

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr David Harris, Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr Scott Beeby and Cllr Gary Joynson.
3 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 Terrie Connor and Cllr David Clippingdale. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident expressed concerns they had heard a rumour that Moreton Station could be moving. Cllr Brewer explained that the Council had received no proposals from Network Rail although the Council are aware of proposals that may be considered in the local plan to build a new station to facilitate development. There are no details available to the 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 Portland Incinerator received permission. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/update-government-responds-to-request-fordefra-intervention-regarding-incinerator>
Baroness Taylor has agreed to visit Dorset Council.
<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 30 January 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Light and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 January 2025 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY) Councillors were keen to sort out the keys for the Pavilion and access for the football club and provide a key safe. Cllr Brewer would liaise with the football club over

the use of keys at the Sports Pavilion with the help of Cllr Beeby. The Chairman also agreed to get the locks replaced by John Parrot.

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/NMA/2025/00662 Proposal: non-material amendment to Planning permission P/FUL/2022/01946 (Existing bungalow to be replaced with 3no. three-bedroom bungalows with off-road parking). Render wall treatment to be amended to facing brickwork and roof window serving the hall to be omitted. Location: 14A Dick O Th Banks Road, Crossways, DT2 8BH.
- b) Councillors noted the confirmation Of Tree Preservation Order TPO/2024/0058 Dorset Council (Land to the north of 1 Woodsford Close, Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8XS) Tree Preservation Order 2024
Confirmed that the provisional Tree Preservation Order was made without modifications under delegated powers on the 4 February 2025. Clerk to update Tree Audit.

9. ITEMS

- a) Sports Pavilion update and approve recent allocated works. See matters arising.

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.
- c) To receive the budget monitoring report – **COUNCIL RECEIVED** the budget monitoring report.
- d) Conclusion of Annual Audit - Notice of Conclusion of Audit year ended 31 March 2024
Clerk confirmed this was now published on the Council website. Councillors noted there were no actions to consider.
- e) The audit of accounts for Crossways Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been completed and the accounts have been published and made available to any registered elector. The Chairman recorded his thanks to the Clerk for her diligence and hard work.
- f) The Council congratulated the Clerk on achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). On a resolution the Council formally recognised the clerk's achievement. The clerk presented the changes to the Contract of Employment, highlighting the need for adjustments. The Council **APPROVED** the proposed updates to the parish clerk's contract. All in favour.

- g) On a Resolution Councillors **APPROVED** The Council adopted the General Power of Competence. The Council resolved that it meets the criteria for eligibility in relation to the electoral mandate and training of the Clerk. It was noted that further resolution must be passed at every subsequent 'relevant annual meeting' for the Council to be able to continue to exercise the Power. A 'relevant annual meeting' is the annual meeting that takes place in a year of ordinary elections, once every four years.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
01/02/2025	126	Fireline Limited	Testing and inspection - Pavilion - Invoice 94470 - 23-1-2025	£91.08	£15.18
04/02/2025	127	Redwood Bank	Crossways account - *****964 - initial transfer of £10 only (returned 5/2/2025)	£10.00	£0.00
08/02/2025	128	British Gas	Electricity bill - pavilion	£34.08	£1.62
10/02/2025	129	BDO LLP	Audit process - INV-00642015	£378.00	£63.00
19/02/2025	130	Dorset Waste Partnership (Dorset Council)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Jan 2025	£96.72	£0.00
21/02/2025	131	British Gas	Gas bill - pavilion	£73.18	£3.48
24/02/2025	132	Redwood Bank	Crossways account - *****964 - second initial transfer of £10 only (host/nominated account number change)	£10.00	£0.00
26/02/2025	139	HSBC internal transfer	Internal Transfer from Money Manager A/C into Cheque book account	£80,000.00	£0.00
26/02/2025	140	Redwood Bank	Crossways account - *****964 - transfer of £9990 only (host/nominated account number change) 2nd payment	£9,990.00	£0.00
TOTALS				£93,194.71	£83.28

Income since 30 January 2025

05/02/2025	Payment return from Redwood (A/C *****879)	£	10.00
10/02/2025	Allotment Rental Plot 7 – 2025 (S Beeby) into A/C *****879	£	12.00
10/02/2025	Allotment Rental (A Miller) into A/C *****879	£	12.00
12/02/2025	Allotment Rental 2/3 (B Thomas) into A/C 4*****879	£	24.00
13/02/2025	Allotment rental (Linda Lane) into A/C *****879	£	10.00
16/02/2025	Interest (A/C *****560)	£	3.28
22/02/2025	Interest (A/C *****887)	£	185.72
24/02/2025	Redwood Bank (A/C *****964	£	10.00
26/02/2025	Redwood Bank (A/C *****964	£	9,990.00
Total income		£	<u>100,491.77</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 144,853.65 *

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 225,497.75 *

* An internal transfer was made from A/C *****887 into A/C 4*****879, of £80,000.00, to facilitate payments into the Redwood Bank A/C *****964 to total £80,000.00. Two payments have already been made. The first £10 as a test payment was made on 24/02/2025. The second payment, £9,990.00, was made on 26/02/2025.

Account balances as at 30 January 2025

HSBC A/C *****887 - Money Manager Account	£ 114,971.11
HSBC A/C *****879 - Community Account	£ 40,124.48 HSBC
A/C *****560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,138.22
Redwood Bank (A/C *****964) – Savings account	£ 10,000.00
Total balance	<u>£ 167,233.81</u>

The Clerk has arranged for Crossways to hold a new account with Redwood Bank. To date, two payments have been made into the account totalling £10,000.00. The daily transfer/payment limit to an external account is £10,000.00. A further seven (7) payments of £10,000.00 will be made to pay a total of £80,000.00 into the Redwood Bank savings account. Limiting the amount to £80,000.00, the funds remain protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

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) Youth Club – It was agreed to defer to the March Meeting so Councillors could consider the numbers and figures.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Chairman confirmed several residents in Crossways have recently been scammed. Residents are encouraged to use the Action Fraud contact number 0300 123 2040 <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>.
- a. Cllr Beeby reported that the road surface on the junction of Frome Valley Road into Woodsford Road was deteriorating due to HGV movements from the Cavanna Homes development. Clerk to report to the Developer Led Infrastructure team at Dorset Council.
- b. Clerk to contact Cavanna Homes to understand the timetable for road names on the new development which had been put forward by the parish council.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting was due to be held on Thursday 27 March 2025
There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

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