

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2003 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr S Bryant (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Brewer, Cllr R Peacocke, Cllr S Dullaway, Cllr J Chubb, and Cllr J Manuel

Prior to the meeting a presentation was scheduled to be given by Simon Thompson from Dorset Community Action (DCA) to present Parish Plans and an incentive for Crossways to consider publishing these plans. At the request of the District Councillors it was agreed to allow them to report before Simon Thompson's presentation to enable them to attend other meetings.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

a. Cllr Seall reported the following:

Planning Permissions - changes to take place on 5th December 2003 There has been a new amendment order which breaks new ground by requiring local planning authorities to state their reasons and quote applicable policies when granting planning permission for any development. At present Councils only have to give reasons when refusing permission or when imposing planning conditions. This change will also apply to the planning consents for listed buildings and conservation areas under a separate amendment. A second change which is taken place applies in both cases, reduces the time limit for appeals to the secretary of state from the existing six months, to only three months.

Affordable Housing The ODPM is consulting on a proposed amendment to planning policy guidance on Housing. This is to ensure that the size, type and affordability of new housing development reflect the community's needs. The proposed changes emphasise that affordable housing does not only mean rented accommodation but is to be defined in the relationship between local income levels and house prices, or rents for different types and sizes of housing and in relation to defined groups such as key workers. Local plans may have to be revised to identify sites on which affordable housing will be expected.

What is the District Council doing this year? A leaflet explaining the forward planning of the Council and what it is working towards this year has been produced to be circulated throughout the district. This is part of the Governments requirement for information and consultation, and much of the list is a statutory requirement.

Hybris Following last evenings meeting, I have asked David Crowhurst if when the County Council sets up the new Hybris Monitoring Committee that a Member of West Dorset District Council will be appointed

b. Cllr Smy reported that he, with the Parish Council Chairman, had attended a further meeting at Magna housing in continued discussions with Magna. A report will be made available shortly. Cllr Smy also informed the meeting that following the Hybris public meeting the previous evening he and his fellow District Councillor had made particular note of the concerns expressed about traffic issues.

PARISH PLANS – A PRESENTATION BY SIMON THOMPSON – Cllr Bryant introduced Simon from Dorset Community Action who gave a presentation about Parish Plans and there perceived benefit to the Village. Simon Thompson confirmed that he had been given a copy of the MAD publication by the Clerk but did not feel that this was as required under the auspices of a parish plan. The Parish Plan is produced by members of the community and it forms the basis of a plan for future development of social,

economic and environmental issues. It is not necessarily a parish council lead exercise and having a well based parish plan can lead to government funding for a wide range of activities (subject to grant application procedures and criteria). It was agreed that a request for volunteers to form a Steering Group to produce a parish plan would be placed in the Bridge and the production of a parish plan would be placed on the agenda of the following Amenities Committee.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS None to report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (NOT EXCEEDING 30 MINUTES)

- a. Hybris expansion The Council was questioned as to why they were late in responding to the Hybris expansion plans. Cllr Bryant briefly relayed the diary of events leading to the public meeting held the previous evening (24th September) and said the Council were pushing ahead with its objections and the matter was in hand and ongoing. It was noted that the Council responded initially to the plans stating its objections which were received by Dorset County within the reporting time.
- b. Road Signs at Moreton Crossroads The Council was informed that road signs at the Moreton Crossroads were overgrown. The Clerk asked that specific details and locations be given which would then be passed to the highways agency.
- c. Extension to Sportsfield The Council was asked what plans they had for the sports field extension under construction. Cllr Bryant informed the meeting that no firm decision had been taken but following a village survey a MUGA (Multi-use games area) was most requested.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER The Community Policeman was not available

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS Apologies received.

The Meeting

Chair: Cllr Bryant

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Russell, Cllr Stenning, Cllr McCartney and Cllr Connor.

