

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 31st JULY 2008

Present : Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer Vice Chairman (Finance), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr Abi Scard and Cllr Valerie Bache

Also Present: Mr Alan Muir, Monitoring Officer WDDC, District Councillor Teresa Seall and District Council Peter Read.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS. Cllr Rhodes advised those present that the Chairman had resigned his position on the Council and read his letter of resignation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Mrs Bray advised the meeting that she had phoned Betterment Properties about the condition of the Woodford Fields development and security of the site. The Council will speak to Betterment Properties about these concerns.

ACTION: CLERK

Mrs Daphne Bearman speaking on behalf of Mrs Mary Besant expressed concerns about Item 10 regarding the costs of moving the basketball court if this proposal was agreed.

Mrs Susan Dullaway reiterated Mrs Bray's concerns regarding Betterment Properties. Mrs Dullaway read out a letter from the Standards Board requested under the Freedom of Information Act enquiring about the cost to the tax payer of the complaints to the Standards Board by Parish and District Councillors' and members of the public. This cost as at July 16th is as follows:

Total costs/fees incurred for outside consultants in dealing with complaints to date £5,334.00

Costs incurred by the Monitoring Officer and other staff at WDDC, including legal services approximately £6000.00

Complaints outstanding as at 30th June – 11.

Mrs Pat Roache Expressed concern about Item 15 stating that residents of Briars End and Egdon Glen had attended a meeting in the Sports Pavilion where they were advised of the proposed Steering Group.

Mrs Jo Maidment advised those present of a Young Person's fund which young people can apply for with Parish Council support. Closing date October. Mrs Maidment also spoke about the allotments and advised she is trying to form a group of interested residents asking anybody interested to come forward.

Mr Terry McGrath questioned Item 1, the election of a chairman, stating that the Vice Chairman occupies the position until the next annual meeting in May. Mr Alan Muir offered contradictory advice to that given to the Clerk. After heated discussion it was agreed to defer the election of a chairman.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER CSPO Vickie Hedges gave a Crime Report for the previous month (July) advising that a 'flasher' had been reported in School Drive, a theft of birds from an aviary and a burglary in Hybris Business Park. CPSO Hedges also reported a very successful visit to London with young people of Crossways with Kris Hallett. CPSO finished her report with notice of the PACT surgeries coming to Crossways. This will be advised by public notices.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT COMMUNITY CAPACITY WORKER Kris Hallett was unavailable. A copy of her report is attached to the main, library and web site copy of these minutes.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr Crowhurst's report is attached to the Library, main and web site copy of these minutes.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Read advised of planning applications refused, Berrylands and the land at the junction of the Link Road and the B3390. Cllr Read also advised that Ravine Leisure, the company involved in the land had gone into liquidation. Cllr Read asked for Item 10 on the agenda to be held in camera with a minimum quorate. Cllr Stenning asked about the situation of the dangerous condition of the trees on Ravine Leisure's land and would these matters be attended to. Cllr Scard reiterated these concerns' It was agreed that the Director of Planning at WDDC would be contacted regarding these concerns.

Cllr Teresa Seall spoke about the request for allotments advising that these requests are becoming more prevalent and advised that WDDC will be publishing a booklet on this matter shortly. Cllr Seall advised that in the matter of the consultation on Waste Strategy West Dorset District Council want to work with Dorset Council Council but not lose their autonomy. It was noted that five post offices in Dorset face closure including Owermoigne.

Cllr Rhodes advised those present that the two prospective candidates' for the forthcoming election were present and gave them an opportunity to give a short address to the meeting.

THE MEETING

PRIOR TO THE MEETING CLLR PETER TIZZARD WILL SIGNED HIS DECLARATION OF OFFICE, WITNESSED BY THE CLERK AND TOOK HIS SEAT.

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN In accordance with the published agenda Cllr Stenning proposed Cllr Rhodes, this was seconded by Cllr Brewer and agreed.

ITEM 2 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Rhodes signed the Declaration of Office of Chairman.

CLLR SMITH LEFT THE MEETING

ITEM 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Thelma Smith.

Cllr Rhodes spoke about the previous conduct of Cllr Scard and asked that as this was the first meeting attended by Cllr Scard following the incident of assault against Cllr Brewer that Cllr Scard apologise for her behaviour. Cllr Scard refused and made a statement giving her details of her arrest. Cllr Scard advised that she would apologise to the Village and the Council but not to Cllr Brewer accusing him of bringing about her arrest and making false statements. Cllr Scard denied she had used language alleged by Cllr Brewer and Cllr Rhodes in a witness statement.

Cllr Rhodes advised the Council and Cllr Scard of Section 36 of Standing Orders which states “ (a) no member shall misconduct himself at a meeting by persistently disregarding the ruling of a Chairman, by wilfully obstructing business, or by behaving irregularly, offensively, improperly or in such manner as to scandalize the Council or bring it into contempt or ridicule. (b) If, in the opinion of the Chairman, a member has so misconducted himself, the Chairman shall express that opinion to the Council and thereafter any member may move that the member named be no longer heard or that the member named do leave the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forthwith and without discussion. (c) If either of the motions mentioned in paragraph (b) is disobeyed, the Chairman may suspend the meeting or take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce them”

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 5 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no declarations of predetermination.

