

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2009

Present : Cllr Joyce Rhodes (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Brewer (Vice Chairman) , Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Elaine Stenning, Cllr Valerie Bache, Cllr Barry Thomas , Cllr Ron Arnold and Cllr Dave Harris

Also present: County Councillor David Crowhurst and District Councillor Teresa Seall

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS Cllr Rhodes welcomed new Councillor Dave Harris to the Council explaining that Cllr Harris signed his Declaration of Office during the Christmas recess and has forwarded his Register of Interests to WDDC as required.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

a. Mrs Doreen Kendrick welcomed the installation of the Bus Shelter which she said was brought about by Cllr Valerie Bache and ex Cllr Daniel Smy, Mrs Kendrick also spoke about the contribution made by Cllr Bache to the renovation of the Memorial Park, the local history group and the WI. Mrs Kendrick said she was saddened to hear that Cllr Bache had been reported to the Standards Board for failing to declare an interest in the matter of the Village Design Statement and the CCA (Crossways Community Association). Mrs Kendrick asked what is a declaration of interest? She asked the Clerk to explain what is a declaration of interest. The clerk advised that this matter was now in the hands of the Standards Committee Solicitor and declined to respond further. Mrs Kendrick also asked for the Committees to be reinstated. Cllr Rhodes advised that the Committees are not necessary and sub committees are formed when needed and all Councillors are invited to join these Committees.

b. Mr Kendrick advised that he has received a message from PC Dale and has spoken to him regarding the conditions on the B3390 raising concerns about speeding lorries and the lack of a SID (Speed Indicator Device). Mr Kendrick advised that PC Dale has agreed to arrange a speed gun shared arrangement scheme. Cllr Rhodes advised that the provision of a SID had been discussed at a meeting with Rob Camp of DCC and the Council was advised that Crossways did not fit the criteria for a SID. Cllr Brewer advised that Crossways was a member of the B3390 Action Group with other villages along the B3390. It was agreed to speak again with PC Dale and Rob Camp to confirm their findings in that Crossways did not meet the criteria for a SID.

ACTION: Clerk

c. Cllr Arnold, speaking from the floor, made representation regarding the retrospective planning application for the Council Depot. A copy of Cllr Arnold's objections was forwarded to Councillors with the agenda. Mr Durose also addressed the Council noting his concerns. Councillors were supplied with a copy of Mr Durose's objections. Mr Durose highlighted the damage done by heavy goods vehicles to the verges of minor roads around the quarrying areas.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER Apologies were received from PC Dale and PCSO Hedges.

REPORT BY KRIS HALLETT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER Apologies were received from Kris Hallett.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr Crowhurst advised that his report had been sent previously to all Councils. Cllr Crowhurst asked Mr Durose to copy to him correspondence regarding the B3390 and surrounding rural roads. Cllr Crowhurst advised of the restrictions placed on quarry owners and for highway studies to be carried out prior to quarrying agreements and Mr Ian Madgwick consults on all highway issues connected with planning applications. Referring to speed limit requests Cllr Crowhurst spoke about the consultations commissioned by DCC in which Buro Happold undertook surveys. Cllr Crowhurst explained that the lack of development on both sides of the B3390 through Crossways prevented the implementation of a 30mph speed limit but offered to readdress this item and also investigate the provision of SIDs.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Cllr Read. Cllr Teresa Seall spoke about the proposal for new office locations for WDDC, the preferred options being Charles Street or Brewer Square. Cllr Seall stated that the Council will not move unless the move is financially viable. Cllr Seall advised that the Council Tax increase will be limited to 3.89% with a forecast of a 2.5% rise in 2010/11 and 2.5% in 2011/12. Speaking about the DCC planning application for the Council Depot Cllr Seall advised the meeting that she and Cllr Read have raised concerns regarding traffic movement and lighting. Cllr Seall said she is not in favour of retrospective planning applications.

THE MEETING

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Scard, Cllr (Mrs) Thelma Smith and Cllr Dave Smith.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. Cllr Stenning declared a personal interest in Item 11 the matters pertaining to Warmwell Quarries declaring she would remain in the room but not vote.

b. Cllr Arnold declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11a declaring his intention to leave the room whilst this item was discussed.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the agents for Mr Wyatt Paul advising that they were unable to release any land at this time for allotments. This letter will be passed to the Allotment Society.
- b. Anonymous Correspondence – Chair Cllr Rhodes expressed her disappointment in a letter received anonymously expressing concerns about waste of resources in that the Clerk travelled to Crossways to open the Sports Pavilion for the officers of WDDC to set up the Polling Station. Cllr Rhodes stated that this was a perfectly just request but sadly was not able to allay the concern as there was no name and addressed given other than the notation ‘a concerned resident’. It was confirmed that no expense to the Council was incurred.