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

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Dealing with anti-social behaviour – Cllr Bryant reported that an open letter from Mr Mason, Inspector Dorset Police, will be printed in the Bridge advising how to deal with reporting acts of vandalism, crime or anti-social behaviour.
- b. Cllr Bryant confirmed that the area of sports field at present under construction was not to houses but an open space/amenity area.

ITEM 6 TO APPROVE AND SIGN ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNT STATEMENTS YEAR END 2003 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO EXTERNAL AUDITOR The Councillors were given a copy of the External Auditors list of qualifying statements, after agreeing each statement the account statement was signed.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER LETTER FROM MR TURTLE, BRIAR'S END Mr Turtle's letter was accepted, supported by the Council and agreed that the points raised would be forwarded to the highways agency.

The Council suspended to allow Mr Turtle to clarify some points.

RESUMED

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR DORSET (COPY ATTACHED TO MAIN AND LIBRARY COPY) The Council considered the accepted the draft strategy but noted on the Waste Management heading that managing waste should not impinge on residential areas and should not be undertaken to the detriment of the local community. The points made were accepted as good points and the wish expressed that they are followed through.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer Seconded Cllr Peacocke

RESOLVED

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 'ALCOHOL FREE' DESIGNATED AREAS INITIATIVE WDDC Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Chubb and agreed that all public areas would be designated alcohol free with the exception of organised or properly licensed outdoor events.

RESOLVED

ITEM 10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS, ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENITIES, PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a. AMENITIES – Pages 305-306 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee were presented by Cllr Bryant and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 187-188 The Minutes of the Planning Committee were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Page 113-114 The Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee were presented by Cllr Bryant and duly accepted.

ITEM 11 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE DURING PREVIOUS MONTH (AS AGREED AT COMMITTEE) AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Petty Cash	£ 95.39
Viking Direct	£ 39.53
Litter Collector	£ 33.60
BT	£ 82.64
Grass Cutting	£864.00
Wessex Water	£ 35.29
Internal Auditor	£135.10
Play Area Repairs	£136.00

Salary Clerk	£561.94
Inland Revenue (NI)	£116.11
Litter Collector	£ 71.40
Rates (Pavilion)	£ 69.00
Southern Electric (Pavilion)	£ 24.09
Loc Out	£123.38
Century 21	£105.75

Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Peacocke

AGREED

ITEM 12 ANY LATE ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

a. Letter received from Tavern Social Club requested compensation for lost revenue from the football clubs whilst the sports field is being renovated. (Cllr Brewer declared a non-pecuniary interest). The Council sympathised with the Tavern Social Club Committee but agreed that the improvements to the sports field were a long term benefit and the Club's loss was not attributable to the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Tavern Social Club Committee.

b. Planning Application – 54 Dick o' th' Banks Road. This application was seen by all Councillors and no objection was raised.

c. Cllr Dullaway informed the meeting that in her capacity as the Parish Council representative on the Youth Club Committee she had heard that Mr Brown, who is proposing to build a nursery/after school facility in Crossways, had the approval and backing of the Parish Council to apply to build this facility on the land abutting the Youth Club. The Clerk was instructed to write to Dorset County Council stating that this was incorrect and copy the letter to Cllr Crowhurst, Dorset County Council Education Department and District Councillors. It was agreed that the land in question has been earmarked for a village hall. Dorset County Council will be asked to keep the Parish Council informed of developments in this matter.

ACTION: CLERK

d. A request was made that the 40mph speed limit through Crossways be reduced to 30mph.

ACTION: CLERK

e. Hybris Recycling Development Expansion Plans It was agreed that following the public meeting held on the previous evening objecting to the Hybris Recycling expansion plan the Parish Council will raise an appeal to the Ombudsman. Mr Nigel Hill will be asked to assist and will be invited to a meeting on the 2nd October to discuss the way forward. It was agreed further contact would be made with Mr Jim Knight MP to request his assistance.

ACTION: CLERK

ITEM 13 CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 30th
Confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed (Chairman) Date 2003