

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28th September 2023 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr Gary Joynson and Cllr David Clippingdale.

7 members of the public

Habitat First Group – Will Vicary and a colleague gave a presentation to update on the planning application and other projects at Silverlake. For full details about the development visit www.habitatfirstgroup.com. Members of the public raised issues over dog owners who left dog mess in the SANG. Will Vicary confirmed dog bins were provided and they would continue to work with the community over the best way to control the mess.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Nigel Hill reported that he would be submitting the response on the Planning Application P/FUL/2023/03982 -Mineral Sites Plan response to Raymond Brown Quarry Products. <https://www.rbquarryproducts.co.uk/hurst-farm-station-road/>. The Chairman praised Nigel Hill for an excellent report that had obviously taken a lot of time to compile and covered all aspects fully.

A member of the public was concerned about the condition of the Memorial area. The Chairman acknowledged that some tidying up was necessary. Cllr Scott Beeby had already confirmed that he would be tidying up this area.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Apologies were received from Cllr Ireland. Cllr Ireland provided a full report which the Clerk had circulated to all councillors for information. Councillors appreciated the update.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. The Clerk had distributed the report forwarded from PCSO Alison Donnison. Residents encouraged 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 D Harris, Cllr Terrie Connor, Cllr Robert Light and Cllr Scott Beeby
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 - a) In Items on the Agenda
Members are obliged to declare personal and prejudicial interests
Nothing declared
 - 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 29th July 2023**
It was proposed by Cllr Joynson by Cllr Childs and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th July 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)** Noted that Councillors agree to request the caution that has been placed against the title with the Land Registry be removed in relation to Combe Way trees.

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/HOU/2023/04690 Proposal: Erect a single storey wooden cabin (golf simulator) to rear of garden. Location: 5 Redbridge Road Crossways, DT2 8DY – Councillors agreed to Object on the grounds of being out of character with surrounding buildings. Concerns also raised over the height of the structure.
- b) Planning application P/RES/2023/04971 Proposal: Reserved Matters application following grant of Outline Planning Permission 1/D/13/001112 to determine appearance, layout and scale of the proposed amendments to the permitted Sunhouse to Dorset Barn GFL (2 storeys) in relation to Plot 08, 11 Baxters Rise Location: Plot 08, 11 Baxter Rise, Silverlake, Crossway, Moreton Road, DT2 8GR - Support
- c) Planning application P/FUL/2023/03982 Proposal: Extraction of approximately 11.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel, in phased working, together with importation of aggregates and cement, construction of a car park, internal haul road, bridged conveyor crossing, erection of a site office, aggregate processing plant, aggregate bagging plant, ready mix concrete plant, and ancillary buildings. Restoration to water bodies and agriculture, with biodiversity enhancements. Location: Land at Hurst Farm and Station Road, Moreton, Dorchester DT2 8RA – Endorsement of Moreton Parish Council's position. Councillors had been circulated the response from Moreton Parish Council. Specific concerns were also raised around the increase in the volume of traffic that was inevitably be an outcome.
- d) Planning application P/RES/2023/05346 Proposal: Reserved Matters application following grant of Outline Planning Permission 1/D/13/001112 to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed amendments to the permitted Dorset Barn (2 storeys) to KOTO single storey bespoke unit in relation to Plot 70, 29 Sheppard's View Location: Plot 70 29 Sheppard's View, Silverlake, Warmwell Quarry, DT2 8GW – Support

6. **AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Play Areas Update – The Chairman confirmed new signs had now arrived and the Clyffee View sign had been erected. The Chairman thanked Cllr Light for his efforts.
RESOLVED that Cllr Light would complete the installation of all of the play area signs once he has recovered from COVID -19.
- b) Wessex Internet – Dead of Easement – Solicitors response
Councillors had now finished consulting with the Solicitor who was commended for an excellent and thorough reading of the documentation. Amendments to the Dead of Easement has now been agreed. The Chairman was now reassured that the Council had taken professional advice and acted in the interest of the community. The Chairman had spoken with Christine O'Grady, Community Engagement Manager for Wessex Internet, He had received and passed on an apology for any previous misunderstanding and it was to be hoped that all would now work for the smooth and successful installation of this facility with minimum of disruption and inconvenience for the village. An invitation had been extended and the team would give a short presentation at October's full Council meeting.
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RESOLVED that Crossways Parish Council would now sign the agreement.

