

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th June 2024 at 7.00 P.M.

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

5 members of the public

AGENDA

1. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE QUORUM**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Beeby. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.
2. **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – A resident asked for an update on the recent incident near Warmwell on Saturday evening at the Caravan Park. Cllr Brewer was unable to provide any further information other than that already in the public domain. He confirmed that it was important that the community didn't speculate but shared any facts with Dorset Police. He also expressed, on behalf of the council, his sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.
3. **REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** The Clerk had distributed the report forwarded from PCSO Alison Donnison. Councillors noted the incidents and raised concerns about a gentleman living in a van near the Doctors Surgery. Residents were encouraged to report Police matters to enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk.
4. **REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – Cllr Ireland gave his apologies. Cllr Brewer gave an update on the planning matters in Crossways after consultation with Cllr Ireland. It seemed likely that if there was a change of Government on 5 July that the building of houses would become a pressing issue. Noting the permissions already granted for two sizeable developments it was likely that Crossways would be high on the list for consideration for building. Connected with this was the provision of the new Village Hall and Health Centre and the deterioration of the existing building. The Village Hall has been collecting newspapers and magazines to try and earn some extra finance. There was no longer any value in the paper, and they had been left with a large quantity and facing a potential bill for its disposal. Councillors shared the disappointment of the lack of recycling in spite of all the emphasis on becoming greener. Cllr Ireland is looking into how large quantities of papers can be disposed of without incurring additional costs. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom>
5. **RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda below, including. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that members may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
None.
6. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS**
It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Light and all were in favour of Cllr Gary Joynson becoming Councillor.
7. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23 May 2024**
It was proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Light and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 May 2024 be approved as a true record and duly signed.
8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**
Cllr Gary Childs handed over the responsibility of the Football Club to Cllr Gary Joynson. He would now be supporting the new Manager Daniel Carter. The Chairman to set up account for Cllr. Childs on Pavilion alarm system and issue key and alarm fob.

9. 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/NMA/2024/02979 Proposal: Non material amendment - deletion of condition 1a to planning permission P/NMA/2023/04515 (non-material amendment to conditions 1, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 23 to allow planning permission WD/D/20/000673 (Residential development of up to 140 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing) together with associated infrastructure, access onto Frome Valley Road, children's play space, landscaping and creation of a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space ("SANGS") (means of access to be determined only) (with variation of conditions 9 and 10 of planning permission WD/D/19/001447 - to amend the wording of the conditions)) to be phased). Location: Land West of Frome Valley Road, Crossways. Cllr. Connor queried the 'children's play area'. It was understood that this did not refer to a further equipped playground. This to be clarified in due course and noted that the Parish Council was not obliged to adopt any area of land (With or without a 'dowry').

10. ITEMS

- a) Proposals for the future of the gym equipment on the Sport's Field
Councillors had noted that the equipment was not being used but weren't sure if this was due to condition. Due to the RoSPA inspection highlighting a substantial amount of maintenance to the play areas in Crossways, Councillors agreed the priority was to get the existing areas maintained before considering purchasing new equipment. This would be considered in the future plans for Crossways and be part of an action plan.
COUNCIL APPROVED the equipment to be removed with the concrete bases and the surface made good.
- b) Quotation received from Vita Play Ltd for Spitfire Close and Skate Park – Council to approve.
COUNCIL APPROVED the quotation with the following alterations.
Removal of the bin but no replacement.
Confirmation of where the existing gates are stored. Goal posts no longer required and Councillors to check the condition of the baseball boards.
- c) Update on Wessex Internet provision
The Chairman confirmed he had recently spoken to Wessex Internet. Councillors were frustrated that there was no progress and a lack of transparency. Cllr Childs confirmed he was aware of a backlog of work. The Chairman confirmed he would feed back to the Wessex Internet.
- d) Update on the new Football Club management team and grant for new goal posts
Cllr Joynson, Cllr Childs, and The Chairman have all met with the new Manager, Daniel Carter. All Councillors were delighted with the work that has been carried out to the goal mouth and were encouraged by the club's actions so far. The Council were keen to see regular reports and details of fixtures in the Parish Magazine.
- e) Update on Crossways Services
The Village Librarian has now changed, and Crossways now has two new contacts. Cllr Childs is in touch with both Librarians. He reported the Library service is looking to share resources but unfortunately been unable to attend the online briefing as clashed with the Parish Council meeting.
Cllr Clippingdale reported that the Pharmacy at the Surgery was not closing but changing partners. Cllr Clippingdale confirmed the partnership is in the process of changing and supplies may be low due to stocktaking. All involved are trying to minimise the disruption to customers. Councillors were pleased to note that there was to be no change to the services enjoyed by residents and would continue to monitor developments.
- f) Purbeck Local Plan Inspector's final report -
It is intended that the Council will consider and adopt the plan on 18 July 2024. The Inspectors' report can be found online at [Purbeck Local Plan - latest news - Dorset Council](#). A

