

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2008

Present : Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer Vice Chairman (Finance), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Barry Thomas, Cllr Peter Tizzard

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS The Chairman, Cllr Joyce Rhodes called the meeting to order and reminded those present that the public participation period was for 30 minutes after which only Councillors will be heard unless the Council agree to suspend Standing Orders.

Prior to the public participation period the **CYPF (Crossways Young Peoples Forum)** made a short presentation. Johnny Webb introduced himself and other members of the CYPF. A copy of Johnny's presentation is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

- a. Hilary Marrett informed those present that she had contacted the Clerk and Cllr Brewer in an attempt to ascertain if there was a definitive document detailing the protocol for the sports field; she thanked the Clerk and Cllr Brewer for their responses stating that it would be preferable if there was a document stating who should pay and when to support a clear and open transparent pricing policy. A copy of Hilary's question is attached.
- b. Mrs Fleur Chitson advised those present that she had withdrawn from the forthcoming election. Mrs Chitson stated that the Parish Council had not met for two months and referred to Item 10 of the July meeting stating that Alan Muir had advised that the item should be exempt. Mrs Chitson further referred to item 17 of the agenda stating that she had grave concerns under the Representation of Peoples Act and said she felt that when the minutes are questioned the Clerk was placed in an invidious position and recording would allow for any difference of opinion to be properly addressed.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER PCSO Vickie Hedges gave details of reported crimes in Crossways; thefts from gardens, criminal damage and common assault. Vickie gave her account of the Fun Day and Fete and thanked the community for their efforts. Vickie advised that she would be undertaking a speed check on the B3390.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Kris Hallett said she had nothing further to report not covered by the CYPF and thanked everybody concerned for their continued support.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr Crowhurst's report has been previously received. Cllr Crowhurst further advised that there is an opportunity for grants from crushed rock quarrying. An e mail will be sent to Rachelle Smith for further details.

ACTION: CLERK

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- a. Cllr Peter Read noted that at the end of the July meeting the question of trees on the land abutting Oaklands Park had been raised. Cllr Stenning advised that a meeting had been arranged with Graham Cox of WDDC. Cllr Read advised the meeting that the Home Energy Advisory Team would be at the Library on October 14th. The Clerk was given notices to display.
- b. Cllr Seall gave notices of the draft supplementary planning document shortly to be produced for consultation. Cllr Seall advised of the building control partnership with Purbeck, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and WDDC. Cllr Seall also spoke about allotments advising that WDDC would be producing an aid to Councils asked to provide allotments. A copy of the Allotment Society of Crossways first meeting is attached to these minutes.

REPORT BY REV BIRDSEYE ON BEHALF OF FROME VALLEY SCHOOL Rev Birdseye thanked all those present and the Parish Council for the best wishes received for her wedding. A copy of the school report is attached to the main and library copy of these minutes.

CANDIDATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION (OCTOBER 16TH) Cllr Rhodes gave both candidates the opportunity to address the Council.

THE MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME CLLR BARRY THOMAS (CLLR RHODES) Cllr Rhodes welcomed the successful candidate in the July election and thanked him for his contribution to the CYPF Fun Day.

RESPONSE – CLLR THOMAS Cllr Thomas thanked all those residents who had voted for him; he felt it was important to have properly contested elections and he will do his best to move things forward and help the Council progress.

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Rhodes proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning. There being no other nominations Cllr Brewer was duly elected Vice Chairman.

AGREED

Cllr Rhodes reminded Councillors that Cllr Brewer as Vice Chairman (Finance) is responsible for preparing budgets and precepts and generally advising on financial matters and asked that Cllr Brewer continues this responsibility with the agreement of the Council.

AGREED

ITEM 2 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Brewer signed his Declaration of Office.

ITEM 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Smith, Cllr Thelma Smith, Cllr Abi Scard and Cllr Valerie Bache.

ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in agenda item 16 as he is on the waiting list for an allotment.

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

ITEM 6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 31st JULY 2008 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning **AGREED**

ITEM 7 MATTERS ARISING Cllr Brewer questioned Item 10 and the inference that the District Councillor using advice from Mr Muir had stated that this item should be exempt and the public excluded. Cllr Brewer asked that it be clearly shown that a District Councillor is not permitted to decide these matters.

