

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2025 FOLLOWING THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at 7.30pm

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

AGENDA

1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CONFIRM THE MEETING IS QUORATE.

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

2. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – no decisions will be made on issues raised, items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Residents expressed concerns over Planning Application P/FUL/2025/01844 proposal No 1 Spitfire Close, change of use. There were concerns over the procedures and management of this application. The Chairman explained the limitations on the Council to recommend refusal and that all comments made needed to be relevant to this specific location. Comments were made on the proximity of the location to a busy road and the impact on parking in the Close and emergency access etc.

A member of the public enquired about the possibility of renting out the football pitch at Crossways for the Dorchester Youth teams. The Manager would forward an email to enable the parish council to arrange a site visit to discuss what might be possible.

A resident was concerned about the amount broken glass near the Council's play area along Combe Way. She also mentioned several gullies in Crossways that were full of debris. The resident was encouraged to report online and to encourage others to do the same.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-gully--drain-or-flooding-issue>

Another resident asked if the Council would be objecting to the application to the proposed 145 houses on land to the West of the village. The Chairman referred him to the article in the May edition of the 'Bridge' and the minutes of the previous meeting and copy of the response which was online.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hQpe6J2sGgaaRszwDgDzcQMqbaKM8y7n/view>

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

4. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR –

Cllr Ireland confirmed he would check the highway resurfacing list to find out when the surfacing would take place in 2025.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/preventative-treatments-for-more-dorset-roads->

Cllr Ireland gave a full report to the meeting providing details on reporting issues on the Dorset Council website.(see above links). Providing an update on the local plan see link.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan>

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)

Cllr Harris declared an interest in 8 (a) & (b) Planning and Cllr Childs declared an interest in 8 (a) Planning

6. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 March 2025. Circulated to members prior to the meeting.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 March 2025 which had previously circulated to all members were **AGREED BY COUNCIL** and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllr Ireland confirmed Dorset Council would resurface Bingham's Road, Crossways in 2025. Heathlands Close in 2026. An officer will look at Mount Skippet Way as soon as possible. The Community Highways Officer would look at West Links Road and confirm the condition of the road with the Council.

Cllr Ireland also reported the dust and debris to the Planning Enforcement team who have confirmed that this is not a breach of any of the conditions. It was suggested it was down to the Developer as far as good community engagement. Clerk has reported these concerns to the Developer. In addition, Councillors felt that construction traffic should not be using Dick o th Banks Road to access the site. This had been reported in the hope that the developers would remind all contractors of the route to the site.

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/PALH/2025/01985 Proposal: Erect rear extension: To extend 4 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house: maximum height 3.5 metres : height to eaves 2.8 metres. Location: 22 Old Farm Way, Crossways, DT2 8TU. Council Agreed to support.
- b) Planning application P/FUL/2025/01844 Proposal: Change of Use from dwelling to residential supported living. Install a window on side elevation Location:1 Spitfire Close, Crossways. Council Agreed to

object on the grounds of impact of vehicle movements and parking. Access for emergency vehicles.

- c) Planning application P/TRT/2025/02288 Proposal:T5 Birch – Fell Location: 22 Warmwell Road, Crossways, DT2 8BS. Council Noted

9. ITEMS

- a) Sports Pavilion update and approve recent allocated works to exterior. Quotations circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Brewer updated Councillors about the timing of the works. A company had been engaged to clean the exterior of the building, including the removal of moss and debris from the roof that was falling into and blocking the guttering and downpipes. The cleaning of UPVC The Chairman has also met with a specialist firm regarding the 'up and over' Garage Door. This was found to be repairable with the work being carried out in the next few weeks. The Plumber has also been contacted to see if alterations could be made to the heating programmer.
- b) Vacancy and update– Silverlake Allotments
Noted one vacancy available. Cllr Joynson confirmed he now had several people interested in the plot.
- c) RoSPA Play Inspection scheduled for May 2025
Clyffe View - Annual Inspection £80
Middle Hill - Annual Inspection £80
Spitfire Close / Mount Skippet Way - Annual Inspection £80
Sports Field - Annual Inspection £80
Platinum Park – Annual Inspection £80
- d) To approve members Code of Conduct
COUNCIL APPROVED the Code of Conduct
- e) Review of Council Reserves and Policy
Clerk to circulate policy for Councillors to consider reserves and earmarked reserves. Clerk to add to June Agenda for approval.

