

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th April 2023 (following ANNUAL PARISH MEETING) at 7.15 P.M.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Councillors had been made aware that a member of the public would be attending to discuss the Hurst Farm and Station Road Quarry Proposal. The Clerk had forwarded correspondence from the residents with the points that would be discussed in the public discussion period. The Chairman set out to date how Crossways Parish Council had been following the Raymond Brown Quarry potential proposals in readiness for a possible formal application. He advised the role that Cllr Gary Childs was undertaking as representative, attending meetings and reporting back to Councillors. As the prospective developments were in neighbouring parishes, it was hoped that Crossways would be involved in the consultations and Cllr. Nick Ireland (Dorset Council) was also following developments. He thanked residents for their thoughts and contributions and said that the Council would continue to advise through its Minutes and the ‘Bridge’ and website of any developments. The planning system meant that Moreton (and Tincleton) Councils would be formal consultees with the power to recommend acceptance or refusal to Dorset Council. He asked that Moreton Parish Council be made aware of the comments that had been made especially those that related to areas in their parish. Crossways, would hope to make its own submission as a neighbouring Council at the appropriate time. This would probably include support and endorsement for Moreton Parish Council response and comments on the impact on Crossways Parish. There was discussion on the traffic implications through the village. There have previously been monitoring exercises to produce data for the Highways department. A question was asked about the setting up of a speed watch initiative. An appeal had previously been made for volunteers and there had been insufficient take up to mount the scheme. The Council consistently ensures that highways, the road infrastructure and traffic problems are highlighted in every planning application response made. The Chairman once again urged everyone to ensure that any traffic accident or ‘near miss’ is reported so it would support the claims made in response to planning applications. The Chairman also confirmed that Dorset Council would be the only authority in a position to hold the quarry accountable if any planning conditions were not adhered to.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Ireland gave a report to Councillors.
<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2023/04/27/dorset-council-cabinet-reshuffle/>

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. PCSO Alison Donnison provided full report to Councillors.

04/04/2023	Warmwell – Theft of Caravan
11/04/2023	Crossways – damage to wildlife cameras at Scout Hut Redbridge Road
14/04/2023	Warmwell – Theft of cooking oil from Warmwell Holiday Park
20/04/2023	Woodsford – Theft of Wheelie Bin
21/04/2023	Crossways – theft of alcohol by group of youths, verbal threats by offenders – under investigation
26/04/2023	Crossways – Suspicious sales call re insulation – reassurance/safeguarding follow up

The PCSO will be holding a Meet The Team at Crossways at the Coop on Friday 5th May at 19:30 to discuss any police related concerns in the area and provide reassurance for the staff of Coop following the incident on 26th April

AGENDA

1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE QUORUM

Apologies were received and accepted from 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 30th March 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr Light seconded by Cllr Harris and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th March 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPOR ONLY)

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/TRT/2023/02479 12 Egdon Glen, Crossways Proposal: T1 Hawthorn - Fell T2 Malus - Reduce entirely by up to 2m & shape in

T3 Maple - Reduce entirely back past previous points by 1.5m to fresh - Cllrs noted.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

a) Coronation Update

The Minutes of the Sub Committee held on 4 April were accepted by the Councillors. Cllr Brewer reported 170 badges have been distributed. Councillors noted that there had been a lot of positive feedback to this gesture. Cllr Harris confirmed the dance tickets were selling and more advertising will continue. Knighton Reserve launch event would start at 11.30 am. Flyers for Silverlakes would be distributed throughout the village in local shops and the library.

RESOLVED that The Chairman thanks all Councillors for their efforts and support to make this a special Coronation Event. It was believed that the residents would appreciate the efforts made by all concerned.

b) Dorset Campaign to be normalised in built-up areas invites Councils to meet with South of England campaign coordinator. Motion to support 20 is plenty campaign.

Cllr Brewer confirmed that an article had been placed in the Bridge to provide some evidence of how residents felt about a 20 mph speed limit in their streets. Residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk and make their feelings known..

RESOLVED that the Clerk would attend the zoom meeting on the 3rd May 2023 and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

c) Update on Deed of Easement with Wessex Internet and Solicitors Farnfield

The Clerk had forwarded correspondence to all Councillors for information. Farnfield Solicitors had now made contact with Cllr Harris who would report back to the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed she has clarified that the payment of the £1,000 to verify the Deed of Easement would be made by Crossways Parish Council and then reimbursed by Wessex Internet.

RESOLVED that the Council would wait to receive the report from Farnfield Solicitors before make their final decision.

- d) Update on Public Planning Exhibitions Hurst Farm and Station Road Quarry Proposal – email planning@raymondbrown.co.uk
Please see public discussion.
- e) Pre-application consultation letter and proposed plans in relation to the proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications installation at Woodland at Moigne Combe Road. DT2 8JB – No objections.
- f) Proposal for a New Comms Cabinet on Dick o’ the’ Banks Road, Crossways DT2 8BQ – Chairman to update

The Chairman had forwarded all correspondence relating to this matter prior to the meeting to Councillors for information. It was noted that the land that was being considered was not in the ownership of the Parish Council or Dorset Council. Crossways Parish Council will now wait to see where the alternative location may be. Councillors endorsed the Chairman’s correspondence and actions in putting forward a suggestion of the scrub land adjacent to the Sports Pavilion as a potential location for the Comms Cabinets.

RESOLVED that any location would take into account the parking of engineer vehicles as Councillors all agreed this would be important for the safety of all road users and the community.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Crossways Parish Council insurance document forwarded to all Councillors for information.

8. **FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS**

- a) **ACCOUNTS YEAR END MARCH 2023 TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE** – distributed

The Clerk had forwarded the End of Year accounts to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Brewer and seconded by Cllr Harris and all were in favour to approve the Annual Accounts for the year end March 2023. The Chairman signed the accounts in the presence of the Councillors and Clerk.

9. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)**

- a) Cllr Harris reported that the Youth Club had been in discussions with Wessex Internet and, in return for a cable being run along the boundary of their land would receive broadband for a nominal fee in due course.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr Childs reported he had attended two recent webinars. He reported that more sustainability would be incorporated into planning. For example smaller windows when building houses, more installation. Cllr Childs would forward the presentation to all Councillors for information
It was noted that the tip would rather be called the Recycling Centre / Household waste.

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

The next council meeting would be the Council’s Annual Meeting and was due to be held on Thursday 25th May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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