

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28th March 2024 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr David Harris, Cllr David Clippingdale, Cllr Gary Childs and Cllr Terrie Connor

5 members of the public

Cllr Brewer paid tribute to Karan Harris and Former Council Chairman, Gerald Napper. Karan was remembered for her support of the Youth Centre and village events. Gerald had been an effective Chairman and a powerful advocate for Crossways. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Ireland provided a full report to the Council on Dorset Council matters. Councillors are working hard to improve housing stock and make more homes available in Dorset. It was identified that affordable homes were needed. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom>

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. Cllr Brewer confirmed PCSO Alison Donnison would attend the coffee morning on Friday 10 May 10.30 - 12. He had received an update on the recent spate of thefts made from vans in Empool, Mount Skippet, Old Farm and Bingham's Road. 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 S Beeby, Cllr R Light and Cllr G Joynson.
2. **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – No decisions will be made on issues raised, items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
A member of the public made enquiries about the land ownership near Combe Way Play area. The Chairman quickly gave a precis of the known history of the thoroughfare and its ownership. The Clerk would contact Dorset Council to ensure they are aware of their responsibility regarding the trees. Several residents had concerns over the safety of the trees and in particular residents' vehicles parked under the trees. Cllr Ireland confirmed he would also contact Steve Maros, Dorset Council to understand liability.
A resident asked if the road near Mount Skippet Way was still on Dorset Council's remedial list for maintenance. Dorset Highways are going to forward an up-to-date remedial list.
There was comment on the recent road re-surfacing and the Chairman urged that residents report these to the Dorset Council website. Cllr Ireland confirmed that he had received feedback as well.
3. **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.
4. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25 January 2024**
It was proposed by Cllr Clippingdale seconded by Cllr Childs and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 January 2024 be approved as a true record and duly signed.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**
6. **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/VOC/2023/00626 Proposal: Erect 9.no dwellings (with variation of condition 2 of panning permission WD/D/19/002574 to amend dwelling elevations and create drainage basin) Location: Former Council Depot, Redbridge Lane, Crossways. DT8 8DU.
- b) Planning application P/FUL/2023/03982Proposal: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. Submission forwarded to Dorset Council.
- c) Planning application P/HOU/2023/07360 2 Dukes Court, 14 Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorchester. DT2 8BS – Proposal single storey side extension. Objection submitted.
- d) Planning application P/FUL/2024/00683 8 Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorset DT2 8BS. Proposal severs the plot and erect a new detached dwelling with associated access and parking. Object on grounds of access, traffic and restricting public access.
- e) Pre-Planning Application Consultation – Proposed Installation of telecoms apparatus at West Link Road, Crossways, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8GS (NGR: E:376500 N:088380), EE Site Ref: 39444. In principle in agreement but would like to see the apparatus camouflaged as much as possible to help conceal the installation from the community and households nearby.

7. ITEMS

- a) Update from the Chairman regarding Pavilion maintenance – alarm system
Cllr Brewer updated on the new alarm system which is now installed and can be operated by an app on Councillors mobile phones. Cllr Brewer, Cllr Beeby, Cllr Harris and Cllr Joynson are all able to use the system with their own unique code. Instructions and codes issued to Football team. Cllr Brewer has the master code. **Councillors accepted** the new system.
- b) Have your say to help shape travel across Dorset –Find out more and complete the survey <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/.../local-transport-plan-4>survey closes on 3 March 2024 any questions contact LTP@DorsetCouncil.gov.uk.
Clerk distributed to all councillors for their attention.
- c) Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Rescue Authority. Draft plan www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-csp-2024-28-consultation. The Clerk had distributed to all Councillors for their attention.
- d) Election of Councillors - Councillors had completed their nomination papers and the clerk would deliver to County Hall. **Councillors confirmed** nominations were completed.
- e) Wessex Internet – Installations are on hold due to the inclement weather and requests from land owners to hold to avoid unnecessary damage. Scheduled to go live late Summer 2024. Christine O'Grady will arrange another drop-in session for the community to attend.
Councillors accepted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

9. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

- a) Finances - documents circulated prior to the meeting. **APPROVED BY COUNCIL** the payments below since the last meeting and to noted receipts.

Expenditure since 25 January 2024

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
06/02/2024	128	Fireline Limited	Site attendance and portable fire extinguisher testing for Sports Pavilion	£87.72	£14.62
07/02/2024	129	Legg & Son	Bus shelter cleansing - Invoice 62915	£67.88	£11.31
07/02/2024	130	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£44.02	£2.09

12/02/2024	131	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
20/02/2024	132	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - January 2024	£62.64	£0.00
21/02/2024	133	British Gas	Gas Bill - pavilion	£232.80	£11.08
29/02/2024	139	DAPTC	Online Training - Emma Selway (Canva Design Basics - 5/12/2023)	£30.00	£0.00
01/03/2024	140	Water2Business	Water bill	£103.84	£0.00
05/03/2024	141	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Tree work (various trees - T10,T19,T29,T27,T54,T97,T99,T112 + 5 other items) - Invoice 4673 dated 3/3/24	£3,246.00	£541.00
05/03/2024	142	Central Southern Security Ltd	25% deposit on alarm system - Invoice 198761 (Ref CORS4001)	£298.50	£49.75
08/03/2024	143	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£44.77	£2.13
14/03/2024	144	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
20/03/2024	145	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - February 2024	£41.76	£0.00
20/03/2024	146	Central Southern Security Ltd	75% final on alarm system - Invoice 199135 (Ref CORS4001)	£895.50	£149.25
22/03/2024	147	British Gas	Gas Bill - pavilion	£199.27	£9.49
25/03/2024	148	Woodsford Farms	Allotment Rental	£50.00	£0.00
26/03/2024	154	Crossways Village Hall Management Committee	Village Hall hire for July'23 to March '24 (8 meetings @ £25)	£200.00	£0.00
TOTALS				£5,620.70	£790.72

Income since 25 January 2024

08/02/2024	Allotment rent (Plot 7 2024)	£	12.00
11/02/2024	Allotment rent (Plot 11 2024)	£	10.00
16/02/2024	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	3.45
22/02/2024	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	31.52
10/03/2024	Allotment rent	£	10.00
16/03/2024	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	3.23
22/03/2024	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	29.54
Total income		£	<u>99.74</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 52,837.28 *

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 75,898.77

Account balances as at 28 March 2024

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£ 19,193.55
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£ 63,759.22 *
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,100.83
Total balance	<u>£ 95,733.83</u>

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Youth Club report confirmed the organisation is running well, more support would be welcomed by energetic individuals.
- b) Friends of Crossways Library has now closed as there were no volunteers for the committee and no perceived role for this group.
- c) Spitfire Club is operating and looking for more support.
- d) Village Hall report - Cllr Brewer reported on the condition of the roof on the Village Hall. There is a lot of evidence of activity on the roof by the number of bottles and litter present. The flat roof was seriously cracked, and work will need to be done to make the building watertight. The Committee, in conjunction with the owner's executors would be looking at how to extend the lifetime of the fabric and may need to call a public meeting. Councillors agreed that the previous publicity for a brand-new building meant that there was a lack of concern for the current building. However, the associated development for the new hall and its timing within the scheme meant that this was now many years in the future.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr Brewer reported the Village Post Office was closed on the 4 March 2024. Cllr Brewer wished the outgoing Postmaster and his family all the best.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 26 April 2024.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.21 pm

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