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) To note the internal and external audit to commence for approval at the May meeting.
The Clerk confirmed the financial records had been forwarded to the Internal Auditor Mike Clarke for scrutinising.
- b) Approve April payments due and ratify those made since the last meeting.
- c) To approve the Annual Accounts for signature and bank reconciliation for the year end 31st March 2025 – circulated prior to the meeting.
COUNCIL APPROVED the End of Year Annual Accounts and bank reconciliation and was signed by Cllr Brewer and Cllr Harris

Expenditure since 1 April 2025

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
01/04/2025	1	Water2Business	Pavilion water bill	£131.19	£0.00
08/04/2025	2	British Gas	Pavilion - Electricity Bill	£24.57	£1.17

10/04/2025	3	SLCC	SLCC Subscription	£255.00	£0.00
12/04/2025	4	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
14/04/2025	5	British Gas	Pavilion - Gas Bill (contested)	£1,377.79	£68.89
14/04/2025	6	John Lewis	Computer equipment	£992.00	£165.33
22/04/2025	7	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - Mar 2025	£96.72	£0.00
22/04/2025	8	Emma Selway (Clerk)	Office allowance 2024/25	£312.00	£0.00
22/04/2025	9	Steve Manuel	Half yearly shrub cutting	£850.00	£0.00
22/04/2025	10	Mr V Phillips	Microsoft Office 365 subscription	£104.99	£17.50
22/04/2025	11	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	[REDACTED]	£683.05	£0.00
TOTALS				£4,704.12	£252.89

Income since 1 April 2025

01/04/2025	Interest from Redwood Bank into A/C ****8879	£ 255.53
03/04/2025	[REDACTED] allotment Plot 9	£ 12.00
07/04/2025	HMRC VTR VAT refund for 2024/2025	£ 2,580.94
16/04/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£ 3.20
18/04/2025	[REDACTED] allotment "garden plot"	£ 12.00
22/04/2025	Dorset Council CIL contribution	£ 12,056.58
22/04/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£ 59.77
23/04/2025	[REDACTED] allotment plot 4	£ 12.00
Total income		<u>£ 14,992.02</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 4,704.12

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 14,992.02

Account balances as at 24 April 2025

HSBC A/C ****8887 – Money Manager Account	£ 48,336.75
HSBC A/C ****8879 – Community Account	£ 40,253.37
HSBC A/C ****6560 – Sports Field account	£ 2,144.31
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	<u>£ 80,000.00 *</u>
Total balance	<u>£ 170,734.43</u>

* The Clerk has completed all eight payments to with Redwood Bank totalling £80,000.00. Limiting the amount to £80,000.00, the funds remain protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

- d) To approve dates for the exercise of public right to inspect the draft accounts as 3 June to 14 July. **COUNCIL AGREED**

- e) To receive report (Salary Note) from the Staffing sub-committee about Clerk's Salary, National Insurance and pension contributions, qualification, and Employer's National Insurance liabilities.

COUNCIL APPROVED the report with all in favour of the recommended changes in line with the Contract of Employment.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (Information Only)

No reports received.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr Harris advised the meeting of his intention to step down from his role as Vice-Chairman due to personal reasons. He would remain until the Annual Meeting and would also relinquish his seat on the Council at the same time. The Chairman expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dave and his family for their unwavering support and contributions to the Crossways Community over the years. The Council acknowledged the challenges Dave has faced and emphasised the importance of prioritising his well-being and that of his son. The Chairman mentioned that this would leave the Council even more undermanned with five vacant seats and he hoped that community minded and interested people might step forward to find out more.
- b) Cllr Connor reported that the placement of a telegraph pole was causing difficulty when driving out of Dick o th Banks Road onto the B3390. The Chairman also commented at the speed that vehicles took the turning where there is wide road crossing which makes it difficult for pedestrians. Clerk to report to Dorset Council.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting due to be held on Thursday 29 May 2025 Annual Meeting (AM)

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Councillors and public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

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