

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

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr David Harris, Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr David Clippingdale, Cllr G Joynson and Cllr Terrie Connor
2 members of the public
Cllr Nick Ireland – County Councillor

AGENDA

1. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE QUORUM**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Beeby. Councillors accepted the apology. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.
2. **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**
A member of the public expressed concerns about the number of potholes that were appearing in the village. The Clerk would get the locations from the resident and report on the Highways website. Reports can be made of any highway problems to the highway report a problem website. <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole>
It was also noted that the 40-mph sign had also been hit on the links road. Clerk to report. Concerns were also expressed about the number of traffic signs that required cleaning. It was acknowledged that some of the highway signs were extremely dirty and were becoming unreadable. Cllr Joynson agreed to take pictures of the signs in the village and pass to the clerk to upload onto the highway system. Dorset Council would only clean signs if they were 70% illegible.
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 –**
Cllr Ireland reported that the new Council Plan would be passed next week. Below are links to full reports. Working age population is decreasing. Older population is increasing. Providing more homes and hopefully the Council will be providing more homes for those who are vulnerable. A new local plan should be completed by 2027.
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/introduction-from-the-leader-dorset-council-plan-2024-draft>
<https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/s42969/Appendix%201%20-%20Draft%20Council%20Plan%202024%20-%202029.pdf>
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 31 October 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Light and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 October 2024 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY) No matters arising.

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/HOU/2024/06297 Proposal: Erect a side extension. Location Silverlake, 19 Shepperds View, Warmwell Road. Support
- b) P/HOU/2024/06035 Proposal: Retention of rear extension (replacing pre-existing rear extension). Location: 35 Bingham's Road, Crossways, DT2 8BW. Support
- c) Planning application P/RES/2024/06424 Proposal: Reserved matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout & scale of Phases 15 to 19 of Silverlake - comprising 161 holiday homes, boat stores, bin stores, ancillary buildings, communal buildings and areas, tennis court, communal jetty and associated landscape and infrastructure including parking and access roads following the grant of Outline planning permission number 1/D/13/00112 Location: Phases 15-19 Silverlake, Crossways. DT2 8WD. Support
- d) Planning application P/TRT/2024/06818 Proposal: Beech (T1) – Fell Location: 5 Egdon Glen, Crossways, DT2 8BQ. No Objections

9. ITEMS

- a) Possible presentation by Wessex Internet in January 2025
The Chairman reported he had received a recent update from Wessex Internet. Work has started in Crossways and Councillors were aware of some progress. All enquiries to www.wessexinternet.com or 0333 240 7997.
- b) Nameplate sign report to Community Highways Officer (CHO) – Dick o' Th Banks sign added to Dorset Council list.
The **COUNCIL APPROVED** to wait until Dorset Council replaced.
- c) Pavilion update and football club update.
The Chairman reported that the Pavilion washing facilities were now all working and maintained. **COUNCIL APPROVED** the invoice for the works. The TV has still not been removed from the Pavilion. The Chairman will liaise with Mr Parrott regarding the garage door. The Council debated the use of portable flood lights. The Council were prepared to consider but not to purchase at this time. Cllr Childs report the team were looking to build the club.

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. **COUNCIL APPROVED** the payments below since the last meeting and to note receipts.
- b) To approve the bank reconciliation – **COUNCIL APPROVED** – signed by Cllr Harris and Cllr Brewer.
- c) **PRECEPT 2025 – 2026**
The Clerk had distributed the Proposed Precept Budget for the financial year 2025 – 2026 to Councillors for consideration. Each item had been considered. It was therefore proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Light to precept for £65,707.00. All councillors were in favour **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**. The Clerk was commended by the Chairman and Councillors for her work on the precept. Full precept figures attached.
- e) Non-standard Invoices received since 31st October to be approved.

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COUNCIL APPROVED payments

13/11/2024	Reimbursement to Chairman – purchase of Pavilion Keys	£	27.00
23/11/2024	Village Hall Rent	£	250.00
27/11/2024	Steve Manuel – half yearly shrub cutting.	£	850.00
27/11/2024	Steve Manuel – Removing wooden bollards around Woodsford Close	£	300.00

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

- a) The Chairman reported the Revd Gemma Donnell has been Rector since 2021 and is sadly now leaving the village. <https://www.crosswayschurch.org/>
- b) Headmistress at Frome Valley School is Retiring from Frome Valley School. Clerk to establish contact with the school and again provide Cllr Connor's details.
- c) Youth Club had placed a new bench and it was now attracting rubbish. It has now been agreed to reposition the bench.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Maisie Fowler will be 100 years young on the 26 December 2024. Councillors approved The Chairman to purchase flowers £25 - £30 from the Council.
- b) Cllr Child was keen to promote the Dorset Police details to encourage residents to share and report incidents in the village.
<https://www.dorset.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
Details could be included in The Bridge Magazine. enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk.
- c) Cllr Joynson reported that the Crossways Court residents were keen to hear what progress is being made with the trees near Combe Way. The Clerk confirmed a site meeting would be held with The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Giles Nicholson, Dorset Council.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 30 January 2025.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.29 pm.

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