

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 January 2025 at 7.00 P.M.

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

Cllr Brewer announced at the beginning of the meeting that Wessex Internet were unable to attend this evening's meeting. Councillors would consider if they still wished the company to make a presentation at a future meeting.

AGENDA

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Scott Beeby. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Residents expressed concerns about inconsiderate and illegal parking generally but specifically in Pauls Way. The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) had been informed of damage caused to the verge due to illegally parked vehicles. DWP would be re-routing the collection to avoid in future. The Clerk would advise the resident concerned that the parking was inappropriate. It was also noted that parking within 10 metres (32 feet) near a junction is illegal. This is to enable drivers emerging from, or turning into, the junction a clear view of the road they are joining. It also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction.

Councillors fully understood and sympathised that verges had been damaged particularly those maintained by the residents (this also apparent at Woodsford Close). Clerk to report verges for reinstatement to Dorset Council.

Residents asked about the ownership of the path near Heathlands Close adjoining Combe Way towards Crossways Court (W3W replenish.agreeing.flopping). There had been incidents when windscreens had been smashed from the tree branches that overhung the Magna car park. The Chairman gave a resume on the situation and attempts to resolve the situation. The Council reported that a meeting was being organised with Dorset Council Service Manager for Environment & Greenspace. Clerk to update the resident with the outcome of the meeting in due course. **Post meeting Note** meeting arranged 4 March with Dorset Council, Magna Housing and Crossways Parish Council.

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 Council Tax would see a rise for residents. One of the causes is the Employers National Insurance has risen and this was not accounted for

in the budget. Cllr Ireland encouraged Parish Council's to raise their precepts and draw on their reserves so they could take on more work in their communities.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom/latest-news>

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 28 November 2024**

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 November 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/VOC/2024/07005 Proposal: Erect 9.no dwellings (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/VOC/2023/00626 to amend dwelling elevations and create drainage basin) - variation of condition 1 of application P/VOC/2023/00626 to amend windows, chimneys, Juliet balconies, porch and garages. Location: Former Council Depot, Redbridge Lane, Crossways.
- b) New Tree Preservation Order TPO/2024/0080 Dorset Council (Land at Egdon House, Highgate Lane, Crossways, DT2 8BT) Tree Preservation Order 2024. Noted
- c) 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. Noted
- d) Proposed Temporary Closure of Woodsford Road, Woodsford. Application received from Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd to close Woodsford Road, Woodsford from junction with Park Drive to outside 2 Higher Woodsford Cottages, Woodsford Road (in both directions). Noted

9. **ITEMS**

- a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Closure of Redbridge Road, Crossways. Councillors noted
- b) Update from Dorset Council Rights of Way regarding Combe Way - Approval of new footpath – pre application consultation – Crossways. Clerk to chase up the meeting with Head of Service for Environment and Greenspaces.

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 Brewer and Cllr. Harris.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
12/11/2024	88	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
20/11/2024	89	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Oct 2024	£96.72	£0.00
22/11/2024	90	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£20.45	£0.97
30/11/2024	96	Steve Manuel	Woodsford Close - removal of bollards	£300.00	£0.00
30/11/2024	97	Steve Manuel	Half yearly shrub cut - contract	£850.00	£0.00
30/11/2024	98	Crossways Village Hall Management Committee	Village Hall hire - April 24 to March 25 – 10 x £25	£250.00	£0.00
30/11/2024	99	Cllr A Brewer (Chairman)	Keys cut - Shoetrees receipts from 12/8/2024 - £27.00 (4.50 VAT)	£27.00	£4.50
07/12/2024	100	Enerveo Limited	Invoice #900044582 for New 100w lamp and sensor & labour for light o/s Village Hall	£300.94	£50.16
07/12/2024	101	Stuart Palmer Plumbing Limited)	Stuart Palmer - plumbing for Pavilion toilet etc - Invoice#9060	£2,066.40	£344.40
09/12/2024	102	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£29.85	£1.42
13/12/2024	103	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
16/12/2024	104	British Gas	Gas bill - pavilion	£175.79	£8.37
18/12/2024	105	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park	£96.72	£0.00

