

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 29th June 2023 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Robert Light, Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr David Clippingdale and Cllr Gary Joynson
Cllr Nick Ireland
4 members of the public

PUBLIC DISCUSSION –The work completed by Hardy Tree surgeons was praised by a resident. The Chairman confirmed that the brambles near the school were the responsibility of Woodsford Farms and in spite of reminders from the Council were encroaching onto the path, posing a danger, particularly to the students of the First School.. A member of the public was concerned about the vegetation at the back of No 7 Yalbury Lane. He referred to vegetation growing over his fence. The Council would ask the Parish Contractor to look at this area. There was also an issue with a tree and the Chairman repeated that the Council only removes trees if they are a danger to life and limb and ‘the right to light’ does not exist.

Raymond Brown Project Manager has resigned and now some confusion as to the details of any applications to be made and the timing of any extractions. Cllr Hill (Moreton Parish Council) reported that he had attended the public consultation regarding the Hill’s extraction on Woodsford Farms Land. The Chairman raised an issue with the lack of advertising for this Consultation process. Crossways Parish Council had encouraged Hills Quarry to allow for more promotion of the event to enable more residents to attend. The Chairman asked if anyone present had seen *any* publicity for the meeting and in spite of the assurance received nobody had.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr N Ireland reported that overgrowth from Hybris Business Park to and beyond the entrance to Mount Skipet from Warmwell Road required the grass cutting back. Road signs are a metre or so in the hedge and demonstrates the extent of the encroachment. Complaints about the grass cutting throughout Crossways was noted and it was also commented that Magna Housing grass had been cut back but that in the ownership of Dorset Council has not. Nothing further to report.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. A beat officer arrived to inspect the Village Hall. The Chairman briefed the PCSO of the recent events. It was confirmed that play equipment had been used to climb onto the roof. The Police 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 from Cllr S Beeby, Cllr D Harris and Cllr T Connor. The Chairman recorded the Council’s best wishes to Karan Harris, wife of the Vice Chairman who was currently undergoing treatment following her transplant.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 - a) In Items on the Agenda
Members are obliged to declare personal and prejudicial interests
Cllr Brewer declared an interest in Item 8 (a) Setting of ‘The Bridge’ Donation. He confirmed that he would take no part in the discussion and leave the room for the item.
 - 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 25th May 2023.

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th May 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY) There were 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) Feedback from Hills Quarry Products and Woodsford Farms consultation Wednesday 28 June 2023

The Clerk had contacted Hills Quarry as there were concerns that there had not been the appropriate amount of advertising for the public consultation to allow those residents that would want to attend this opportunity.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Update on Wessex Internet and Wessex Water
The Chairman confirmed all paperwork had now been completed and sent to the solicitors with regard to Wessex Internet. It was noted that the water pressure in some areas of Crossways was low. The company had responded that if more people complained/commented the more likely they would be to take action.

RESOLVED that if a resident has concerns about their water pressure they should contact Wessex Water. The Clerk confirmed the Deed of Easement was now with Farnfield Solicitors.

- b) Dorset Council consultation on a Dog related Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).
RESOLVED that the Chairman raised the consultation with Councillors it was noted and Councillors would consider and come back if they wished to consider a PSPO.

- c) Play areas
It was agreed to replace the Sign at Middle Hill with appropriate restrictions. This to be looked at by the Clerk and distributed to all for consideration.
RESOLVED that the Clerk would liaise with Councillors and specifically Cllr Beeby and Cllr Harris regarding the sign details.

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) **Expenditure since 25 May 2023**

Date	Cheque No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
31/05/2023	BACS	Gallagher Insurance	AJG Community Scheme - Insurance - Policy Ref 112390680 - Cover from 1/6/23 to 31/5/24	£2,454.28	£0.00

24/05/2023	DD	British Gas	Pavilion electricity bill	£49.17	£2.34
12/06/2023	SO	HSBC	Bank charges	£9.00	£0.00
16/06/2023	DD	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Apr 2023	£41.76	£0.00
21/06/2023	DD	British Gas	Gas Bill - pavilion	£56.55	£2.69
TOTALS				£5,031.29	£5.03

Income since 25 May 2023

16/04/2023	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	2.54
22/05/2023	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	23.56
Total income		£	<u>26.10</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 12,501.19

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 43,704.31

Account balances as at 29 June 2023

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£	18,925.60
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£	72,353.19*
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	£	<u>2,071.64</u>
Total balance	£	<u>93,350.43</u>

*The sub-total includes those payments listed above and due to be taken on 29 June 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 Clerk has investigated the application for additional energy support; the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (EBDS), the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries (ETII), and the Heat Networks. The EBDS scheme discount is applied automatically, and the Parish Council does not qualify for either the ETII or the Heat Network assistance.

- b) Setting of “the Bridge Magazine”. It was proposed by Cllr Light and seconded by Cllr Childs and all in favour to make a donation of £600.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Brewer reported that the fabric of the Village Hall is going to need attention if it is going to remain usable until a new hall is built. Currently there is no indication of how long this would be. The current spate of vandalism is not helping and the money required for the maintenance of the 1941 ‘temporary’ building is outside of anything that could be supported by the charity. It was thought that the Trustees might try approaching the Landlord’s executors to see if a substantial extension to the existing lease could be obtained. This might enable the hall to apply for capital grants. Alternatively the Estate might wish to consider donating towards these costs so the building is weather tight and able to continue to function. The Chairman mentioned that the plans for the new Village Hall had already been drawn up. He did wonder if another possibility for usage might be as a ‘banking hub’. These are where the major banks share premises and offer banking services on a rotation basis. Finally Cllr

Brewer encouraged Councillors and members of the public to report any incidents to the Police of misuse near the hall or anti-social behaviour.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr Clippingdale reported that Maria Attwell would contact the Clerk to make arrangements to attend the meeting in September.

RESOLVED the Clerk would make contact with Dorset Police to support setting up a presentation to the Council about community watch schemes.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 27th July 2023

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

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