenning reported that the Notice Board at the Londis shop was again damaged but remained in a useable condition. It had been noted that some Council notices may not be given adequate space and to ensure this happens statutory notices will be copied to Cllr Stenning.

b. Councillor Stenning reported that Royston Benson, the litter collector will be taking leave and that Peter Stenning will cover. The Council thanked Peter for this help. Cllr Russell questioned what areas Royston worked on and whether his remit covered areas that were the responsibility of WDDC or Magna housing. The Clerk informed the meeting that the areas supplied were inherited from the previous Clerk and never questioned. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the working area to Cllr Russell and write to Magna Housing for a contribution of say £500 per annum towards the litter collecting.

c. Cllr Stenning reported that the large fir tree opposite Moigne Combe was very overgrown. She also reported that the trees and shrubs between Oaklands and the Warmwell Leisure Park were also overgrown and needed attention.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter to Mr Stephen Slade in respect of extension plans to the sports pavilion. The contents of this letter were noted.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM RACHELLE SMITH DCA It was proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Russell that the Clerk write to WDDC to question why they are funding a Parish Plan following the end of funding from the DCA. Cllr Chubb question the source of information as stated in the letter and why the Parish Council is not given this information. The Clerk was instructed to request a monthly report from Rachelle Smith.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 6 CONSIDER PROPOSAL BY MR NORTHCOTE The Committee noted that this subject of the dip in the link road has been brought up in the past and the Parish Council has asked for this to be corrected. It was suggested that Mr Northcote write personally to DCC Highways. The Council also noted Mr Northcote's comments on incidences of vandalism. These matters are ongoing and Mr Northcote is advised to call the police on all occasions.

ITEM 7 TO CONFIRM SITING AND STYLE TEENAGE SHELTERS AND 10% PAYMENT TO SWEET ENTRUST

Cllr Bryant reported that a style supplied by SMP was considered suitable and they will be approached to supply both shelters and asked for a discount. Siting of the shelters was considered further and suggested sites offered as the Memorial Park at the Mount Skippet end and the Sports field. It was confirmed that provision would need to be made for lighting and litter bins. This item will be deferred to full council.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER DEFRA CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS DOCUMENT – SUMMARY ATTACHED

(AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE, FULL DOCUMENT APPLIED FOR) This item was noted. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had applied for copies Councillors.

DEFERRED

ITEM 9 UPDATE CONDITION OF SPORTSFIELD AND AGREE RELEASE FINAL CHEQUE TO CONTRACTOR

Cllr Russell reported that the goal mouth areas of the football pitch were being damaged by casual players and asked that chains and a sign be mounted in the goal to stop this practise. Cllr Bryant expressed concern regarding this action and the sportsfield should be for use by all and not just the football teams. Cllr Bryant asked for a recorded vote. A vote was taken; Councillors in favour of erecting a chain and sign across the football pitch goal mouth were recorded as follows:

- FOR: Cllr Manuel, Cllr Peacocke, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Russell, Cllr Dullaway, Cllr Crowe and Cllr Stenning
- AGAINST: Cllr Bryant and Cllr Connor

Mr Grygeil will be approached to organise the installation of the chains and notices. It was agreed to withhold payment pro temp.

ITEM 10 AGREE DATE FOR NEXT MEETING MUGA WORKING PARTY The date was agreed as 18th October 2004 at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER POINTS MADE BY CLLR PEACOCKE IN RESPECT OF POLICING, CCTV AND TREES AROUND THE LIBRARY

Cllr Chubb agreed that CCTV was not feasible. Cllr Russell reported that approximately 24 months ago the CCTV was being considered as a partnership between the Shop, the Library, the Surgery and the Library the Parish Council was not involved. There has been no further action on this to date. Cllr Chubb did not agree that the trees should be cut down. Cllr Russell reminded Councillors that the tree had been trimmed from beneath and this seemed to alleviate some of the problems. It was agreed that no further action was required.

ITEM 12 MONTHLY PLAY AREA REPORTS

Cllr Dullaway reported that generally the play areas were acceptable. It was noted that the bin was full at Egdon Heath and the swings had yet to be put back following the damage. The Clerk reported that Cllr Manuel had been supplied with two further karbiners and they are now ready to be refitted.

ITEM 13 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE

It was noted that the Committee were unable to review budgets due to the change from Excel to Sage was still in process and no budget were ready as yet. This was noted. Expenditure was approved for £844.00 (grass cutting) and £29.29 (Wessex Water) Cllr Bryant reported that is was necessary to increase the Petty Cash Account to £200.00 to allow for cash payments to the Pavilion Cleaner.

ITEM 14 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS

Cllr Peacocke informed Councillors that he will be attending the Crime Prevention Panel and any items for forwarding should be addressed to him as soon as possible. The Clerk reported that she had received a request that the Memorial Park gates and memorial area be cleaned and prepared for the Remembrance Service.

ACTION: CLERK

There being no other business the Amenities Committee meeting closed.

Signed Date