

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd February 2023 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Dave Harris (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr G Childs and Cllr Gary Joynson
2 members of the public

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – A member of the public reported the Village Hall sign was dilapidated. Councillors confirmed the sign was the responsibility of Michael Williams. Post meeting note this area is not included in the Moigne Combe Estate. The footpath near the corner of Airfield near Hurricane Close has a white circle. Councillors were unsure who was marking hazards with a white markings.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Report provided by Cllr Ireland. Mount Skippet Way was due to be resurfaced by Highways it was on a list a year ago but Cllr Harris has noticed it is no longer on the list. Councillors had a discussion around the placing of ultra fast broadband along the bottom of the Sports field. The Clerk confirmed to date there has been no response from Blanchard Bailey Solicitors. Wessex Internet continue to chase for the signing of the Deed of Grant. Councillors confirmed that they appreciated the request and were aware of the need but still wished to have the consultation back from the Solicitor before signing any contract.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. No report provided. Available on request from the Clerk. PCSO Alison Donnison encouraged residents to report Police matters to enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk

AGENDA

1. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE QUORUM**
Apologies were received and accepted by Cllr Beeby
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 - a) In Items on the Agenda
Members are obliged to declare personal and prejudicial interests
None
 - b) Of gifts of value of more than £50
Members also have a duty to declare gifts exceeding £50 in value
Nothing declared
3. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26th January 2023.**
It was proposed by Cllr Light seconded by Cllr Harris and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th January 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**
 - a) No matters arising
5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority
To note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority
To consider the status report from the Planning Authority
 - a) Planning Application P/VOC/2023/00626 Proposal: The development proposed is the erection of 9 new residential homes of four house types in the former quarry site.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Coronation Sub Committee – Update – Meeting held on 7th February 2023
Minutes for the meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. A pin badge to a certificate was the most popular idea at present. The Badge would be personalised with Crossways, Dorset. The sub-committee were planning to sell badges to interested residents. Cllr Childs was happy to consider an on-line ticket option. “Ticket source” was an idea provided by a member of the public.

RESOLVED – There will be events for the whole of the weekend. Councillors were in favour with the decision to purchase pin badges and medals. Numbers would be agreed by the sub-committee. The Clerk would purchase the agreed number of badges and get them delivered to The Chairman.

- b) Update on tree planting – suitable locations for WI tree and U3A tree
Cllr Beeby confirmed that the location proposed for planting the WI tree is no longer an option due to the amount of concrete.
U3A have also purchased a tree through donations.

RESOLVED that the best location would be the Queen Elizabeth Playing Field for both of the trees. Parallel from Egdon Glen down from the basketball hoop. Clerk to contact U3A and see if they could change the Hornbeam to a Beech Tree.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that all correspondence had been reported to Councillors or had been dealt with on the meeting Agenda.

8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

a) Financial Report

Date	Cheque No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
30/01/2023	BACS	Fireline Limited	Fire equipment check - Pavilion	£97.74	£16.29
08/02/2023	DD	British Gas	Gas bill pavilion	£792.81	£37.76
08/02/2023	DD	British Gas	Electricity Bill pavilion	£36.63	£1.74
12/02/2023	SO	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
20/02/2023	DD	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Jan 2023	£59.10	£0.00
22/02/2023	DD	British Gas	Gas bill pavilion	£649.43	£30.93
22/02/2023	BACS	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	PAYE (Clerk) tax and NI (Clerk & Tim White - inc -£2.00 tax refund for TAW) February 2023 Reference 503PP000036692311	£344.09	£0.00
23/02/2023	BACS	Linda Beeby	Litter picking - 6/2 to 27/2 (3hr x45wks x £9.50 = £114.00)-£0.00 tax=£114.00	£114.00	£0.00
23/02/2023	BACS	Tim White	Litter picking - 6/2 to 27/2 (3hr x 5wks x £9.50 = £114.00 + £2.00 tax rebate=£116.00	£116.00	£0.00

23/02/2023	BACS	Emma Selway	Clerk's Salary - Feb 2023 (£1530.39-LGPS-TAX-NI)	£1,089.51	£0.00
23/02/2023	BACS	Dorset County Pension Fund	Employee and Employer contributions Feb 2023 (£88.76 + £336.69)	£425.45	£0.00
TOTALS				£3,732.76	£86.72

Income since 26 January 2023

16/02/2023	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£ 1.83
22/02/2023	Interest (A/C 41408887)	<u>£ 16.79</u>
Total income		<u>£ 18.62</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 106,542.82

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 66,631.38

Account balances as at 23 February 2023

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£ 18,842.12
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£ 45,484.56*
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	<u>£ 2,062.67</u>
Total balance	<u>£ 66,389.35</u>

*The sub-total includes those payments listed above and due to be taken on 23 February 2023.

The summary of this report, plus any other payments authorised at the meeting to be included within the Minutes will include totals, but will exclude any details of any personal payments to employees.

The matter of the excessive charge estimated in the latest gas bill (British Gas), automatically paid by Direct Debit, has been highlighted by the Clerk.

Councillors considered the gas bill and Cllr Harris had visited the Pavilion to investigate.

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9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- Cllr Harris reported a lack of volunteers to support with some of the younger organisations/clubs. The Fish and Chip van is also well attended. Warm spaces were cancelled as no-body turned up.
- Cllr Brewer reported the Village Hall is receiving a coat of paint to the outside of the building. Bookings have also increased for the use of the venue.
- Mrs Brewer is holding Coffee Mornings once a month at the Village Hall for anyone wishing to meet people.
- The Church are holding a variety evening on the 1st April 2023. Cllr Light will be singing at the event.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Clerk reported that a resident from Woodbury Drove had an issue with cat faeces on land owned by Crossways Parish Council. Councillors discussed the issue and wondered if a cat Gel placed on the area may deter neighbours' cats from using the area. Another useful link <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/solve-problems/how-to-deter-cats-from-your-garden/>
- The Clerk was asked to order a new recycle bin for the Pavilion as the bin has now split.

- c) Cllr Brewer reported the problems recently experienced with the Village Hall with vandalism. All incidents are now reported to Dorset Police.
- d) Report from Cllr Childs on the meeting attended on the 26th January at Moreton Village Hall. Link attached <https://www.rbquarryproducts.co.uk/hurst-farm-station-road/>

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting and parish meeting was due to be held on Thursday 30th March 2023

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.54 pm

Signed..... (Chairman).....2023