

Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 21st March 2011 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

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| Present were | Chair A Hughes | WDC Cllr T McDonald |
| | V/chair R Annis | WCC Cllr E Eyre |
| | Cllr M West | 0 parishioners |
| | Cllr J Meredith | Clerk R J Coles |

Apologies were received from Cllrs King, Segar and Meikle.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7th February 2011 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) A planning application including identifying work specific to the flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC is being prepared but timing is becoming very urgent as the financial year end is 31st March 2011.

5. POLICING – contact is PC Stuart Toms (03003 333000)

The police have requested that the village hall makes a 'parking attendant representative' a condition of use for the football facilities to ensure that parking does not infringe the footway or the triangle manoeuvres. Alternative parking in Blacksmiths Lane and down the Leys can then to be pointed out to potential violators on a regular basis. The police will keep an occasional presence but cannot be expected to solve a known problem being perpetrated by local organisations that have the power to try alleviating the problem. The police have also asked the clerk to approach WCC with regards to protecting the bus stop and beyond with yellow markings.

6. CHARITIES – none

7. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play Projects & Village Shop)

Village Hall Update – Spectus Construction started on site 14/03/11 and completion is now due 18/07/11 following successful retendering due to Lottery involvement. The insurance company have agreed 'in principle' to pay for damage caused by Spicers. Keith Chandler, architect and project manager will be at village hall AGM on Monday 4th April, 7:30pm for 8pm start at Crophorne School, all are welcome. Chair Hughes proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to fund out of future donations from Parish Council to the Village Hall a planning application fee to improve the northern side of the entrance to the Sheppey and other additional repairs and improvements.

The **Village Shop** needs volunteers to investigate a way forward.

Sheppey Play Projects – It is noted for the record that the new facilities appear to be very popular and are attracting increasing numbers of users. Cllr Segar and her colleagues on the Management Committee are to be congratulated for the project to date to the benefit of the village as a whole. It was proposed by Chair Hughes, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and agreed by the meeting the Parish Council would continue to act as an 'accountable body' with regards to future possible funding sources. Thanks also to V/chair Annis for sorting out the new tractor for mowing duties.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

WCC Cllr Eyre had already circulated a report covering; Better Outcomes Lean Delivery – BOLD; Lead Member for Children's Services with responsibility for Children's Social Care; Adult Services; how to improve incomes and reduce costs including use of enabling technologies; New Leader for WCC; Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP); Localism Bill; Planning guidelines for traveller sites; Planning; H&W Combined Fire and Rescue Service; Buses; Library Consultation; Local Speed Limits

review; and, Fladbury glasshouse anaerobic digester and associated A44 planned roundabout request.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported on the sad death of WDC Cllr for Elmley Castle, Mrs Mackison, for whom he was standing in for local and planning committee duties. The Mercian regiment on return from Afghanistan will be given the freedom of Wychavon and will march through the three main towns in due course. Pershore had gone ahead with commemorative garden and plum orchard developments. Fladbury glasshouse had held an open day on the future immediate plans for the site attended by 129 local visitors. The civic Centre will be investing £34k in photovoltaic cells with a £100k payback over 20 years. Any issues with the Localism bill of 409 pages should be taken up with relevant MP's.

Any issues with regards to right to vote should be directed to Wychavon District Council Democratic Services 565000 (Elaine Dicks).

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Eon Supply – The clerk reported that there had been a 30-40 year problem building up known as 'lazy wireman syndrome' where additional connections to the three phase grid had usually been on the lowest and safest to reach. This imbalance of users across the three phases had resulted in a switching bridge used by the generators being unable to carry the overload and effectively melting. The problem when it occurred had no immediate local solution and hence why some users were deliberately without power until a solution could be brought in the next morning from away.
- b) Footpath Middle Lane/Blacksmiths Lane – Item carried forward to May.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING

- 11. **LENGTHSMAN** – monthly report was issued
- 12. **PARISH PLAN** – priority continues with Sheppey Play Project above.

