

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 February 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice-Chairman) Cllr David Clippingdale, Cllr Robert Light, Cllr Gary Childs and Cllr Andrew Ward.
Cllr Nick Ireland (7.40 pm)

4 members of the public

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.

No items or questions were raised. Cllr Connor reported that the potholes and maintenance of the road surface along Woodsford Road had been reported on the Dorset Council online system. Cllr Brewer reported on planned highway maintenance works see Item 8 Planning Applications (b) to (e) received from Dorset Council available online. West Link Road, Crossways. Councillors were concerned about the increase of traffic along Dick o' th Banks Road during this period. Clerk would highlight this to Dorset Council.

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 provided a report. Cllr Ireland reported that the Government has covered the schools' overspend, meaning the schools will no longer be responsible for this financial shortfall. 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)

6. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2026. CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 January 2026 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/2026/00519 Proposal: Variation of planning permission P/VOC/2025/02200 (Erection of a Spa, restaurant, alfresco area, bin stores, plant / ancillary buildings, communal areas, landscape, car park and associated infrastructure (the country club) (reserved matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following the grant of Outline planning permission number 1/D/13/001112). With variation of conditions 1 & 3 of planning permission P/RES/2022/02437 to amend the layout as follows: to relocate the indoor pool building; remove one of the two restaurants; design amendments to the Lido restaurant; inclusion of a gym and stand-alone sauna; updates to accommodate services & infrastructure; and associated landscape.) (For variation of conditions 1 & 3 of planning permission P/VOC/2025/02200 amendments to the location of the activity hub, indoor pool building, gym, stores and toilet pod; elevational amendments to the restaurant, gym, changing room and stores; amendment to pool; inclusion of new treatment pod and sauna design; updates to road layout and infrastructure; and associated landscape). Location: Dorset Spa, Lake 5 Warmwell Road.
- b) Planned Highways Maintenance works at West Link Road, Crossways.
- c) Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order TPO/2025/0067 – Dorset Council (Land South of Warmwell Road, Crossways. Tree Preservation Order 2025)
- d) Highway Maintenance works plan to close Mount Skippet Way, Crossways between 9th & 11th March 2026. The road will be closed daily between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00. Re-opened to traffic overnight and at weekends.
- e) Highway Maintenance works plan to close Bingham's Road, Crossways between 5th & 9th March 2026. The road will be closed daily between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00. Re-opened to traffic overnight and at weekends.

9. ITEMS

- a) **Nexus Planning presentation to the Dorchester Civic Society regarding the proposed Higher Woodsford development.** – Cllr Ward circulated report to all Councillors for their attention. Cllr Ward provided a report to The Council. Cllr Brewer thanked Cllr Ward for representing Crossways Parish Council and providing a full report to councillors. It was also noted that Woodsford and Moreton were also represented.

b) **Pavilion Update – Cllr Connor – Maintenance of Wooden Fence £2,400**

Cllr Connor met with Daniel Cavendish and Levi from the football club. She reported that the club were cooperative and agreed to contact her if any issues arose. She will check the heating during the next football match on Sunday and will remind the club of their contractual responsibilities to switch off the lights, close the windows, and turn off the heating after use.

Cllr Connor confirmed that she will continue to carry out checks following matches. The Council **APPROVED** the purchase of shower curtains and, if required, new hooks.

She further reported that the wooden boundary fence had broken. The Clerk had obtained quotations for repair and maintenance. The Council **APPROVED** the replacement of the fence by the Pavilion at a cost of £2,400, and the Clerk was instructed to arrange for the Contractor to undertake the work as soon as possible.

Cllr Connor reported that young adults were congregating under the stairs near the Pavilion. Clerk to inform PCSO Alison Donnison.

c) **Arrangements for proposed Crossways Public Meeting** – To discuss Crossways Planning Development

The date for the Public Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 15th April at 6.30 pm. Invitations will be issued to all required attendees. Residents supported the proposal to offer refreshments at the meeting and agreed to take responsibility and it was agreed that feedback forms would be provided.

