

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr S Beeby, and Cllr David Clippingdale.

3 members of the public, County Councillor Nick Ireland

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gary Joynson. 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.

A resident reported an encroachment on 8 Warmwell Road. Clerk to raise the issue with Dorset Council Planning enforcement. Cllr Ireland reported this area was not designated as public right of way.

A member of the public was concerned about contamination of waste from the flats planning application. Clerk to report to the Planning Officer.

The Chairman asked if the Council had noticed an increase in the volume of traffic through Crossways.

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 NICK IRELAND

Cllr Ireland gave a full report to the meeting providing an update on the local plan see link.

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

The **Dorset Council Youth Fund (2025-2026)** grant Round 7 opened on 30 April 2025 and closed on 28 May 2025. Cllr. Ireland confirmed his support of an application made on behalf of the Crossways Youth Centre.

An update was given on the application to build 500 houses on land South of Warmwell Road. Councillors noted that this now disregarded any modification or amendments that were made after the original grant of planning permission. In effect, this meant that new village Hall and Health Centre were back in phase 1 of the development. No mention had been made of the extraction of gravel which was covered by a separate application that was still under consideration.

The Chairman had suggested pressing for a Health Hub for the residents of Crossways and had written an article in The July Bridge Magazine relating to the planning application.

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 Brewer declared an interest in Item 8 Planning Applications (b)

6. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2025. CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 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)**

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/2025/02932 Proposal: Existing Bungalow to be replaced with 3no. three-Bedroom Bungalows with off-road parking (with variation to condition 2 of planning approval P/FUL/2022/01946 to alter previously approved external wall treatment from masonry painted smooth faced render with plinth of terracotta engineering brick to 103mm Forterra Atherstone Red colour facing brick) Location:14A Dick O Th Banks Road , Crossways. DT2 8BH. Support but note the proximity to the traffic calming measures. Care should be taken to ensure that any changes do not compromise the effectiveness of the current traffic calming scheme.

At this point, Cllr. Brewer vacated the chair and left the room. Cllr. Connor chaired the item.

- b) Planning application WD/D/16/000378 Proposal: Full planning permission for the erection of 99 open market dwellings & affordable dwellings, a new doctor's surgery, a replacement village hall, a car park, a new village green, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses and works to Warmwell Road. An outline application for the erection of 401 open market and affordable dwellings, the provision of 2.5ha of employment land, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses, roads, footpaths and cycleways, a car park for the proposed Site of Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and 2 pumping stations; and a full application for the change of use of 22.4ha of land to Site of Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG).Location: Land South of Warmwell Road, Warmwell Road, Crossways. Village facilities should be built in the first phase by the time they have built the last house. The Surgery should be a Health Hub owned by NHS Dorset that can be used by the GPs when they need to. Rooms would be available for renting by individuals.

9. **ITEMS**

- a) **Play area Inspections – RoSPA**

The Clerk reported on the RoSPA inspections which had been forwarded to all Councillors for attention. All items requiring attention would need to be identified and rectified by The Council. Councillors to report all defects to the clerk so any maintenance can be arranged as appropriate.

b) **Pavilion update on approved maintenance**

The Chairman reported that the work to the window frames had been completed and awaiting the painter to attend to the wooden window frames and up and over door.

The Chairman would ask the contractor if he could install the gutter block to the gutter. It was suggested that there be an annual external clean to the pavilion and this was noted.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors for information.

Crossways Parish Council - Hiscox Insurance documents forwarded to all Councillors for information.

11. **FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS**

a) Financial Report and bank reconciliation circulated prior to the meeting

COUNCIL APPROVED the payments and receipts from the last meeting. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
29/05/2025	31	V M Phillips	One4All gift cards for Dave Harris & Daniel (Invoice Ref #2000778916)	£101.99	£0.00
01/06/2025	32	M G Clarke	Audit fee for 2024-2025 - Invoice dated 2-5-2025	£210.00	£0.00
01/06/2025	33	DAPTC	Daptc subscriptions - Invoice INV-0041 13-5-2025	£1,172.88	£0.00
01/06/2025	34	Gallagher Insurance	Gallagher Insurance policy for 1-6-2025 -31-5-2026 - Cleint Ref 4203526 - Policy Ref 149404105 - Invoice dated 17-5-2025	£2,637.97	£0.00
01/06/2025	35	A&G Garage Doors Limited	Reairs to garage door at Sports Pavilion - Invoice number 140525/06 dated 14-5-2025	£312.00	£52.00
07/06/2025	36	DanGina Limited	Duct replacement -Pavilion - Invoice #13260 - dated 4-6-2025	£120.00	£20.00
09/06/2025	37	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£28.10	£1.34
09/06/2025	38	DanGina Limited	Duct replacement -Pavilion - Invoice #13104 - dated 15-5-2025 - clean roof, guttering, remove graffiti, clean concrete, repair to guttering, and replace 2 x glass units in changing room	£1,500.00	£250.00
09/06/2025	39	DanGina Limited	Full fascia replacement (includi labour, materials,	£3,480.00	£580.00

			waste disposal) -Pavilion - Invoice #13106 - dated 15-05-2025		
09/06/2025	40	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Dismantle and remove large Ash tree in footpath in Memorial Garden (Ash dieback), remove stump	£1,134.00	£189.00
09/06/2025	41	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Reduce large Oak tree - Woodsford Road - Raise crown to meet highway requirements (tree with TPO added)	£1,500.00	£250.00
12/06/2025	42	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
14/06/2025	43	Steve Manuel	Grass-cutting May and June 2025 (£280 + £280), sweeping skate park (£50)	£610.00	£0.00
17/06/2025	44	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - May 2025	£99.14	£0.00
20/06/2025	45	British Gas	Pavilion - Electricity Bill	£27.41	£1.30
23/06/2025	46	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	PAYE (Clerk) tax and NI (Clerk EE & CPC ER) - inc £3.20 tax for TAW) Jun 2025 Reference 503PP000036692603	£546.50	£0.00
TOTALS				£13,487.99	£1,343.64

Income since 29 May 2025

01/06/2025	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£	303.62
06/06/2025	Allotment Society	£	100.00
16/06/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£	2.99
22/06/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£	56.14

Total income £ 462.75

Total Expenditure this Financial Year **£ 26,607.30**

Total Income this Financial Year **£ 48,771.09**

Account balances as at 26 June 2025

HSBC A/C ****8879 - Community Account	£	60,226.53
HSBC A/C ****8887 - Money Manager Account	£	40,364.70
HSBC A/C ****6560 - Sports Field account	£	2,150.28
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	£	80,000.00
Total balance	<u>£</u>	<u>182,741.51</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. Report **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**.

18. Reports from Committees and Representatives (Information Only)

- a) Cllr Light reported the newly formed community choir is engaging well with residents. He reported on current church situation and the appointment of a new Rector and the difficulties and issues presented.
- b) Cllr Light reported the new Head Teacher at Frome Valley School was keen to collaborate with the parish council. Cllr Connor was the Associate representative for the governing body. The clerk to write to the new Head and mention the previous communication issues in the hope that this could be resolved.

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH AND OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Contact the Clerk with any items
- b) Cllr Childs will attend the planning meeting at Corn Exchange on the 14th July 2025

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Next meeting – Thursday 31 July 2025 Crossways Village Hall, Crossways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman).....2025