

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mr Terence Guy of 11 Egdon Glen referred to the previous minutes and expressed a wish to speak on the fencing on the border between the sports field and the private lane in Egdon Glen, and the MUGA. Mr Guy informed the meeting that he had lived in Egdon Glen for 34 years and did not consider a fence is required on this border. On the matter of the proposed MUGA he expressed concern that a MUGA built on the sports field at a location furthest from the sports pavilion would be too close to properties in Egdon Glen. Mr Guy noted that the MUGA in Puddletown is at least half a mile from the nearest residence and the present suggested spot for the MUGA in Crossways is only 40 yards away from the nearest property. Mr Guy expressed concern that a MUGA in this location would reduce house prices in Egdon Glen by £25 – 30,000. Mr Guy stated he was surprised that WDDC had agreed the original plans for the MUGA. Mrs Guy referred to the noise emanating from the Dorchester skate park and that residents would be driven from their homes. Cllr Smy reminded the meeting about the plans for a MUGA had previously been agreed but the funding withdrawn as it was considered the business plans did not show sufficient participation rates. Cllr Smy advised those present that he had asked Kris Hallett from DCA to look into a combined skate park and MUGA venture stating that these plans will be put before the Council and the September meeting. Cllr Smy stressed that the Parish Council had not, at this point, agreed to any firm plans for a skate park/MUGA and there will be public consultation.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Elaine Stenning and Cllr Caroline Round.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

b. Cllr Daniel Smy declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 5a of the Planning Committee Meeting stating that he would leave the room and take no part in discussions or voting.

ITEM 3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10th October 2007.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr D Smith

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 9th July 2007 Pages 239 – 240 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Cllr Smith read a letter from WDDC to him in the matter of the affordable housing consultation document. Cllr Smy asked Cllr Smith to give the Clerk a copy of the response forwarded and the letter received in response.

b. Cllr Smith reported that the following planning approvals - Hybris application 1/E/07/001134 and 1/E/07/000541 Land adjacent to 17 Warmwell Rd, the Church.

ITEM 4 REPORT MEETING HELD WITH PEGASUS PLANNING FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF PROPOSALS FOR AREA OF LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF THE B3390 AND LINK ROAD A copy of Cllr Stenning's minutes of the meeting were given to each Councillor. Cllr Smith's report is attached.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED - 1/E/07/001392 LAND WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF 66 DICK O' TH' BANKS ROAD ERECT 2 BUNGALOWS AND CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AS ADVISED Cllr Smith read out the concerns received by e mail and copied to all Councillors stating that the bungalow on plot 2 is a two storey house and will overlook adjoining properties' gardens. The plans were not to scale and lacked detail; requesting resubmission. The loss of the sycamore tree is regrettable. The sender of the email also questioned the visibility splay in view of further development close by in Warmwell Road. It was noted that the Highways Department at DCC had approved the application. Cllr Smith advised members that a letter of objection had been received from the Diocese of Salisbury because of upper floor windows overlooking the Rectory. Cllr Smith also advised members that he had spoken to Simon Ludgate, the Planning Officer at WDDC, informing him that the application would not have been a problem if the plan remained as a bungalow. Cllr Brewer suggested the height might be out of character and a dominating feature.

Cllr Round proposed approval this proposal was seconded by Cllr Brewer subject to noting concerns about the overlooking windows. The Council voted 8 for and one abstention. (Cllr Bache).

ITEM 6 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WDDC RURAL FUNCTIONALITY STUDY AND FORWARD ANY COMMENTS This document was noted. Cllr Northcote questioned the population figures stated for Crossways stating they could be closer to 2010.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER CORPORATE RESPONSE TO THE CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER (CLLR SMITH TO LEAD) It was agreed that this consultation document links in with the Village Design Statement at present being produced by a separate Committee headed by Cllr Northcote. Cllr Smy says he considers the Parish Council should state a view for Crossways, size, population, services etc. Cllr Northcote stated that the VDS does deal with questions posed in the Core Strategy document. This item will be discussed at the VDS meeting, to be arranged. The closing date for this consultation is the 28th September.

ACTION: CLLR NORTHCOTE

ITEM 8 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Cllr Brewer questioned progress in the matter of the Forestry Commission producing a summons against Ravine Lifestyle regarding their actions in decimating trees on the land at the junction of the B3390 and the Link Road, the Hippy Field. Cllr Smy said this is at present with the Forestry Commission. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to what the state of play is regarding this proposed summons.

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Signed (Chairman) 2007