ITEM 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 27th NOVEMBER 2008 The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Arnold, seconded Cllr Brewer

AGREED

ITEM 6 MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

ITEM 7 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO INCLUDE REPORT OF MEETING OF COUNCILLORS WITH ROGER TUSTAIN, LAND AGENT FOR MR WYATT PAUL, WOODSFORD FARMS ESTATE

“There has been a long gap in Parish affairs since our last meeting and with the Christmas and New Year activities it has meant that a number of items have come up for discussion in January,

The Clerk and I attended a meeting in Moreton Village Hall concerning planning proposals by Mr Barry Crooke in the Moreton area. These seemed satisfactory and did not impinge on any of our plans. He assured us that he was going to obtain a special mud cleaning machine to wash the wheels of his vehicles before they go on the highway.

MEETING OF THE DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS – CENTRAL AREA

I attended this meeting in Dorchester on January 13th. The guest speaker was the Principal Planning Officer for WDDC and he gave a well informed talk about planning and the interpretation of documents sent to Parish Councils. He suggested that all Councils should purchase a scale rule for use by interested parties examining proposals. On commenting on proposals clear, precise comments on plans are very much appreciated by his office. Alan Muir retired at the end of December and Roger Greene will be acting manager and Glyn Harding will be acting Local Services Manager. Training will be offered for new Councillors on 3 February.

I attended a meeting of Crossways Youth and Community Centre Management Committee on January 13th. There appears to be a great deal of activity among the young people attending there. Unfortunately Clive Moore is resigning as Leader in Charge as he has received a full time promotional post. The Chairman thanked him for his work in Crossways. His post has been advertised and Peter Read and Jo Maidment volunteered to take part in the interview. On the 21st January Roger Tustain and Joanne Clarke met members of the council to discuss the MUGA/Skateboard project and to hear his plans on behalf of Broadway Malyan land projects. This was very interesting I am informing you from the excellent notes our Clerk has written on the subject. I hope many of you will send her some of your ideas for requirements for the Village.

Lastly, please let the Clerk has your ideas for progress in the Village. It is useless grumbling behind closed doors that we do nothing. We cannot act on your ideas for progress unless you tell us what you want.

Best wishes for a happy 2009 and hope we can improve on our past efforts.”

Joyce Rhodes, Chairman

ITEM 8 TO DISCUSS THE LETTER/REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR JOHN PIERSON CONTRACTOR FOR THE SPORTS FIELD FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM AND CONSIDER HIS QUOTATION FOR REMEDIAL WORK AND ADDITIONAL DRAINAGE (REPORT SENT TO COUNCILLORS 21ST JANUARY 2009)

Cllr Arnold requested more information stressing the need to find out the cause of the flooding and why the land drains are not working efficiently. Cllr Arnold questioned the vertidrain proposals advising that a vertidrain treatment would not work if underlying foreign materials prevented drain away. Cllr Arnold questioned the liability of the Contractor and what warranties or guarantees were given. Cllr Brewer said that new Councillors should be supplied with background information stating that an independent survey was commissioned which said the work and condition of the works was satisfactory. Cllr Brewer suggested that Councillors are supplied with a copy of the report was supplied to all Councillors and comparative quotes sort for the drainage problem solution. Cllr Brewer reminded the meeting of the unusual amount of rainfall and flooding being experienced country wide. It was proposed by Cllr Brewer, seconded by Cllr Connor that second opinions should be sort and further consultation undertaken. Cllr Arnold advised that land drains of shingle have a limited life and the Council should look for a longer term solution.

ACTION/CLERK

ITEM 9 TO AGREE TO ADOPT NEW MODEL SCHEME OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AS REVISED 2008 Proposed Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Arnold that the new model scheme 2008 is accepted without amendment.

AGREED

ITEM 10 TO AGREE ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL AGAINST THE PLANNING REFUSAL – LAND TO THE REAR OF 40 DICK O’ TH’ BANKS ROAD No further representations requested.

Cllr Ron Arnold left the room (Item 2b refers).

ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

a. 1/D/08/002034 RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION HEAVY GOODS OPERATING CENTRE ON THE SITE OF THE OLD COUNCIL DEPOT REDBRIDGE LANE, CROSSWAYS Cllr Brewer noted that a similar application on this site had been refused and expressed concern that this was a similar, and retrospective application.