ITEM 6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 26th JUNE 2008 The Minutes of the previous were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Stenning

ITEM 7 MATTERS ARISING Cllr Bache stated that Mr Bob Russell made his comments out of the public participation period and during the meeting not within public participation as reported in the minutes. Cllr Brewer said Mr Russell's comments were made during public participation. It was proposed by Cllr Connor, seconded by Cllr Brewer not to agree this amendment to the Minutes.

AGREED

Due to constant disorderly interruptions by some members of the public the Chairman decided to suspend the meeting for a period to allow order to be restored.

Following an interval of 7 minutes the meeting recovered.

ITEM 8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Rhodes expressed her delight at the attendance of some young people of the Village at a meeting in London with Jim Knight MP.

ITEM 9 REVISION OF ANNEX A TO STANDING ORDERS – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS PARAGRAPH 2.1 BUDGETARY CONTROL - TO INCREASE URGENT SPENDING LIMIT TO £500.00 Cllr Brewer advised that the present provision for emergency spending limit is £100. It is now found that this figure is not sufficient has stood for many years and is not conducive with inflation. Cllr Stenning seconded this proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED/ACTION CLERK

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM COMMUNITY PROTECTION DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE BASKETBALL COURT ON THE SPORTS FIELD AND ACTIONS SUGGESTED) Councillors were advised that WDDC had found no statutory nuisance following a survey on noise pollution from the court undertaken after complaints by a resident of Egdon Glen. Cllr Connor proposed no action, seconded Cllr Tizzard.

The Council voted 4 for the motion. None against. Cllrs Scard and Bache abstained.

AGREED

ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER CLERKS'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE SUM OF £160.00; 50% OF THE WHOLE Expenditure 50% of total cost proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning.
 AGREED

ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE CHAIRMAN'S SEMINAR ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2008 AT A COST OF £10.00 Cllr Rhodes agreed to attend. Expenditure proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Stenning
 AGREED

ITEM 13 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT A CLERKS SEMINAR (WHOLE DAY) ON 23RD SEPTEMBER AT A COST OF £30. Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning.
 AGREED

ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE 'WHICH WAY' HIGHWAYS SEMINAR AT MERLEY HOUSE WIMBORNE ON THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER (ALL DAY) AT A COST OF £20.00 PER PERSON, MAXIMUM OF TWO COUNCILLORS/CLERKS Councillors were not available to attend.

ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER CREATION OF A PARISH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL PROJECT Cllr Brewer stated that a Steering Group formed by the former Chairman had held one meeting at which the Terms of Reference and the Constitution were not agreed. The former Chairman also held the mandate of Project Manager. Cllr Brewer proposed that a minimum of three Councillors and co-opted members should form a Committee under the auspices of the Parish Council, these meetings will be held in public and reported back to the full Council. It was agreed that Cllr Brewer will be the member responsible for finance and Cllrs Tizzard and Connor volunteered to be members. Cllr Rhodes informed the meeting that there will be parents and young people represented Mr Graham Walker will be invited to co-opt. Kris Hallett will attend as the Community Capacity Worker overseeing the provision of a MUGA and skatebowl.
 AGREED

ITEM 16 TO CONSIDER JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN EX CLLR D SMY AND MR GEOFFREY NORTHCOTE (COUNTERSIGNED BY CLLR P READ, CHAIRMAN CCA) IN THE MATTER OF THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (COPY AND MEMORANDUM SENT 18TH JULY REFERS) Cllr Rhodes advised that a previous statement had been signed by Daniel Smy but was not countersigned by Geoffrey Northcote. Councillors were advised by Mr Simon Thompson DCA that the CCA would have to be properly constituted to receive grant funding. Cllr Scard stated that she had not received a copy of Simon Thompson's e mail in time to read it properly and would therefore abstain from voting. Cllr Brewer proposed no further action, this was seconded by Cllr Connor.

The Council voted 4 for, none against and 2 abstentions (Cllr Scard and Cllr Bache)

AGREED

Cllr Rhodes stated that she would wish to see a copy of the Village Design Statement prior to signing any document.

ITEM 17 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM FOOTBALL TEAMS TO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF LIGHTING FOR THE MUGA PROPOSAL It was agreed to defer this item to the first meeting of the MUGA/Skatebowl Committee.

AGREED

ITEM 18 TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OUTSIDE AGENCY COMMITTEES VACATED BY PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN: (1) DAPTC REPRESENTATIVE (2) WARMWELL QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE (3) CROSSWAYS SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (4) PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

- (1) DAPTC (2 places) 1 Vacant/Cllr Rhodes
- (2) WARMWELL QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE Cllr Stenning/Deputy Vacant
- (3) CROSSWAYS SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE Cllr Brewer
- (4) PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS* Clerk, Cllr Stenning and Cllr Brewer * Professional inspections are carried out annually to comply with insurance requirements.

