

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 30th March 2023 at 7.00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – The Chairman confirmed that Raymond Brown were holding numerous consultation events which are available to the public to attend
<https://www.rbquarryproducts.co.uk/hurst-farm-station-road/> He commended the company for the comprehensive advertising of these events and Councillors were pleased to note that there had been a good attendance on the previous Tuesday at Crossways Village Hall. There was some public discussion on the impact of the proposals as outlined and the impact on the road infrastructure around Crossways.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr N Ireland had confirmed recently that engineers would be looking at the weight of the HGVs crossing Hurst Bridge to ensure it is structurally sound for the increased weight of the vehicles. Councillors felt the empty lorries made the most noise and were concerned that there would be increased lorry traffic through the village.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. Report was distributed by the Clerk also 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 R Light and Cllr N Ireland
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 23rd February 2023.**
It was proposed by Cllr Connor seconded by Cllr Harris and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**
 - a) It was noted that the WI tree would be planted at Frome Valley School and U3A had also found an appropriate space, presumed to be on private land, that the organisation was happy with.
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/FUL/2022/00125 Heatherfield Stables Redbridge Road, Crossways, Dorchester. Opening on the 18th April 2023 at 10.00. Notification of Hearing Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Hearing to be held at Committee Room 4 Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester
- b) Planning application P/HOU/2022/07975 Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and form new two storey rear extension Location: 9 Dick O Th Banks Road, Crossways DT2 8BJ. No objections
- c) Planning Application P/NMA/2023/01356 Plot 57 23 Shepperd's View Silverlake, Crossways, Warmwell Road. Dt2 8GW Non material amendment – design change to include decking and air conditioning units to planning permission P/RES/2022/01441 – Reserved Matters application following grant of Outline Planning Permission. No objections

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 with several attachments. A pin badge to a certificate had now been drafted. The Chairman had met with Fran Burgess, the new Director of Communications at Silverlakes. The Chairman reported that he had thanked the Director for the sponsorship and she explained that they are hoping to run a community/family event on the Sunday and opening up the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) to the public for a picnic (which can be purchased in advance or bring your own) and a chance to see the Dog pool and the coracle racing waterway as well as having a go. The idea being for there to be a commemorative tree planting as well marking the Coronation. Silverlakes are very keen to be involved and for the village to come along to the area. There will be posters and flyers and it looks as if they might sponsor the cover of the next 'Bridge'. The idea being they will produce a glossy A3 cover that will wrap around the usual A4 magazine

RESOLVED – The sub committee would continue to bring the event together. The Chairman thanked the committee for all their support. The pin badge form is now online www.crosswaysdorset.info

- b) Hurst Farm and Station Road Quarry Proposal Public Planning Exhibition – Tuesday 28th March 3.00 pm and Thursday 30th March 5.00 pm
<https://www.rbquarryproducts.co.uk/hurst-farm-station-road>

RESOLVED that the quarry would hopefully be landscaped and restored to 'greenfield' when completed. It was noted that the Council will be invited to comment on the application in due course.

- c) Unsafe wire fencing on the boundary of Crossways Playing Field – Quotations sought for repair around £350.

RESOLVED that the Contractor would maintain the fencing. The work would be completed in due course.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) The Chairman had received a request for the installation of a mirror at the T-junction located at the end of the Moigne Combe Road (from the village hall towards the main road). The gentleman was a regular commuter in the area and had noticed that there was a lack of visibility at this particular intersection. The Chairman confirmed that the land in question was not owned by Crossways Parish Council and would therefore not be in a position to supply a mirror. The Highways Authority and Councillor Nick Ireland were both aware of the request.

For full details on highway mirrors see link below: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/traffic-management/road-signs-and-markings/road-signs-and-markings#:~:text=Back%20to%20top-.Traffic%20safety%20mirrors,access%20onto%20the%20public%20highway.>

8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

a) Financial Report

Date	Cheque No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
10/03/2023	DD	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£8.90	£0.42
15/03/2023	SO	HSBC	Bank charges	£9.00	£0.00
07/03/2023	DD	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£60.64	£2.89
07/03/2023	DD	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Feb 2023	£39.40	£0.00
10/03/2023	DD	British Gas	Pavilion - gas bill	£597.90	£28.47
15/03/2023	SO	Woodsford Farms	Allotment Rental	£50.00	£0.00
TOTALS				£765.84	£31.78

Income since 23 February 2023

06/03/2023	Allotment payment	£	78.00
16/03/2023	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	1.79
22/03/2023	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	17.11
Total income		£	<u>96.90</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year **£ 109,394.86**

Total Income this Financial Year **£ 66,728.28**

Account balances as at 30 March 2023

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£	18,859.23
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£	44,451.03*
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	£	2,064.46
Total balance	£	<u>65,374.72</u>

*The sub-total includes those payments listed above and due to be taken on 30 March 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 again at the meeting as Councillors are concerned how the Auditor will view these amounts.

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- Councillors agreed to pay an agreed sum to the Clerk as an honorarium for her additional workload during the Coronation period.
- The Clerk confirmed that the parish accounts/paperwork would be delivered to the Internal Auditor, Mr Michael Clarke for the end of year Internal Audit.

9. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)**
- a) Cllr Harris reported the brownies and guides have folded. The Youth Club is running well with plenty planned for the year with a Wellness and Spirit Fair.
 - b) The Church are holding a variety evening on the 1st April 2023. This featuring local relent and Cllr. Light.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr Harris confirmed that if anyone wished to hear the band who will be playing at Crossways Village Hall on Saturday 6th May DT2 8JA at 7.00 pm “Rip it Up” will be playing the following weekend at The Royal Oak, Dorchester.
- b) The Chairman wished to thank Premier Stores, The Library and The Co-op for taking the Coronation slips and colouring competition entries.
- c) The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had forwarded the Deed of Easement/Grant to Farnfields. Cllr Harris had agreed to be the contact for any further questions if required. The Clerk had forwarded the email to all confirming the change of Consultant. The Council reiterated its position that this document may not be signed until the legal advice is received and will not be pressurised by the company concerned. It was noted that the neighbouring landowner(s) had refused to enter into the agreement.

11. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting and parish meeting was due to be held on Thursday 27th April 2023

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

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