

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 25th July 2024 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr David Harris, Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr R Light, Cllr S Beeby (left at 8.10 pm) and Cllr Terrie Connor

4 members of the public

AGENDA

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Clippingdale and Cllr G Joynson . The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – A resident asked if Dick o' th Banks Road vegetation could be cut back. Councillors noted that turning right out of Dick o' th Banks Road driving to Dorchester on the B3390 you need to take extra care when pulling out. It was agreed it was not only verge cutting but also overgrown hedges. Residents were informed that the overgrown hedges were the responsibility of the landowners. The Clerk to report to Dorset Council to enforce the cutting back to enable motorists to see the traffic signs.

It was noted that traffic signs are no longer cleaned by Dorset Council and their definition of visibility/legibility of these signs may differ from those of the Parish Council. It was perfectly possible that the Council could have these signs cleaned but the costs would have to be met from the Parish precept. Cllr. Harris felt that this was 'double taxation' Cllr. Connor commented that the Dick O'Th Banks sign at the B3390 end was still missing, and this was down to a backlog of work with Dorset Council and the changing priorities with their budgets. The Clerk explained this to Councillors and had been advised that it could be up to two years for this sign to be replaced. Again, the Parish Council, if they felt it was important could have this done sooner paid from its own resources.

A resident raised an issue about the amount of work required to keep the Memorial gardens tidy. He thanked the contractor for his work. It was also noted that the benches need maintenance. The Chairman stated that the contractor was given a specification and then priced according to that rather than the Council specifying number of hours/cuts. The present contractor kindly operates an 'as and when' approach meaning the Council benefits from additional cuts if they are needed, set against years when they are not. It was not possible to maintain all open spaces to the same standard as a public garden and some allowance is given to maintaining areas for nature conservation.

It was confirmed that the Chairman's comments at the last meeting were not relating to Combe Way Play Area but to Combe Way as a whole.

It was noted that Dick O'Th Banks into Green Lane corner also had visibility issues due to vegetation being overgrown.

3. REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER The Clerk had distributed the report forwarded from PCSO Alison Donnison. Residents were encouraged to report to the Police enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

4. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR – There was some discussion on the funding of services that were provided by Dorset Council and could be funded by the Parish precept. He had been alerted by the Chairman of potential proposals coming from Nexus Planning on behalf of Woodsford Farms. Despite assurances that Nexus would respond to his enquiries this had not happened. Cllr Ireland reported that a response had been received regarding Combe Way Trees from Dorset Council Officer. The response was not conclusive,

so Cllr Ireland was pushing for a further update. Cllr Ireland reported on matters within the village updating Councillors on development proposals. Bingham's Road will be patched in August 2024 and the resurfaced for 2025. Cllr Harris asked why the promised resurfacing of Mount Skippet Way had not occurred and Cllr. Ireland to ask about this. A patch of land at the bottom of Clouds Hill which was overgrown has now cutback and added to the Dorset Council grass cutting schedule. <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. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27 June 2024**

It was proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Light and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 June 2024 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**

8. **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/RES/2024/03963 Proposal: Reserved matters for the approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale of Plots 48-51b Shepperd's View of the Silverlake development, including change of unit type, relocation of ancillary store, inclusion of cycle store and changes to the landscape in relation to Outline approval 1/D/13/001112 Location: Plot 48-51b, Postcode 1-4, Shepperd's View, Silverlake, Crossways
- b) 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
- c) 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
- d) 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.
- e) To consider the Dorset Council Local Plan - Nexus Planning on behalf of Hallam Land Management -

The reason for the above application is due to the perspective exhibition and a reminder to Councillors.

- f) Planning application P/NMA/2024/04043Proposal: Non material amendment - Amendment to Condition 11 to insert wording 'above damp proof course' to planning permission WD/D/20/000673 (Residential development of up to 140 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing) together with associated Major 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). Location: Land West of Frome Valley Road, Crossways. Noted.

9. ITEMS

- a) Announcing a meeting for Neighbourhood Watch Area – Bingham's Road. Thursday 1st August 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. <https://www.dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/neighbourhood-watch/>
Cllr Joynson was running this initiative.
- b) Chairman to update on Wessex Internet proposal
The Chairman had contacted Wessex Internet and confirmed there was no further update. The scheme is currently being reconsidered. The Council to be updated when any decision is made.
- c) Adoption of New Model Financial Regulations – The Clerk had distributed a copy of the financial regulations to all Councillors for information. Councillors approved and agreed to adopt the circulated financial regulations. Website to be updated.
- d) Replacement on Memorial Benches. One of the benches had recently been vandalised to the point where it was unusable and the other two had deteriorated, This was as much down to the materials used and the exposure to the elements. There was discussion on possible replacement benches and Councillors expressed a preference for recycled materials.
Councillor Harris proposed that all three seats be removed, and quotations sought. Clerk to obtain quotations for removal of all three seats and replace with two new recycled benches, making good the surface. These quotations to be circulated to Councillors during the recess in order that a decision can be made so the benches are replaced by Remembrance Sunday. Clerk to keep councillors updated.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

11. 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 27 June 2024

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
03/07/2024	38	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£33.33	£1.59

06/07/2024	39	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Invoice 4753 - 4/7/24 - T34, T35, T36, T37, T38 crowning, , removal and/or stump grinding	£2,934.00	£489.00
13/07/2024	40	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
16/07/2024	41	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Jun 2024	£96.72	£0.00
21/07/2024	42	Central Southern Security	Invoice number 201188 (107-2024) additional fob sent to Cllr Brewer	£12.50	£2.08
TOTALS				£3,084.55	£492.67

Income since 27 June 2024

16/06/2024	Interest (A/C 11726560)	£ 3.37
22/07/2024	Interest (A/C 41408887)	£ 30.75
Total income		<u>£ 34.12</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 19,401.45

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 34,132.36

Account balances as at 25 July 2024

A/C 41408887 - Money Manager Account	£ 19,318.30
A/C 41408879 - Community Account	£ 77,814.86
A/C 11726560 - Sports Field account	<u>£ 2,114.49</u>
Total balance	<u>£ 99,247.55</u>

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.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- Cllr Harris provided a report. It was noted that the youth centre door had been "egged". Fortunately, the Club has CCTV and would be investigating and taking action.
- Village Hall report – The PCSO has been informed of anti-social behaviour near the village hall. This has included fly tipping which the hall was unable to have collected by Dorset Council as the car park is classified as private land. Residents were urged to keep monitoring any activity in the area and report to the authorities. The hall had been forced to stop its newspaper and magazine recycling scheme after many years and the residual paper has now been taken away at a charge of £160.00 to the hall.
Cllr Brewer updated on the village hall lease and the continued about the future of the hall. He was concerned that a developer might try to get out of replacing the hall if it was not used. Cllr. Connor asked if the hall could be precepted for and the Clerk confirmed this was a possibility. Cllr Brewer to keep Councillors updated about the condition of the hall and the

implications to the village if the hall was no longer available for public use. It was noted that the costs of remedial repairs and essential maintenance could be considerable. Contact had been made with the owner of the hall who advised of an upcoming meeting with the promoters of the land for the development of 500 houses to the south of Warmwell Road which includes the provision of a new hall. Whilst a new lease has not been ruled out it had been agreed to await the outcome of the meeting before proceeding further.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 26 September 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

POWERS DURING THE SUMMER BREAK DELEGATED TO CLLR BREWER and CLLR HARRIS

Proposed Cllr Childs , Seconded Cllr Connor

ALL AGREED

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