(a) The Council recommended refusal of this application quoting:-

- i. Previous applications refused.
- ii. The Council suggested that this application is considered with the published document on rural roads produced by DCC “Managing Dorsets Rural Road; Our new approach to road management in a high quality environment”
- iii. Grave concern was expressed about the continued degeneration of the rural roads surrounding the Depot, the infringement of the verges and the unacceptable amount of mud on the roads. It was noted that there were no passing places for vehicles to pass in safety. Concern was also expressed, under traffic issues, about the difficult junction at Owermoigne/Moreton Road.
- iv. The Parish Council has concerns about the safety and security of the fuel storage on the site.

Proposed Cllr Brewer, Seconded Cllr Thomas

AGREED

b. 6/2008/0811 REDBRIDGE ROAD QUARRY, REDBRIDGE ROAD, CROSSWAYS – CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THE INERT WASTE RECYCLING PLANT FROM CROSSWAYS PIT.

No objections were raised to this application.

AGREED

c. 6/2008/0810 REDBRIDGE ROAD QUARRY, REDBRIDGE ROAD, CROSSWAYS – RESTORATION OF LAND INVOLVING THE SPREADING OF IMPORTED WASTE SOILS TO ACHIEVE A MIXTURE OF AGRICULTURAL, WOODLAND AND NATURE CONSERVATION USES.

No objections were raised to this application.

AGREED

d. 1/D/2008/2365 PART OF WARMWELL QUARRY, CROSSWAYS – EXTRACTION OF SANDS AND GRAVELS FROM AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY WORKED, REGULATIONS OF AREAS WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN USED FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SANDS AND GRAVELS AND FURTHER EXTRACTION IN INTERVENING AREAS.

e. 1/D/2008/2364 PART OF WARMWELL QUARRY, CROSSWAYS – DETERMINATION OF CONDITIONS ON AN INTERIM DEVELOPMENT (IDO) PERMISSION

f. 1/D/2008/2363 PART OF WARMWELL QUARRY CROSSWAYS – CONSOLIDATION OF MINERAL PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Item 11 d, e, and f were considered as a whole; the Parish Council raised no objections to these applications but asked that if these applications lead to an increase in the volume of traffic a traffic impact study would take place, also that the opening hours previously agreed; viz 7am – 6pm (Monday to Friday), 7am-12noon (Saturday) and no Bank Holiday or Sunday working without prior agreement is adhered to.

AGREED

ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW COUNCILLORS TRAINING ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7PM AT A COST TO THE COUNCIL OF £25.00 PER COUNCILLOR Cllr Arnold and Cllr Thomas will attend.

Expenditure proposed Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

ITEM 13 TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF CHAIR AND CLERK AT THE ‘BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR’ SEMINAR ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH AT A COST THE COUNCIL OF £15.00 Proposed Cllr Connor, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

ITEM 14 TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE 27TH NOVEMBER 2008 – 29TH JANUARY 2009

	Expenditure £	Income £
Pavilion Cleaning	90.00	
S Manuel Grass Cutting	487.00	
Salary Clerk	730.65	
HM Customs & Excise PAYE	302.20	
Mrs S Wilson (Balance Net Benefit)	6.49	
Debit Interest	0.41	
Bank Charges	24.00	
British Gas	228.91	
Southern Electric	75.02	
Century 21 (Photocopier Hire)	103.50	
Hardy Tree Surgeon	100.00	
Southern Electric Contracting (Street Light)	69.00	
Nildram	16.25	
Viking Direct	45.37	
Salary Clerk	730.65	
Payment Polling Station		60.00
Owermoigne Football Club		81.00
DCC Grass Cutting Agency		1323.23
Crossways Football Club		235.00
Rent Village Hall	24.00	
SLCC Membership	187.00	
DATA Protection Act - renewal	35.00	
Nildram	15.65	
HM Customs & Excise PAYE	302.20	
Newsquest Public Notice Grass Cutting	76.36	
Litter Collector (Aug-Dec)	549.20	
Cleaners Pavilion	50.00	

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Thomas

AGREED

ITEM 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26th FEBRUARY 2008 Confirmed**ITEM 16 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS**

Cllr Brewer reported the death of Mr George Hood, who served on the Parish Council during its early days and was instrumental in acquiring the sports field and pavilion for the Village. Together with ex Councillor Jack Priddle he worked tirelessly for village amenities. He helped with the landscaping around the War Memorial, he was instrumental in setting the pebbles in concrete around the memorial. He was a staunch helper with the Bridge and helped with much of the fundraising to improve the village hall and purchase the handbells.

ITEM 17 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) 1960 TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL IN CONFERENCE TENDERS Cllr Brewer read the following statement regarding the proposed MUGA/Skatebowl.