			Entrance 240ltr - Nov 2024		
21/12/2024	106	Steve Manuel	Grass cutting for July, August, September, and October plus Football pitch cut (£50) - 13-12-2024	£1,170.00	£0.00
21/12/2024	107	Apple Office Equipment Ltd	Invoice-77046 for Risograph SF5030 ex-demo printer for The Bridge	£3,600.00	£600.00
27/12/2024	113	Dorset Council	Election Recharge - Invoice 1801441754 12/12/2024	£50.00	£0.00
30/12/2024	114	DAPTC	Training - Clerk's Conference - Annual evet Oct 24 - Invoice INV-2137	£58.00	£0.00
30/12/2024	115	Legg & Son (Membury)	Bus shelter cleansing - Invoice 66938 - Account EMMASELW01	£74.68	£12.45
31/08/2025	116	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£20.76	£0.99
12/01/2025	117	HSBC	Bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
19/01/2025	118	Cllr A Brewer	Reimbursement for Stems Florist. Flowers purchased for (100th birthday)	£40.00	£0.00
20/01/2025	119	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Dec 2024	£145.08	£0.00
22/01/2025	120	British Gas	Gas bill - pavilion	£64.50	£3.07
TOTALS				£18,953.45	£1,261.82

Payments approved by Council 30 January 2025

30/01/2025 Fireline Ltd £ 91.08

Income since 16 November 2024

16/11/2024	Interest (A/C *****560)	£	3.41
22/11/2024	Interest (A/C *****887)	£	141.91
16/12/2024	Interest (A/C *****560)	£	3.29
22/12/2024	Interest (A/C *****887)	£	188.67
16/01/2025	Interest (A/C *****560)	£	3.40
22/01/2025	Interest (A/C *****887)	£	<u>195.26</u>
Total income		£	100,491.77

Total Expenditure this Financial Year £ 51,623.09

Total Income this Financial Year**£ 135,230,75****Account balances as at 30 January 2025**

A/C *****887 - Money Manager Account	£ 46,000.70
A/C *****879 - Community Account	£ 119,938.76
A/C *****560 - Sports Field account	<u>£ 2,134.94</u>
Total balance	£ 170,034.50

The Clerk has arranged for Crossways to hold a new account with Redwood Bank. The recommendation is to transfer £80,000.00, with the monthly interest accrued paid directly back into the current account. Limiting the amount to £80,000.00, the funds remain protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **COUNCIL APPROVED**

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)

- a) The Revd Gemma Donnell was leaving her post with her last service on Sunday March 2nd. The position cannot be advertised until she takes up her new post and this means there could be a considerable time until a replacement is appointed.
- b) It was noted that the new Headmistress of Frome Valley School is a temporary appointment and concern expressed that Cllr. Connor as Associate Governor had received no notification, in spite of a letter from the clerk.
- c) Youth Centre – Cllr Harris will be stepping down in August 2025 as Trustee and Chairman of the Management Committee. It was noted that the Secretary was also stepping down at that time. If Volunteers are not found the facility will close. The property reverting to Dorset Council with the potential that it could be sold for development. Crossways Parish Council to look at ways to support the centre in encouraging volunteers to come forward. In order to demonstrate that it was the wish of the electorate, the Chairman requested information on the number of Crossways residents who currently used the facilities. It was noted that Moreton Parish Council contribute in lieu of their own provision and that an approach might be made to other neighbouring Councils. It was agreed to make this an Agenda item at the next meeting.
- d) The Chairman reported he had visited the Pavilion and discovered the heating was on constant. Councillors agreed there was no action required further to the Chairman's recent email. The Chairman would organise for the locks to be repaired/replaced as necessary but that locks to the boiler cupboard door were not required at this time. Cllrs. Childs and Joynson continue to liaise with the Football team. .

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The DWP refuse bin near the Playing Field needs repair/replacement.
- b) Pauls Way – Slab near the entrance to be replaced.

- c) Clerk to inform the Football Club to contact Cllr Light with regard to notices that should be placed in the notice boards and not affixed to the fence with adhesive tape which looks unsightly.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 27 February 2025

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....2025