

## **MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice- Chairman), Cllr Gary Childs, Cllr Scott Beeby, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr David Clippingdale and Cllr Gary Joynson

3 members of the public  
Cllr Nick Ireland – Dorset Councillor

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman) and Cllr Andrew Ward. 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.**

Clerk to forward details for Wessex Internet to a member of the public for information so she can make contact.

The members of the public were encouraged to use the online submission to make their views. <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/spatial-planning/dorset-council-local-plan-consultation-2025/>

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](mailto:enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk). The Chairman read out the report to the meeting.

4. **REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR NICK IRELAND**

Cllr Ireland report no decision has been made on the application for funding for Crossways Youth Club. The Cycle path has never received a status the landowner has agreed for it to be a dedicated path. <https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2020/06/04/pop-up-walking-and-cycling-routes-coming-to-dorset/>

Cllr Ireland confirmed driver shortages have caused emptying the bins in Crossways to be less than satisfactory. Bingham's Road and Mount Skippet Road will receive maintenance this year. Full details of Dorset Council news on the Dorset Council website. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/dorset-council-news-magazine>

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

**7. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2025. CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31 July 2025 which had previously circulated to all members were **AGREED BY COUNCIL** and signed by the Chairman.

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

**9. 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) To planning application P/VOC/2025/04704 Proposal: Variation of Reserved matters P/VOC/2025/02221 for the approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of Plots 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 51b Shepperd's View of the Silverlake development, including change of unit type to 2 Watergarden XL, Barn, 3 Retreats, ancillary store, inclusion of cycle store and landscape in relation to Outline approval 1/D/13/001112. (With variation of conditions 1, 2 & 3 of planning permission P/RES/2024/03963 to amend the layout as follows: change of unit from a 4 bedroom Watergarden XL 2 Storey to a 3 Bedroom Outland Shack 2 storey for Plot 48 Shepperd's View and associated amendments to landscape within the plot boundary). (With variation of conditions 1, 2 & 3 of planning permission P/VOC/2025/02221: Unit amendments for Plot 51 Shepperd's View, change from a Retreat Unit to an Eden Arc Alp 117 and associated amendments to the landscape within the plot boundary). Location: Shepperds View Plots 48-51b. Silverlake, Warmwell Road, Crossways, DT2 8GW – No Objection
- b) Planning application P/TRT/2025/05051 Proposal: Beech (T1) - Fell Beech (T2) - Reduce height by 3m Location: 1 Egdon Glen, Crossways, DT2 8BQ. No Objection
- c) Planning Application P/MPO/2025/05206 Proposal: Modification of S106 dated 11 November 2014 pursuant to Planning Application 1/D/13/001112 for written approval of location, layout, accessibility, management & maintenance of Part H Silverlake heritage trail and archaeology interpretation facility Location: Silverlake, Warmwell Road, Crossways, Dorchester, DT2 8BT. No Objection
- d) Planning application P/VOC/2025/02932 Proposal: Existing Bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. three-Bedroom Bungalows with off-road parking (with variation of condition 4 of planning approval P/FUL/2022/01946 to allow for an updated ecological survey and mitigation and enhancement plan) Location: 14A Dick O Th Banks Road, Crossways, DT2 8BH – No Objection
- e) Planning application P/MPO/2025/05522 Proposal : Discharge of a planning obligation relating to planning permission number WD/D/20/000673 to

Residential development of up to 140 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing) together with associated infrastructure, access onto Frome Valley Road, children's play space, landscaping and creation of a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space ("SANGS") (means of access to be determined only) (with variation of conditions 9 and 10 of planning permission WD/D/19/001447 - to amend the wording of the conditions) concerning Schedule 3 Part 1 Affordable housing scheme, Part 2 Leap Scheme, Part 4 Pedestrian link specification and landscape management plan Location: Land West Of Frome Valley Road, Crossways, Dorset. No Objection

- f) **Dorset Design Code** – Cllr Connor will be meeting the team and Ashleigh King, Senior Architect at Parkdean Resorts Warmwell Holiday Park at 9am on the 16 October to discuss the Design Code for Dorset.

## 10. ITEMS

- a) **Silverlake Allotments – Report from Cllr Joynson with meeting with Manager at Silverlake**

Cllr Joynson met with Will Vickery, the Site Manager at Silverlake, to discuss recent developments. Plot 5 has now been successfully improved and has been allocated to a new allotment holder. Cllr Joynson will now review the existing contract and assess the responsibilities of Crossways Parish Council regarding ongoing maintenance of the area.