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/10/02601/CU – Field off track to fisherman’s car park Jubilee Bridge at Mill Bank Fladbury** Support for Fladbury Parish Council and Crophorne Mill owners together with a number of concerns have been filed and a decision is awaited.
- b) **W/11/00112/CU – Mr & Mrs Hutchings, Cropvale Farm, Smokey Lane - Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden** – No objection was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **W/11/00096/PP – Mr R Annis, Conifers, Main Rd - Proposed kitchen extension** - No objection was filed and permission has been granted.
- d) **W/11/00135/LB – Miss L Powell, Court Thatch, Neigh Lane - 4 x replacement windows** – No objection filed and a decision is awaited.
- e) **W/10/03080/LB (& 81/PP) – Mr R Nardini, Vine Cottage, Kennel Bank - New vehicular access, erection of garage, refurbishment of windows. Replace thatch on lower roof to S/E and N/W elevation with tiles.** Concerns were filed over the loss of some thatching and a decision is awaited.
- f) **W/11/00360/PN – Mr & Mrs Allen, Bank Top, Main St – Proposed dwelling (variation to previously approved scheme 08/01061) – A no objection will be filed. WDC reply required within 21 days of 10/03/11 (i.e. 31/03/11)**

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedule for 21/03/11 for Chair to sign.
- b) Payments approved from above £

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15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

25th February 2011

- 1 WCC Waste Core Strategy
- 2 CALC Update 3 28/01/11
- 3 Worcs Rural Outreach Project
- 4 CALC Update 4 3/01/11
- 5 WDC Chairman invite to Cookery Demonstration Lunch 30/03/11
- 6 WCC Proposals for Reducing subsidised bus services (+ forms)
- 7 WDC McD Tom's Mini Round-up February 2011
- 8 CALC Update 5 10/02/11
- 9 WCC Revised Draft Validation Document
- 10 PHS Newsletter jan/Feb
- 11 CALC Update 6 17/02/11
- 12 PTC Public Transport Meeting 09/03/11
- 13 CALC Update 7 24/02/11 (including PAYE PROBLEM AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!)

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) A cycle path between the Jubilee Bridge and Charlton to overcome safety issues along Millbank is being promoted by residents within Fladbury and supported by Charlton. The actual path would be fully within the Parish of Crophorne although possibly of lesser concern to these parishioners. Charlton Parish Council was reported to have indicated support with Fladbury Parish Council discussing next week. Crophorne Parish Council agreed to support the path if landowners agreed and if installation costs can be found by WDC. This support would require satisfactory arrangements for rents, liabilities etc. to be clarified. WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that the best way forward was one of local involvement rather than it being an expensive Highways development and that local S106 monies may be available for such a venture. The clerk will seek guidance from CALC et al.
- b) The Notices of Elections for 5th May 2011 covering Parish Council, District Council elections and AV (Alternative Vote) referendum have been posted on the noticeboard. Candidates have until noon Monday 4th April to file their relevant papers. Candidates will be announced on the 6th with one days grace for any late withdrawals. Therefore by the close of play on the 7th it will be known whether a ballot for parish councillors will be required. If it is not then there should be no costs, if there is then costs are proposed as 25% PC, 25% WDC and 50% referendum. New councillors' expenses must be filed on 9th May to ensure no legal complications.
- c) It is noted for the public record that Rooftop Housing Group is running Independence at Home Support Service for any vulnerable people in the South of Wychavon and is open to all who qualify, not just Rooftop tenants.
- d) The agenda for the Parish Meeting will include the usual Finances, Village Hall, Footpaths, Charities items with additional items on Sheppey Play Project and Cycle Path at least.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The Crophorne Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 11th April 2011 7:30pm at the Village School (due Village Hall closure). Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 27th March 2011.

The Crophorne Parish Council Annual Meeting is on Monday 9th May 2011 7:30pm at the Village School. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 1st May 2011.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:10pm.

Signed(Chair)

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