ITEM 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD It was agreed that Cllr Brewer would arrange for a withdrawal of a maximum of £4000.00 from the account at WDDC; this plus the £1000.00 grant from DCC would suffice. It was agreed to purchase an Arun shelter. A survey and advice would be sought to ensure proper compliance with regulations.
 AGREED

ITEM 20 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS IN CROSSWAYS The Clerk was asked to seek the advice of the Clerk of Charlton Down as this Council is involved in allotment provision. It was noted that the major obstacle was acquiring land and the cost of agriculture land thought to be approximately £20,000 per hectare. It was agreed to form a committee to take this matter forward. Cllrs Brewer and Tizzard agreed to liaise with Jo Maidment who was actively engaged in trying to form an Allotment Committee.

POST MEETING NOTE: Cllr Tizzard resigned from the Committee

ITEM 21 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. 1/D/08/001274 12 BRIARS END – ERECT ROOF EXTENSION The Council had no objections to this application.
- b. 1/D/08/001018 PLOTS 80 AND 83 WOODSFORDFIELDS ERECT 2 PAIRS OF SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES
The Council objected to this application on the grounds that it increased the previously agreed numbers for development. Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Bache AGREED

ITEM 22 TO HEAR DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED/REFUSED Planning applications notices were advised; (a) Land to the north west corner of the junction of the West Link Road and Warmwell Road Public House – REFUSED. (b) Land to the north west corner of the junction of the West Link Road and Warmwell Road Care home – REFUSED. (c) Land to the north west corner of the junction of the West Link Road and Warmwell Road Doctors/Dentist Surgery and Pharmacy REFUSED. (d) Heathlands, 32 Green Lane – APPROVED. (e) 13 Bingham Road single storey extension APPROVED. (f) Land adjacent to Berrylands – REFUSED. (g) 14A Green Lane, erect garage APPROVED

ITEM 23 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 27TH JUNE – 31ST JULY 2008

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Donation MUGA/Skatebowl Fund	50.00	
Payment Car Park Church Fete	18.00	
Rates Sports Pavilion		33.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)		312.70
Viking Direct Stationery		42.25
S Manuel (Grass Cutting)		532.00
Salary Clerk (Aug)		720.65
Inland Revenue (PAYE)		312.20
Internal Auditor Fee & Expenses		142.40

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning AGREED

ITEM 24 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE SIGNING OF THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS 07/08, SECTIONS 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, SECTION 2 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS RETURN AND TO NOTE AND ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT, SECTION 4 AND RECEIVE, APPROVE SIGNING OF THE STATUTORY STATEMENTS (PAGE 1 – 3) - COPIES SENT PREVIOUSLY ON THE 23RD JULY Cllr Brewer advised members that the statutory notices had been posted for the accounts year end 2008. Cllr Brewer detailed Sections 1, 2, noted the Internal Auditors report, and Section 4 and statutory statements. The accounts were received.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning AGREED

ITEM 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 25th September 2008
ITEM 26 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

- a. Memorial Grounds The poor condition of the Information Board in the Memorial Park was noted It was agreed to obtain quotes to replace the board and remove the old board as an interim measure. ACTION: CLERK
- b. Cllr Tizzard asked those present to be vigilant and assist the Police by noting registration numbers of vehicles acting suspiciously and reporting them on 222222.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed (Chairman) 2008

**COMMUNITY CAPACITY WORKER'S REPORT
July 2008 - Crossways Parish Council Meeting**

Crossways Young People's Forum visit London: Five members of the Crossways Young Peoples Forum visited the House of Commons on Monday 21 July at the invitation of MP Jim Knight. After an arranged two hour tour of the House of Commons the young people then had a private meeting with Mr Knight in his office at the Department of Children, Schools and Families.

They told him about their endeavours to help the community of Crossways achieve new leisure facilities and explained what fundraising activities they have taken part in – as well as how they have taken part in consultations and Parish Council meetings. He was very impressed with their efforts and commended their commitment and drive and offered his support.

The young people enjoyed this experience and were particularly inspired by the House of Commons; learning more of the history of the place and how democracy has evolved over the centuries.

Chief Constable praises Crossways Young People: The Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Team nominated the Crossways Young People's Forum for a special meeting with the Chief Constable at the recent Blue Light Day. 16-year-old Jonny Webb attended as 'Champion' and had the opportunity to talk with Chief Constable Martin Baker about the Forum's endeavours in Crossways.

Holiday Hangout: Dorchester Youth Extra, with WDDC Community Facilitator Sue Bickle, have arranged a range of activities for young people between the ages of 11 – 16 years to take part in on Friday 22 August from 13.30 – 16.30 in Crossways Youth Club.

This free event is called 'Somewhere to Go – Something to Do' and includes activities such as a Pure Funk dance workshop, the Action Van (a variety of sports), karaoke, face painting, remote control cars and arts and crafts. The young people will be asked by the organisers for suggestions of other activities they may like to take part in at future events.

Open Spaces Project: Quotes and designs have been submitted from three Dorset based Companies, these will be opened and processed in due course in line with Parish Council decision. I will continue to be available to the PC and or/the Steering Group in an advisory capacity.

**Kris Hallett
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Dorset Community Action**

30 July 2008