

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd May 2024 at 7.10 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Dave Harris (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Scott Beeby, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr D Clippingdale and Cllr Gary Childs
5 members of the public
Cllr Nick Ireland

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Councillors were updated by members of the public on COVID jab centres, problems experienced and where to receive the best service. (Post meeting note) Cllr Ireland forwarded a clinics list. It was reported that a tree belonging to the Council within the Memorial Park was being cut back without permission by a member of the community. Councillors acknowledged this was vandalism and a letter would be forwarded to the homeowner. It was also recorded that several trees behind Bingham's Road needed some maintenance. It was agreed the clerk would contact the tree surgeons.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Ireland gave a full report to Councillors.

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Cllr Ireland had supported the council over the Combe Way Tree ownership concerns. Email correspondence would be forwarded to all Councillor to outline the arguments being made between the Parish and County Council. The Chairman confirmed the Council's insurance had been informed of the situation that the Council would have a 'due diligence' defence in the event of a claim being made. Councillors were advised that the Land Registry had been informed six months ago to remove the 'caution'. The Chairman had shared plans and history of the area with Cllr Ireland and Dorset Council providing evidence of how this section of land had originally been a 'highway', severed by the development in the 1970s and had been forgotten and was not adopted by any authority to maintain and take responsibility for. The Clerk and Chairman will continue to liaise with Dorset Council and Magna Housing until a resolution is achieved. Cllr Ireland confirmed that, in his view, the trees would be the responsibility of Dorset Council if they became a hazard or a danger.

Mobile scooters now have new regulations for storing them due to being battery operated. This causing issues for some residents of Crossways Court.

Silverlake have provided the land as a permissive footpath and Councillor Ireland has asked that Dorset Council have the path dedicated as a cycleway/bridleway. This in place of the obligation to provide land for a new road in place of the railway crossing to Lewell stretch of the current C road. This has been frustrated by lack of funds to construct and every chance that if no action taken, the land would revert back to Habitat. They have mitigated this situation with the new nature reserve area.

Councillor Brewer recorded the Council's thanks for the assistance received during his term of office and wished Cllr Ireland well in the coming elections. Cllr Ireland, in return congratulated all the Councillors for being re-elected unopposed.

REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER. PCSO Alison Donnison provided full report to Councillors available on request from the clerk.

AGENDA

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Joynson and Cllr Connor.

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
declared. Nothing

3. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28th March 2024.**

It was proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Childs approved unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th March 2024 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.

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/VOC/2024/02216 Proposal: Erection of a Spa, restaurant, alfresco area, bin stores, plant/ ancillary buildings, communal areas, landscape, car park and associated infrastructure (the country club) (reserved matters (P/RES/2022/02437) with variation of conditions 1 and 3 to amend the layout as follows: to relocate the Spa and Restaurant buildings; to include a Lido and Restaurant within the Alfresco area; to relocate the north eastern treatment facilities; and associated landscape and infrastructure changes. Location: Lake 5, Silverlake, Warmwell Road, Crossways. Support

- b) Planning application P/NMA/2024/02213 Proposal: Non material amendment - amend boat store increasing length by 1.5m and installing glazed doors to north elevation and construct associated path - to planning permission P/RES/2023/03775 (Reserved Matters application following grant of Outline Planning Permission 1/D/13/001112 to determine appearance, landscape, layout and scale of the proposed amendments to the permitted Dorset Barn GFL (3 storeys) to Dorset Barn GFL (2 storeys) in relation to Plot 19 Overton Island.). Location: 19 Overton Island, Silverlake, Warmwell Road, Crossways. DT2 8GG. Support

6. **AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Update on Ownership of Combe Way trees

RESOLVED that this matter had been discussed in the public discussion period as residents had raised their concerns.

- b) Elections

The Clerk confirmed she had now received most of the NIL return election expenses forms.

RESOLVED NIL return forms would all be returned to County Hall by the end of May. The Clerk encouraged all Councillors to click on the ROI link and update the Register of Interest form after the 7 May 2024.

7. **FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS**

- a) ACCOUNTS YEAR END MARCH 2024 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 Harris and seconded by Cllr Childs, and all raised their hands 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.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Harris reported that the Youth Club was still operating but were experiencing problems in recruiting new Trustees. This had implications in the agreement with Dorset Council by which the centre operated.
- b) Village Hall Report – Cllr Brewer updated Councillors on his concerns over the lack of lease left on the village hall and how this impacted on applying for grants and funding. Cllr Brewer’s correspondence to the former agent, Robin Barbour has now been forwarded to Michael Williams. The Committee are now looking at alternatives to ensure the building remains fit for purpose. The committee are also considering the secondary hall as a possible alternative for meetings.
- c) The Bridge Donations are now coming in from the community and every penny counts and helps with supporting the production of the magazine.
- d) The Church – Cllr Light was concerned that the numbers of people attending church were dwindling. Keeping the community engaged with religious matters was becoming increasingly more difficult.

9. 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 23rd May 2024

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed..... (Chairman).....2024