

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
30 April 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING.

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Clippingdale, Cllr R Light, Cllr Gary Childs and Cllr Andrew Ward.
Cllr Nick Ireland (arrived 7.20pm)

8 members of the public and PCSO Alison Donnison

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

No apologies. 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 member of the public raised concerns regarding the speed and type of vehicles using Dick O' Th' Banks Road, as well as the noise generated by motorbikes travelling through the village. He felt the existing traffic calming in the road was inadequate and the chicanes encouraged vehicles to increase speed to get through them. Cars were parked close to junctions obscuring visibility especially from Green Lane into Dick O' Th Banks. The Chairman acknowledged these concerns and noted that, without evidence-led data, it is difficult for Dorset Council Officers and Dorset Police to justify or implement changes. Residents were encouraged to report incidents using the Near Miss reporting link <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-non-injury-collision-or-near-miss> so that accurate data can be gathered. The Council will also continue to reinforce with the developer the importance of using the most appropriate access routes. The links below were also mentioned by the PCSO as useful for reporting highways issues.

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

<https://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk/>

The Chairman to include in the next Parish Council report in 'the Bridge.

3. **REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** The Clerk had distributed the report forwarded from PCSO Alison Donnison. Residents are encouraged to report any incident or suspicious activity to the Police [Contact us | Dorset Police](#). To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111. The PCSO gave a full report to The Council and responded fully to questions raised. Encouraging all to report. She outlined changes to her role and working hours and advised that a Beat Officer had been appointed in the Dorset East area and would be covering Crossways.

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

Cllr Ireland provided a report. Full report on Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom>. Cllr Ireland reported that if a resident had concerns about the conditions of a planning application, they should use the complaints procedure available through Dorset Council. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/complaints-to-dorset-council>

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, The Chairman declared an interest in Planning Applications 8 C property owner adjacent to the land south of Warmwell Road. He advised he would remain in the room but abstain from the discussion or any voting. All Councillors were in agreement with his intention.

6. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 March 2026. Circulated to members prior to the meeting.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March 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)**

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/HOU/2026/01844 Proposal: Proposed Garden office to front garden Location: 24 Dick O 'Th' Banks Road, Crossways. DT2 8JB. No comment
- b) Planning application P/FUL/2026/01969 Proposal: Retain temporary kitchen and toilet facilities at Silverlake under Class E(b) to support ancillary provisions on site. Location: Silverlake Estate, Silverlake, Warmwell Road, DT2 8GH. Support
- c) Planning application WD/D/16/000378 – Land South of Warmwell Road, Crossways. Letter regarding this application which is being taken to the planning committee on 7th May 2026 DT2 8FR. Cllr Connor chaired this item while the Chairman made no comments. The Council had nothing further to add to their previous comments. They wished to stress the importance of the Village Hall being built as soon as possible in phase one before the 100th house completed and not at the 250th that was proposed.

They stressed the need for improved and increased medical facilities and that a Health Hub should be considered instead of a Doctor's surgery.

9. ITEMS

- a) Pavilion update – Shower problems and curtains etc
Cllr Connor provided an update following her discussion with Lewis Palmer. She advised that relocating the water tank to the roof space would significantly improve the shower facilities (gravity feed) and recommended this be pursued. She confirmed that the faulty carbon monoxide alarm had been removed and replaced with a new unit. The moisture and leaks over winter had led to mould on the paintwork and this would need to be attended to after the remedial works carried out to the water system. The shower in the officials changing room would need replacing. Cllr Connor will obtain quotes for the required works to the pavilion. The Clerk would receive her receipts for items purchased.
- b) Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th April – Crossways Village Hall – Feedback. Analysis of forms
Following the public meeting held on Wednesday 15th April, a total of 276 feedback forms have now been collected. The paper formatted responses will be digitised and merged with the online versions. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the high level of community engagement and confirmed that the Council is keen to be guided by the outcomes of the analysis as it considers next steps.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors for information.

11. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

- a) To receive and approve the April 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. The **COUNCIL APPROVED** earmarked and general reserves.
- c) To consider and approve the renewal of annual subscriptions and memberships for the 2026/27 financial year, in line with the approved budget.
- d) To approve the annual accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2026 having been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed the accounts and associated papers would now be sent to the Internal Auditor for him to carry out his role.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
01/04/2026	1	Water2Business	Pavilion water bill	£223.43	£0.00
07/04/2026	2	Central Southern Security	Annual Maintenance for Sports Pavilion alarm	£86.40	£14.40
08/04/2026	3	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£37.36	£1.78
10/04/2026	4	Steve Manuel	Grass cutting - March 2026	£300.00	£0.00

12/04/2026	5	HSBC	Charges	£1.00	£0.00
14/04/2026	6	Emma Selway	Petty Cash withdrawal - top-up to £200 for 2026/27. CASH withdrawals not permitted at counters & no local HSBC branch	£123.02	£0.00
15/04/2026	7	Dorset Waste Partnership	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - March 2026	£99.14	£0.00
21/04/2026	8	Steve Manuel	Repairs to Sports Pavilion fence (price as quoted)	£2,126.00	£0.00
21/04/2026	9	Asset AV Events (Benjamin Ballard)	Hire of presentation equipment for Public Meeting	£144.00	£24.00
27/04/2026	10	Crossways Village Hall Committee	Crossways Village Hall Hire for public meeting 15/4/2026	£100.00	£0.00
27/04/2026	11	Andrew Brewer	Ballot boxes	£12.99	£2.17
27/04/2026	12	DAPTC	DAPTC Subs - INV-0508	£1,213.93	£0.00
27/04/2026	13	Andrew Brewer	The Bridge printing for Village Questionnaire	£179.80	£0.00
27/04/2026	14	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	PAYE tax and NI (EE & E R) April 2026 Reference 503PP000036692701	£720.33	£0.00
30/04/2026	15	Staff	Salary April 2026	£152.52	£0.00
30/04/2026	16	Staff	Salary April 2026	£152.52	£0.00
30/04/2026	17	Staff	Salary April 2026	£1,336.59	£0.00
30/04/2026	18	Dorset County Pension Fund	Employee and Employer contributions April 2026 (£115.00 + £436.21)	£663.91	£0.00
TOTALS				£8,172.94	£42.35

Income since 26 March 2026

01/04/2026	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£ 248.93
02/04/2026	Allotment fees - Plot 9	£ 12.00
09/04/2026	Allotment fees - Plots 6 & 8	£ 24.00
12/04/2026	Payment from Crossways Allotment Society	£ 100.00
12/04/2026	Allotment fees – Plot 4	£ 12.00
16/04/2026	Interest for A/C ****6560	£ 2.36
20/03/2026	Allotment fees	£ 24.00
22/04/2026	Interest for A/C ****8887	£ 44.36
24/04/2026	HMRC VTR VAT reclaim for 2025/26	£ 3,542.32
24/04/2026	Dorset Council CIL payments	<u>£ 54,022.24</u>
Total income		<u>£ 58,008.21</u>

Total Expenditure this Financial Year

£ 8,172.94

Total Income this Financial Year

£ 58,008.21

Account balances as at 30 April 2026

HSBC A/C ****8879 - Community Account	£ 97,953.89
HSBC A/C ****8887 - Money Manager Account	£ 40,853.26
HSBC A/C ****6560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,176.44
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	£ 80,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank (A/C ****4184) – CIL Savings account	£ 81,423.85
Total balance	£ 302,407.44

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

29/04/2026	Steve Manuel, Grass cutting contract (April 28 th)	£ 300.00
29/04/2026	Steve Manuel Half yearly shrub cutting	£ 850.00

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) Cllr Childs updated on the progress regarding the BOAT and it was confirmed by The Chairman that the cut through was an essential thoroughfare for the village. The importance will only grow with the development south of Warmwell Road in linking the proposed village hall and health hub with the rest of the village. Indeed the plans recognised this by placing a pedestrian crossing across the Warmwell Road immediately adjacent to the cut through.
- b) Cllr Brewer reported the Head Teacher of Frome Valley School had shared her thoughts about the public consultation for the village. Cllr Brewer would continue to keep the school updated. It was noted that the parish and school had an improved relationship.
- c) The Clerk would order "Take Your Litter Home" signs for two of the play areas as requested by the Council's Litter Picker.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH AND OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Contact the Clerk with any items for the Agenda
Improving facilities at The Pavilion for showering etc £5,000 approximately

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Next meeting – Thursday 28 May 2026 Crossways Village Hall, Crossways. Annual Meeting would take place at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

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