

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 November 2023 at 7.00 P.M. IN CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – No public discussion

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Ireland provided a report to the Council. Councillors were interested in the Portland Barge. Details available on the attached link <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/portland-port-asylum-accommodation>. Full details of Dorset Council news in link <https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. Councillors had been supplied with a written report prior to the meeting. PCSO Alison Donnison gave further updates on some of these incidents. Councillors once again raised the subject of inconsiderate parking outside and around the Co-op store in Warmwell Road. Reversing out from the parking bays in front of the shop onto the B3390 was contrary to the Highway Code and potentially would have implications if a motorist collided with another vehicle with insurers. There was also the issue of the obstruction of the pavement either side and again this was contrary to the Highway Code and could be enforced by traffic police. PCSO Donnison was updated on efforts to establish a Speedwatch group in the village with a recruitment campaign to be launched in the February edition of the 'Bridge'.

AGENDA

1. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE QUORUM**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Scott Beeby. Cllr Harris advised his fellow Councillors that he had to leave early and requested that the Agenda item regarding the Sports Pavilion be brought forward. This was agreed.
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 26th October 2023**
It was proposed by Cllr Light by Cllr Connor and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th October 2023 be approved as a true record and duly signed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)** No matters arising.

AGENDA ITEM 6 (c) dealt with at this point. Concerns over the use of the Pavilion by the Football Club

In the course of the annual service it had been discovered that the alarm had not only been left unset for a considerable length of time but had been tampered with and disabled and was no longer functioning. It was going to cost a considerable sum to repair, and it was possible the entire system would have to be replaced. The Clerk had contacted the Football Club who denied any knowledge of this issue in a lengthy e mail to the clerk. They had however mentioned that on some occasions

the alarm had not been set as there was an issue with it being activated by severe winds. It was confirmed that the only key holders were Cllr. Harris, Brewer and Joynson as well as the Football team. Councillors were extremely concerned and regarded this to be a very serious breach of the condition of hiring the pavilion. It was an insurance requirement that there was an active alarm system in operation that was activated when the building was not in use. It was noted that this had not been the only concern with lights regularly being left on and the building left in an unacceptable state. It was noted that there was no representative from the club even though they had been invited so the Council could only consider the e mail response. Councillors were keen to facilitate the football club continuing to use the Pavilion, but it was imperative that the rules of the agreement were adhered to. The Chairman proposed that the football club would be informed of the costs when available to repair the alarm system. These costs should be met by the club. Councillors agreed as an exceptional matter the contract would not be cancelled but the club placed on probation until April 2024 and made aware of the revised terms and conditions to apply during this period.

RESOLVED That the clerk contact the Football Club and relay the Council's profound concerns about the alarm being left unset. In addition to set out the probation period would see monitoring of the building being made by Councillors and any concerns such as the leaving of lights being notified. In the event that the alarm, when operation being left deactivated would result in the immediate termination of the agreement and the club being asked to vacate. The club need to signify its acceptance of these terms in writing. Cllr Childs and Joynson agreed to act as liaison and Cllr. Harris and Brewer continue to be points of contact for access to the pavilion. All Councillors agreed this course of action.

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/2023/03445 Proposal: Sever the plot and erect a new detached dwelling with associated access and parking. Location: 8 Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorset, DT2 8BS - Refusal on the grounds of land ownership of the property access which appeared to be an infringement of the public right of way that had been in existence for many years. The proposals were considered to be an over development of the site and encroaching on the neighbour's enjoyment of their properties. There were concerns on the ease of access for emergency vehicles.
- b) Planning Application P/VOC/2023/04760 Proposal: Mineral extraction and progressive restoration to agriculture and woodland including the erection of a processing plant, concrete batching plant, workshop, office and weighbridge (with variation of conditions 3, 4 and 15 of planning permission 1/E/2005/0742 to revise the approved phasing of working, extend the duration of the development and allow importation of mineral and processing of mineral from extension site). Location: Woodsford Quarry, Dorchester, DT2 8FR. Suggest enforcement of operators licence and silencers on the vehicles on site
- c) Planning Application P/VOC/2023/04761 Proposal: Formation of silt lagoons to serve existing processing plant at Woodsford Quarry with site restoration to agricultural use (application reference WD/D/18/002648) as upheld at appeal for non-determination (appeal reference APP/D1265/W/19/3232596) (with variation of conditions 3, 5, 7 and 9 to extend the duration of the development and associated scheme submission dates). Location: Woodsford Quarry, Dorchester, DT2 8FR – Suggest more rigorous enforcement of operator's licence and more robust measures to reduce the noise level of the site machinery and vehicles.
- d) Planning Application P/FUL/2023/04753 Proposal: Extension to Woodsford Quarry for the winning and working of sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture, waterbodies and

wetlands for nature conservation. Location: Woodsford Quarry, Dorchester, DT2 8AZ. Suggest more rigorous enforcement of operator's licence and more robust measures to reduce the noise level of the site machinery and vehicles. Planning application P/RES/2023/06531 Proposal: Reserved matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following the grant of outline planning permission number 1/D/13/001112 - Plot 54, 20 Shepperd's View - Change from 3 storey Dorset Barn to 2 storey Dorset Barn Location: Plot 54, 20 Shepperd's View, Silverlake, Warmwell Quarry, DT2 8GW No comments.

- e) Planning application P/NMA/2023/06832 Proposal: Non-material amendment to planning permission WD/D/17/002760 (Approval of reserved matters application in relation to Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for outline application WD/D/14/002768 : Construction of 49 homes, 8 commercial units (Use class B1), parking, access and landscaping) - amendments to plans for house 23 and house 24. Location: Land adjacent Oaklands Park (Devit Drive), Warmwell Road – No comments

6. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Crossways Residents Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7.00 – 8.30 pm – Wessex internet.

RESOLVED that The Chairman was working with Wessex Internet to accommodate the meeting.

- b) Temporary Closure of Woodsford Road, Woodsford – At Woodsford Level Crossing No. 37 – Operation 16 December 2023 and remain in force for 5 days. **RESOLVED Councillors noted the closure.**

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) The Clerk had distributed the Proposed (Precept) Budget for the financial year 2024 – 2025 to Councillors for information. Each item had been considered. It was therefore proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Connor to precept for £63,906.00 All councillors were in favour. **APPROVED BY COUNCIL.** The Clerk was commended by the Chairman and Councillors for her work on the precept.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Childs reported vehicles are now parking on the road and no longer in the Library car park.
- b) Cllr Clippingdale would provide an article for The Bridge Magazine before 20 January to go in the February edition regarding the desire to set a Community Speed Watch team

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 25th January 2024.

Proposal was by Cllr. Childs, seconded by Cllr. Joynson for the delegation of powers to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the period of the Christmas and New Year recess of the Council. There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input, He also thanked all for their continued support during the past year and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m

Signed.....Chairman.....2024