ITEM 8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Rhodes reported as below:

“Although we have had two months since our last meeting a number of things seem to have happened. On 30th August, Kris Hallett and a number of your people of the Village arranged a super Fun Day which was held in the playing field. There were stalls, including a Bric a Brac, cakes and plants. There was a raffle, Punch and Judy provided by Cllr Brewer, Bouncy Castle, a Police Van with ear piercing alarm at intervals organised by our Police Officer, Bangers and Burgers provided by Mary Brewer with tea and coffee and soft drinks. A very popular item was the Archery where our new Councillor Barry Thomas and a friend showed many youngsters how to operate a bow and arrow. The youngsters themselves provided face painting, car racing and throwing wet sponges. We were so lucky with the weather and a very good time was had by all.

On behalf of all you I give my sincere thanks to Kris for her excellent organisation and am only sorry that more Councillors were unable to attend.

On September 14th I attended the School/Church Fete. Once again, the weather was good and the fete was very well attended and excellent entertainment was provided, music, hand bells and dancers; all greatly enjoyed. It was so good to see two events in the Village being enjoyed by so many people of all ages.

We have received a cheque for £2000.00 from Dorset County Council for the provision of a teen shelter in the MUGA project. As you may know the Clerk will be arranging a meeting in October to receive tenders.

The Clerk and I had a very useful visit to some of the sites where complaints have been received regarding litter; hopefully these will be successfully dealt with. We visited the Memorial Gardens and felt that something must be done, with your approval, regarding tidying up growths of nettles, etc. I am also grateful to Cllr Bache for her work in tidying up the ground around the Memorial. I am sure you will all be pleased to know that the bus shelter in Dick o' th' Banks road has now been ordered and should arrive in November. Our Clerk is also seeking prices for repainting and smartening up the one opposite the Post Office. We have chosen a very pleasant design for the new bus shelter and have a picture here if anyone wishes to see it.

I hope you all had good holidays and PLEASE let us all try to PROGRESS together for the good of the Village.

ITEM 9 TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CROSSWAYS YOUNG PEOPLES FORUM Cllr Brewer welcomed this Constitution and said it formalises the Council's involvement with this Forum.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning **AGREED**

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER REFUNDING THE FEE PAID BY THE CYPF FOR THE USE OF THE SPORTS FIELD FOR THEIR FUN DAY AND DONATE THE FEE TO THE CYPF FUND; RAISING FUNDS AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL Cllr Brewer explained why this fee waiver was not agreed prior to the event as the Council was in recess. Cllr Brewer proposed this refund, Cllr Stenning seconded.

AGREED

Cllr Rhodes suggested that there may be a case to consider these deserving causes and fees annually.

ITEM 11 RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS IN THE MATTER OF THE DAPTC AGM RESOLUTIONS Councillors had no comments to make.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER E MAIL RECEIVED FROM MR LEWIS 5 PAULS WAY IN THE MATTER OF THE OPEN SPACE AT CORNER OF PAULS WAY AND WOODSFORD ROAD Councillors agreed to suspend for input from CPSO Vickie Hedges and Kris Hallett. Vickie Hedges advised that she had visited the area with PC Charlie Dale. Vickie suggested that when the new play area is introduced at the Woodsford Fields development a permanent goal post could be incorporated. Cllr Stenning advised that this is historically a problem and has been a difficult one and is continually

monitored suggesting that young people are involved in finding a solution. Cllr Rhodes asked Vickie Hedges and Kris Hallett to assist.

ACTION/CLERK/KRIS HALLET/VICKIE HEDGES

ITEM 13 CONSIDER DORSET ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE DRAFT LIST OF SCHEMES FOR YEAR 2008-2010 Noted

ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR BENCHES IN THE MEMORIAL PARK Cllr Stenning explained that the benches on the sports field were originally in the Memorial Park but were moved as requested by householders with properties abutting the Memorial Park; it was considered these benches were being used as 'gathering places' by teenagers. It was noted that previously the Parish Council had offered an option for memorial benches to be put in the Park this offer has not been taken up to date. Cllr Thomas suggested metal benches; the Clerk was tasked to price these and bring to precept setting process. In the matter of the weed and ivy problem Cllr Brewer suggested trying to organise a community appeal for volunteers. Cllr Brewer suggested the youth organisations could be involved and overall this could be a good community exercise; a request for volunteers will be placed in the next edition of the Bridge.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 15 CONSIDER COMPLAINTS RAISED BY RESIDENT OF ARABIA WALK REGARDING LITTER. INTERNAL MEMORANDUM STATING COMPLAINTS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES Areas of complaint have been addressed and DCC asked to deal with the problem of litter on the by pass dropped by re-cycling lorries. It was noted that the Parish Council litter collector often pick up litter in what is a Magna Housing Association area. It was noted that the Parish Council had previously asked Magna to fund extra hours to pick up litter; this was refused. It was agreed to write again to Magna Housing. The Clerk was tasked to write to DCC and WDDC to see if they would consider funding extra hours for the Litter Collector. The current hours of the Litter Collector would be looked at during the budget setting process.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR BREWER

ITEM 16 UPDATE ON PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS A copy of the Allotment Society is attached. Cllr Brewer questioned the fact that the Allotment Society did not agree to take over the management role which would have implications on Parish Council administration time. The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries of the Land Register in an attempt to identify areas of land. The Council is still waiting for guidance from West Dorset District Council. A meeting yet to be confirmed is to take place with the agent for Woodsford Farms. ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 17 TO RECONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A CONFERENCE DIGITAL RECORDING MACHINE IN THE SUM OF £250+ AS DESCRIBED IN STANDING ORDERS PARAGRAPH 39 – RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTION SUB PARAGRAPH (a) It was agreed after discussion that there is no legal requirement to record Council meetings. It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Tizzard and agreed that this motion is carried.

AGREED

ITEM 18 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED None received.

ITEM 19 TO HEAR DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED None received

ITEM 20 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 31ST JULY – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2008. Councillors were given a copy of the income and expenditure and balances as at 25th September 2008. VAT included.

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
S Manuel		482.00
Hardy Tree Surgeons		480.00
WDDC Rates Pavilion		33.00
BT		32.14
Youth Fun Day (MUGA Acct)	476.63	
Rent Pavilion/Field		27.00
Wessex Water		69.72
DCC Grass Cutting	1313.21	
Nildram (Broadband)		29.20
S Manuel		974.00
Viking Direct		84.89
Litter Collector		574.08
Fleetline Markers (Pitch Lining)		168.44
Cleaning Pavilion		110.00
Salary Clerk		780.65
Inland Revenue (PAYE)		252.20
DCC Grant (MUGA Acct)	2000.00	
Payment Pavilion Hire		10.00
Village Fete (CYPF)	200.31	
Playground Inspections		229.13

Southern Electric	25.58
Century 21 (Photocopier Hire)	105.75
Nildram	17.05
British Gas	16.94
S Manuel (Maintenance Contract)	500.00

Cllr Brewer advised Councillors that the booking for the parking by the Church/School Fete was double booked with the Archery Club and felt it would be appropriate to refund their charges (£18.00). This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning AGREED

ITEM 21 PRE-BUDGET SETTING REPORT – CLLR BREWER Cllr Brewer advised the meeting that it was time for the budget setting process to begin with a view to setting the 09/10 precept. Cllr Brewer asked Councillors to consider anything they would like included in the discussions and to consider its impact on the precept. Cllr Brewer advised that the professional play area report is being undertaken, the bus shelter is ordered, this money could come from reserves or precept. The fabric of the sports pavilion would need to be considered and the boiler will need replacing and will need to be considered in the precept over the next three years. It is planned to replace the Information Board in the Memorial Park and the Council must now consider a planting regime for the War Memorial and if agreed add a seasonal planting budget to the precept. Consideration must be given to office equipment, legal and professional fees, MUGA/Skatebowl and Allotments. Cllr Thomas, as a new councillor, asked for information on the budget setting process and to see previous budgets. The Clerk was asked to assist Councillor Thomas and supply copies of past budgets.

ACTION: CLERK/COUNCILLORS

ITEM 22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER Confirmed.

ITEM 23 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION No late items requested.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Chairman

Date 2008