"I present for approval by the full Council the minutes of the MUGA/Skatepark sub-committee and endorsement of the decision they have made to appoint a preferred bidder for the project. Whilst all Councillors have received a copy of the minutes and supporting papers it is important that everyone understands what we are being asked to endorse. I wish to record my appreciation of the hard work and diligence which has been shown by everyone on the committee for the professional way they have approached the project so far. In particular the input and exemplary way that the Young People's Forum have acquitted themselves. It no doubt is very frustrating to them that things are not moving as fast as they would like and yet they have shown an appreciation and understanding of how the process is working and have played an important part in our deliberations. We act in accordance with the mandate given by this Council for the provision of a three part project, a MUGA, a skate bowl and a shelter. The Council has approved the establishment of a formal sub-committee and this operates within the remit of the standing orders of the Council. The full Council has approved the making of a planning application to West Dorset District Council which links with our aspiration for these facilities and seeks to replace the existing permission we hold for the construction of a MUGA only. A detailed 'wish list' was drawn up and sent to companies with an invitation for them to tender for the project. This list was drawn from the responses this Council had received from no less than seven public consultations and reports in our Parish magazine which is delivered to every house in the parish.

The tenders received were opened in camera by myself and witnessed by the sub-committee. I am extremely grateful to Cllr. Ron Arnold and Mr Graham Walker who, on our behalf scrutinised each of the submissions against the criteria we had laid down. From this process we have established that only one company had supplied a scheme which fully met our needs and addressed concerns as well as showing design flair which immediately appealed to the committee.

We therefore seek to adopt this company as a preferred bidder and will liaise with them during the planning application and grant funding process. As soon as we are in a position to do so we would then seek to enter into the negotiation of a contract

for the execution of the works. At this stage we would advise the company that our acceptance of their tender reflects this situation and will be subject to the grant of full planning permission and the obtaining of the necessary financial package to pay for the works.

We make this acceptance in order to use the scheme supplied for the process of the planning application and the committee intend to look at a further opportunity for members of the public to attend a consultation and feedback session in addition to their statutory rights to comment on the plans which will be with West Dorset District Council. As applicants, the Parish Council would not be expected to make comment as a consultee as the application will reflect our corporate wishes.

Therefore tonight we are being asked to consider the decision for the appointment of the preferred bidder. This is not an opportunity to discuss the whole concept of the project as that is a debate previously held and decided. We are seeking confirmation of the Council's stated aspiration and giving backing to the process already carried out. It would be wrong to discuss the commercial information of the quotations and tenders received. If the decision is approved this evening we shall then be in a position to advise all those who have submitted information and thank those who have been unsuccessful. Because of the sensitive nature of all matters we are subject to the rules and regulations covering sealed tenders. Once our decisions are complete then it will be possible for the process to be inspected in a wider context. I would therefore remind Councillors that the documentation supplied to you is of a confidential nature. We do not enter into a contract this evening or indeed an obligation or financial undertaking of any nature. I hope my statement clarifies these matters before we ask the public to leave for our deliberations and vote on the motion which shall be put before you."

It was proposed by Cllr Connor, seconded by Cllr Harris that the public be excluded.

AGREED

Members of the public left the building.

ITEM 18 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES, DATED 24TH NOVEMBER AND THE 12TH JANUARY, AND FINDINGS OF THE MUGA/SKATEBOWL COMMITTEE IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDERS Cllr Brewer took the Chair for Item 18 as Chairman of the Parish Council's MUGA/Skatebowl committee. Cllr Brewer advised that this item is to accept the minutes of the meetings 24th November 2008 and 12th January 2009 and confirm those minutes (12th January) that agree to accept Maverick as the preferred Contractor. Cllr Arnold questioned the Council's mandate to proceed on this project and initiate the tendering process. Cllr Brewer referred to the Minutes of the full council dated 24th April, Item 7 wherein the Council voted unanimously to proceed with this project. The Clerk confirmed that this item was correctly minuted and approved by the Council at the following meeting. (May 08). Cllr Brewer asked the Council to note each item separately:

a. The minutes of the MUGA/Skate bowl committee dated 24th November 2008 were proposed as a true record, accepted and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Brewer, seconded Cllr Rhodes

AGREED

b. The Minutes of the MUGA/Skatebowl committee dated 12th January 2009 were proposed as a true record, accepted signed.

Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Arnold

AGREED

b. To accept the recommendation of the MUGA/Skatebowl committee (dated 12th January 2009) in that Maverick is the preferred Contractor.

Proposed Cllr Rhodes, seconded Cllr Connor

A recorded vote was taken:

Cllr Arnold	For
Cllr Connor	For
Cllr Stenning	For
Cllr Brewer	For
Cllr Rhodes	For
Cllr Thomas	For
Cllr Bache	For
Cllr Harris	For

AGREED

There being no other business the meeting ended.

Signed (Chairman) 2009