final version of the plan, including the modifications, and local plan policies maps will be published in due course the community to attend.

- g) Combe Trees update - Cllr Ireland forwarded an email to confirm the land is unregistered, DC will make an enquiry to Land Registry to see if transfer is feasible, however given we haven't been managing it to date and the public have had continued use for a sustained period, I'm not sure how successful that might be. (Out of interest, you asked about a "*caution against registration*"; this includes a means of protecting an interest in unregistered land - in this case, I suspect the 'interest' refers to the play area previously installed by a developer).
Countryside will undertake a risk assessment of the trees and area with a view to establishing a maintenance regime going forward.
Councillors were pleased to have a response from Dorset Council and encouraged that a risk assessment of the area would now be carried out. This would reassure the community. It was noted that the 'caution' had been placed by Crossways Parish Council in order that they would be notified of any potential developments on land near one of its play parks. However, as previously agreed this has been removed but there is a backlog at the Land Registry.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. 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 note receipts.

Expenditure since 23 May 2024

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
27/05/2024	21	The Bridge	Annual donation to The Bridge Magazine	£500.00	£0.00
27/05/2024	22	Gallagher Insurance	Annual Insurance - Hiscox Insurance Co Ltd - Contract Number 9658148 - 01/06/24 to 30/05/25	£2,572.39	£0.00
27/05/2024	23	Playsafe Limited	Annual inspection of Clyffe View, Spitfire Close, & Sports Field - Invoice #79210 - Account CROSS002	£379.20	£63.20
10/06/2024	29	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£42.13	£2.00
10/06/2024	30	Andrew C Down	Pavilion - downpipe repair	£45.00	£0.00
12/06/2024	31	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
21/06/2024	32	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - May 2024	£43.86	£0.00
TOTALS				£3,590.58	£65.20

Income since 23 May 2024

16/06/2024	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£	3.47
22/06/2024	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£	31.73

Total income	£ 35.20
Total Expenditure this Financial Year	£ 13,744.61
Total Income this Financial Year	£ 34,003.48
Account balances as at 27 Jun 2024	
A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£ 19,287.55
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£ 83,421.17
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,111.12
Total balance	£ 104,820.37

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Harris provided a report to Council regarding the Youth Club.
- b) Village Hall report - Cllr Brewer reported on the village hall. The Chairman advised that the village hall committee were trying to finalise the new lease rather than relying on the current 'gentleman's agreement'. Whilst no concerns over this it did present a problem in applying for any grant aid to maintain the current structure. Cllr Brewer was prepared to negotiate with the owners. The new village hall must replace the existing and enhance facilities making provision for the increased population that the additional developments would generate.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr Connor proposed that the wooden posts in Woodsford Close should be removed. She had now had an opportunity to consult with the contractor who agreed. All Councillors were in favour. **COUNCIL APPROVED** the removal.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

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