

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th JULY 2006 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Russell (Chairman), Cllr A Brewer (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Chubb, Cllr Manuel, Cllr T Connor, Cllr E Stenning, Cllr R Peacocke and Cllr C Harriss

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS Cllr Russell read the following statement as a matter of public information:

“Crossways Parish Council is aware that from time to time leaflets have been circulated in the Parish regarding matters of local interest. These have related in the main to planning applications and the future development of the Village and its amenities. No doubt these have been issued with the very best of intentions but sometimes they can give the impression that they have the support of an individual or bodies such as the Parish Council.

The Council and its members would like to remind all residents that any publications made by this Council will be clearly identified as being produced in its name. Bona fide village groups and organisations also follow this policy so that the publisher is clearly identified. Great care has to be taken in all these matters as the representation or misrepresentation of any case can lead to action under the libel laws of the United Kingdom.

Consideration also needs to be given when you are asked to complete return slips and post them in collecting boxes. The information contained such as name, address and telephone number may seem trivial but may not always be used for the purpose you intended.

The advice given is that any communication you receive that does not tell you who has produced it or who has printed it should be treated with extreme caution. Unless you are able to identify who has produced it or you can verify the truth of its contents it should be disregarded as unsafe.

Any communication regarding the election of any person or party to a public office such as a Councillor is subject to the Representation of the People Act. It is a criminal offence if this does not have the publishers name and address on it.

The Council hopes that this gives some clarification to residents.”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

- a. Mr Richard Southall presented the Council with a copy of the Crossways Community Association's constitution. Cllr Russell accepted the document and thanked Mr Southall.
- b. Mr Jim Dalton of Colortec speaking in the matter of his planning application under discussion referred to a leaflet being distributed around the village and expressed concern about what he felt to be inaccuracies within the document and offered to answer any of the points raised. The Chairman noted that this matter is on the agenda and will be discussed by the Council and thanked Mr Dalton for giving his views.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER (IF AVAILABLE) The Community Police Officer or Community Support Officer were not present.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllrs Smy and Seall. Cllr Crowhurst was not present.

REPORTS BY SCHOOL GOVERNORS Cllr Russell read a report from the Helen Boyce, Head Teacher Frome Valley First School (formerly Owermoigne). A copy of this report is attached at Annex A to the main and library copy of these minutes and is available on request.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr C 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 29th JUNE 2006 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Cllr Russell welcomed those present from the Community Association (CA). Cllr Russell expressed concern regarding the plans for the extension of the surgery stating that these plans had now been 'put on hold' following meetings with the CA who have proposed expanding the library to incorporate a Contemporary Interpretation Extension'. Cllr Russell was disappointed to hear that the long planned extensions to the Health Centre were now in jeopardy and expressed a wish that the CA liaise with the Parish Council to avoid unnecessary expenditure in duplicating plans/surveys previously undertaken. Cllr Russell stated that it was not a good thing for the Village to have organisations not working together and asked that the CA work with the Parish Council for the benefit of the Village.

b. Football Cllr Russell informed those present that the Football Club had expressed a desire to return to the Village to play and were satisfied that the works instigated by the Council during the past months have improved the field sufficiently to allow the team to start playing the 2006/2007 season. Cllr Russell asked that the matter of fees is discussed under later urgent items as the team were ready to proceed. Members agreed that this could be done.

ITEM 7 RECEIVE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2006. COUNCILLORS WILL BE ASKED TO AGREE AND SIGN THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE. INTERNAL Cllr Brewer confirmed that the accounts had been audited by the internal auditor and were ready to be confirmed and forwarded to the external auditor. The accounts were approved and the statement of assurance agreed as follows:

- a. Statement of Assurance Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Chubb APPROVED
- b. Statement of Accounts and Statutory Statements Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Stenning APPROVED

ITEM 8 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/06/001129 21 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD DEFERRED FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 10TH 2006 Cllr Chubb confirmed that a satisfactory response has been received from West Dorset District Council on this application and no further action was required.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 1/E/06/001147 UNIT 8 HYBRIS BUSINESS PARK – CHANGE OF USE FROM B1 (BUSINESS) USE TO B2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO INCLUDE VEHICLE BODYWORK REPAIR AND PAINT SPRAYING AND ERECTION OF FLUES ON THE ROOF Cllr Chubb reported that this application had been placed in the Library for its consultation time and he was surprised to note that no member of the public had read it. Cllr Chubb stated that the Parish Council could only comment on planning regulations and could not object on purely planning ground but asked that the Council should asked that stringent conditions apply on health and safety matters. Cllr Brewer agreed stating that the Council must rely on the expertise of WDDC officers to comment on the technical issues as Councillors did not have the expertise to comment on such matters. Cllr Peacocke stated that other businesses on Hybris use similar materials.

It was proposed by Cllr Chubb, seconded by Cllr Brewer and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council request that should WDDC agree to this application then the most stringent checks are enforced to ensure this application complies with all Health & Safety Executive's and the Environmental Health Department's recommendations.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO CONSIDER THE MOTION STATING THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL MOVES A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID CROWHURST, THE MEMBER FOR CROSSWAYS, IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED LIBRARY CLOSURE. Following Cllr Crowhurst refusal to support Crossways Library's exclusion from the list of proposed closures it was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Chubb that this motion be carried. The Chairman asked for a show of hands vote. The Council agreed unanimously.

AGREED

ITEM 11 TO HEAR CLLR CHUBB'S REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE SOUTH WEST'S REGIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY DOCUMENT AND TO NOTE AND APPROVE HIS RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES Cllr Chubb's report is attached at Annex B to the main, library and web site copy of these minutes.

ITEM 12 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES 10TH JULY 2006 AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- a. AMENITIES – Page 357-358 The Minutes of the Amenities Committee dated 10TH July 2006 were presented by Stenning and duly accepted.
- b. PLANNING – Page 226 The Minutes of the Planning Committee dated 10th July 2006 were presented by Cllr Chubb and duly accepted.
- c. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Page 146 The Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee dated 10th July 2006 were presented by Cllr Brewer and duly accepted.

ITEM 13 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH 29th JUNE TO 27TH JULY 2006 The following income and expenditure was noted and approved.

	Expenditure £	Income £
Fireline (Extinguisher Service)	30.62	
Salary Clerk (July)	754.30	
S Manuel (Grass Cutting)	472.00	
Rates Rebate WDDC		189.02
Donation/Grant Aggregate Industries		200.00
Salary Clerk (August)	754.51	
Inland Revenue	210.48	
Litter Collector	202.00	

Proposed: Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Harriss

AGREED

ITEM 14 CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 28TH 2006 (NB COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 11TH) AND APPROVE DELEGATED POWERS TO CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AS PER STANDING ORDERS DURING COUNCIL RECESS

APPROVED

ITEM 15 ANY LATE URGENT BUSINESS Cllr Russell thanked Cllr Chubb for all his work visiting, reporting and advising on the Hybris application. Cllr Russell was able to report that the Crossways Football Club wish to return to Crossways to play, this was warmly welcomed. Cllr Russell read some comparative hire charges for football pitches. It was agreed to charge a fee of £27.00 per match; this figure to be ratified at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

AGREED

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

SIGNED

Signed (Chairman) 2006