- b) **Support to move forward with a Community Road Safety group**

Cllr Light and Cllr Clippingdale are still keen to get a group together and would encourage anyone interested to contact the clerk.

- c) **To discuss consultation which runs from 18 August to 13 October – Dorset Council Local Plan and Local Transport Plan – [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing).**

Councillors held a discussion regarding the ongoing Dorset Council Local Plan consultation. Members reviewed the key proposals outlined in the draft plan, including housing allocations, infrastructure development, and environmental considerations affecting the parish. [Search - Shelaa](#)

Concerns were raised about the potential impact on local services, traffic congestion, and the preservation of green spaces. Councillors agreed on the importance of submitting a formal response to the consultation, reflecting the views of the parish and its residents.

It was resolved that Councillors would provide a response for the council, incorporating feedback from the community and aligning with the parish's strategic priorities. The draft response will be presented at the next council meeting for approval prior to submission.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors for information.

## 12. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

- a) To receive and approve the August/September 2025 payment list circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

b) Financial Report and bank reconciliation including earmarked reserves circulated prior to the meeting **COUNCIL APPROVED** the payments and receipts from the last meeting. Bank reconciliation signed in the meeting by Cllr Connor.

c) To receive the External Auditors Report from BDO LLP £504.00 - Notice of Conclusion of Crossways Audit.

The **COUNCIL APPROVED** the report and payment. Clerk to publish the report, Notice of Conclusion of Audit on the Council's websites. Council noted the matter not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Council. Earmarked and general reserves policy has now been adopted 31 July 2025.

#### Expenditure since 31 July 2025

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
04/08/2025	68	Glenn Decorating	Painting of windows & garage door at pavilion	£590.00	£0.00
06/08/2025	69	Wood Finishes Direct	Order 2771812 - wood treatment	£77.50	£12.91
08/08/2025	70	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£22.54	£1.07
12/08/2025	71	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£8.00	£0.00
12/08/2025	72	DanGina Limited	Soffit board repair over garage door (including labour, materials, waste disposal) -Pavilion - Invoice #13832 - dated 12-08-2025	£288.00	£48.00
19/08/2025	73	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - July 2025	£99.14	£0.00
22/08/2025	74	British Gas	Pavilion - gas bill	£23.85	£1.13
01/09/2025	81	Water2Business	Pavilion water bill	£118.31	£0.00
09/09/2025	82	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£23.27	£1.10
12/09/2025	83	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£3.00	£0.00
19/09/2025	84	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - August 2025	£99.14	£0.00
22/09/2025	85	British Gas	Pavilion - gas bill	£27.40	£1.30
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>£8847.31</b>	<b>£65.51</b>

#### Income since 31 July 2025

01/08/2025	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£	293.09
16/08/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£	2.87
22/08/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£	53.11
01/09/2025	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£	293.09
16/09/2025	Hiscox Insurance (claim payment for pavilion)	£	2,013.50

16/09/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£	2.78
22/09/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£	<u>52.25</u>
	Total income	£	<u>2,710.69</u>

**Total Expenditure this Financial Year** **£ 38,820.08**

**Total Income this Financial Year** **£ 51,822.73**

**Account balances as at 25 September 2025**

HSBC A/C ****8879 - Community Account	£	50,897.07
HSBC A/C ****8887 - Money Manager Account	£	40,524.47
HSBC A/C ****6560 - Sports Field account	£	2,158.83
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	£	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total balance	£	<u>173,580.37</u>

**Payments to be approved by Council 25 September 2025**

20/08/2025	BDO LLP	£	504.00
24/08/2025	Crossways Village Hall (Rent Apr 25 – March 26)	£	250.00
24/08/2025	Remembrance Wreaths/RBL donation	£	48.00
24/08/2025	A & G Garage Doors Ltd – Supply & Install new garage door	£	2,470.20

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 or directly associated with employees. Report **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**.

**13. Reports from Committees and Representatives (Information Only)**

- a) Cllr Childs reported he was now part of the Youth Club Committee.
- b) Councillor Light noted that the Church is set to undergo a series of positive developments.
- c) Cllr Beeby would repair the play equipment at Pauls Way. Clerk to reimburse all costs.

**14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Contact the Clerk with any items

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** Next meeting – Thursday 30 October 2025  
Crossways Village Hall, Crossways.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm.

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