Cllr Brewer will prepare a flyer for distribution to residents with Councillor support. Posters will be placed on the parish noticeboards, and information will be included in the Bridge Magazine. The meeting will also be publicised through the Dorset Echo and parish website.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors for information.

11. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

- a) To receive and approve the February 2026 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.
- c) The **COUNCIL APPROVED** Earmarked and general reserves.
- d) The Chairman confirmed that the new Parish Council website will be created by Parish - online, and the Clerk will liaise with their team throughout the setup process. The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Barry Thomas for his ongoing support with the existing Community Website. Cllr Thomas has recommended the preferred platform for the new site and will continue to assist the Clerk as needed.
- e) The Council **APPROVED** the creation of the new Parish Council website and the continued maintenance of the Community Website. Council **APPROVED** £440.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
30/01/2026	181	Hardy Tree Surgeons	Tree 81 - reduce by 2m and clear brushwood & timber - Invoice #5426	£540.00	£90.00
30/01/2026	182	Fireline Limited	Service of extinguisher - Invoice INV 99678	£101.52	£16.92
30/01/2026	183	Legg & Son (Membury Ltd)	6 monthly bus shelter cleaning - Invoice #71136	£78.41	£13.07
30/01/2026	184	Andrew Brewer (Chairman)	Shoetrees receipt (21/1/2026) for key cutting for pavilion	£24.00	£4.00
05/02/2026	185	Steve Manuel	2nd shrub cut plus removal of perimeter, dismantle chicken coop and other works	£900.00	£0.00
06/02/2026	187	British Gas	Electricity bill - Pavilion	£26.92	£1.28
06/02/2026	186	Steve Manuel	Hardware for allotments	£59.90	£9.98
12/02/2026	188	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£1.00	£0.00
19/02/2026	189	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - January 2026	£99.14	£0.00
20/02/2026	190	British Gas	Pavilion - gas bill	£423.32	£20.16
23/02/2026	191	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	PAYE (Clerk) tax and NI (Clerk EE & CPC ER) - inc £0.00 tax for TAW) February 2026 Reference 503PP000036692611	£543.30	£0.00
26/02/2026	192	Linda Beeby	Litter picking -2/2 to 23/2 (3hr x 4wks x £12.21 = £146.52-£0.00 tax=£146.52	£146.52	£0.00
26/02/2026	193	Tim White	Litter picking - 2/2 to 23/2 (3hr x 4wks x £12.21 = £146.52+£0.00 tax £146.52	£146.52	£0.00
26/02/2026	194	Emma Selway	Clerk's Salary - February 2026 (£1982.78-LGPS-TAX-NI-AVC)	£1,059.40	£0.00

26/02/2026	195	Dorset County Pension Fund	Employee and Employer contributions February 2026 (£115.00 + £436.21)	£551.21	£0.00
TOTALS				£5,201.16	£155.41

Income since 29 January 2026

01/02/2026	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£ 250.52
16/02/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£ 2.58
22/02/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£ 48.42
Total income		<u>£ 301.52</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

(including £81,423.85 to new Hampshire Bank)

£ 148,951.33

Total Income this Financial Year

(including £81,423.85 to new Hampshire Bank)

£ 249,035.92

Account balances as at 26 February 2026

HSBC A/C ****8879 - Community Account	£ 54,252.36
HSBC A/C ****8887 - Money Manager Account	£ 40,766.73
HSBC A/C ****6560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,171.79
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	£ 80,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank (A/C ****4184) – CIL Savings account	<u>£ 81,423.85</u>
Total balance	<u>£ 256,585.68</u>

Payments to be approved by the Council for invoices received since the last meeting

25/10/2025	123 Reg (Domain renewal)	£ 38.39
26/02/2026	SLCC membership	£ 316.00
01/03/2026	Central Southern Security (Pavilion annual charge for 4G) (submitted 24 February, to be paid after 1 March)	£ 96.00
26/02/2026	Dorchester Timber – Fencing	£ 659.68

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**.

12. Reports from Committees and Representatives (Information Only)

a) No reports

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH AND OTHER BUSINESS

a) Contact the Clerk with any items for the Agenda

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Next meeting – Thursday 26 March 2026
Crossways Village Hall, Crossways.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman).....2026