- c) Housing Strategy Survey - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing-strategy-consultation> closes on the 2nd October. All of the community were encouraged to complete.
- d) Proposal to remove and replace benches near Memorial Stone due to condition. The concrete supports have expanded around the metal frame and crumbled. Cllr. Beeby had restored them last year and was proposing to do the same this year but given all three benches in a similar condition this may not be feasible. Councillors to consider options for new benches by researching the internet. <https://uk.glasdon.com/seating/park-benches>

One of the benches has a brass plaque that will need to be reinstated. The Chairman had carried out research which indicated the couple commemorated had been stationed at RAF Warmwell. It was unanimously felt that the Memorial area was an appropriate site to remember them. Such installation could be funded by the monies reserved for open spaces.

RESOLVED to replace the benches in due course. The Clerk to discuss further action with Cllr Beeby.

(Post meeting note: Some Members of the public considered the benches were safe and there was no requirement to replace at the moment)

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 28 September 2023

b)	Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
	02/08/2023	52	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Invoice 4511 - work to trees 43, 74, 80 and 15.	£2,028.00	£338.00
	02/08/2023	53	Steve Manuel	Landscape maintenance for grass cutting - May 3rd, June 7th and July 28th (3 x £280)	£840.00	£0.00
	05/08/2023	54	V Phillips	Replacement computer – order 7400002338282 (Customer ID GB3600924486	£985.04	£164.17
	08/08/2023	55	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£43.22	£2.05
	12/08/2023	56	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
	16/08/2023	57	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Jul 2023	£62.64	£0.00
	22/08/2023	58	British Gas	Gas Bill - pavilion	£33.92	£1.61
	24/08/2023	59	Steve Manuel	1/2 yearly shrub cut	£850.00	£0.00
	24/08/2023	63	Emma Selway	Clerk's Salary - August 2023 (£1773.20-LGPS-TAX-NI)	£1,249.33	£0.00
	25/08/2023	65	V Phillips	Bench Oil - Screwfix Order A13271528964	£39.98	£6.66
	25/08/2023	66	Maple Leaf Designs Ltd	Invoice INV-5580 - Reference LW1556 - Playground Signs	£558.00	£93.00

28/08/2023	67	V Phillips	Telephone & Broadband - Feb to Aug 2023	£239.68	£39.95
28/08/2023	68	Emma Selway	Petty Cash top-up to bring float to £200. CASH withdrawals no longer permitted at counter	£155.20	£0.00
29/08/2023	69	BDO LLP	Audit fee - Invoice INV-00414604	£504.00	£84.00
01/09/2023	70	Water2Business	Water bill	£130.10	£0.00
06/09/2023	71	Abel Alarms	Intruder alarm service	£190.80	£31.80
11/09/2023	72	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£44.12	£2.10
12/09/2023	73	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
20/09/2023	74	Dorset Waste Partnership		£41.76	£0.00
20/09/2023	75	British Gas	Gas Bill - pavilion	£33.18	£1.58
TOTALS				£8,044.97	£764.92

Income since 27 July 2023

16/08/2023	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	3.06
22/08/2023	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	28.74
16/09/2023	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	3.27
22/09/2023	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	<u>30.32</u>
Total income		£	<u>26.10</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 28,637.31 *

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 43,951.83

Account balances as at 28 September 2023

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£	19,008.93
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£	56,217.07 *
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	£	<u>2,080.63</u>
Total balance	£	<u>77,306.63</u>

* The sub-total includes those payments listed above and due to be taken on 28 September 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.

- c) Notice of Conclusion of Audit year ended 31 March 2023
Clerk confirmed this was now published on the Council website. Councillors noted there were no actions to consider.
- d) The audit of accounts for Crossways Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been completed and the accounts have been published and made available to any registered elector. The Chairman recorded his thanks to the Clerk for her diligence and hard work.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Childs reported on behalf of the Library that cars were parking in the library car park. This had been reported and volunteers and staff would continue to monitor.

- b) Cllr Clippingdale confirmed that Maria Attwood would attend the October meeting to present on the Speedwatch initiative.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Chairman confirmed no further instances of vandalism had been reported at the Village Hall. A minibus had recently been parked overnight and whilst permission had not been sought or given it was felt this might be acting as a deterrent. Cllr Childs raised the idea of a CCTV camera which may also deter those wishing to cause damage. Cllr Brewer advised the Hall was considering all options including a potential visit from the Police Crime Prevention Officer.
- b) Cllr Childs advised that he was in the process of seeking advice regarding the damage to the surface of the MUGA. The holes which have also appeared in the playing field area have been reported to the PCSO. It was not felt that these were being used as a fire pit. There was some speculation as what was happening to the soil that had been excavated.
- c) Cllr Childs mentioned the problems with parking in the Library car park with vehicles being left in the bays reserved for library staff and visitors. This a matter for Dorset Council and Dorset Police. It was noted that there was permission for overspill parking in these areas for the Spitfire Club but only when Surgery and Library not operating.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 26th October 2023

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

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