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Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 5th January 2009 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair Annis – meeting chair	
	Cllr A Hughes	WDC Cllr McDonald
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	
	Cllr J King	

Apology was received from Chair Whittington.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1st December 2008 be accepted and signed by the meeting chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) Ditches – none
- b) Highway surfaces - none
- c) Verges – none
- d) Other damages – none
- e) WDC grants of £1,050 are still being considered covering about three potential possibilities.

5. POLICING – It was explained that the police would only normally attend if requested and are usually present at the Annual Parish Meeting in April each year. The police are aware of meeting dates in case of public order issues.

6. CHARITIES - nothing

7. VILLAGE HALL – The clerk was asked to respond in writing to the Village Hall treasurer indicating decisions made by the Parish Council in setting its precept for 2009/10.

The meeting continued due to there being no parishioners present.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Neighbourhood Watch signage – The parish has been awarded two smart water signs and additional NW signs are being investigated in order to bring local signage up to speed.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Following extensive discussions on the way forward, it was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr King, and agreed by the meeting that the clerk be asked to arrange a parish visit by WDC (and its team/associates) in conjunction with the full Parish Council to identify suitable sites to progress the process forward with the aim of being able to cover the subject fully at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 6th next.

10. LENGTHSMAN – The clerk presented the Oct/Nov report.

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

WDC Cllr McDonald gave the clerk a report to circulate in the monthly pack. He covered quickly issues regarding addition flood grant for parishes, glasshouse appeal at Fladbury, wind turbines in the vale, Eckington travellers site legal issue, fly tipping increases and costs, the new waste collection system due in March and continuing concerns over the WMRSS effects on villages.

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12. **PARISH PLAN** – Cllr Meikle requested that this item be carried forward.

13. **PLANNING**

- a) **W/08/02763/PP – Mr & Mrs P Marsh, Hillside, Neigh Lane – Construct double domestic garage and change of use from conservation orchard to domestic garden.** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/08/02919/PP – Mr Taylor, 3 Sunnyside, Main Rd – Two-storey extension.** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **W/08/02932/LB & W/08/02931/PP – Mr & Mrs W Zu Wied, Cropthorne House, Main St Replacement conservatory, addition of a garage and various alterations.** – A no objection response with some concerns over the gates/walls was filed and decision is awaited.
- d) **W/08/03066/LB – Mr T Hardy, Brook Farm House, Brook Lane Replacement windows to front elevation.** - A no objection response was filed and decision is awaited.

It was noted by all the proposed wind farm at Church Lench may have to be considered due to visible proximity of the site.

14. **FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and agreed by the meeting that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 05/01/09 be accepted and signed by meeting chair.

- b) Payments approved from above

			£
491	24	Lengthsman Oct/Nov	94.50
492	25	Clerk Sal/Int/Al/Exp Dec	157.88

- c) Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed after use of the casting vote of meeting chair that the Parish Council precept for 2009/10 would be based on returning free balances immediately thereby setting the new precept to £475.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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1	WCC	WoW magazine Aut/Win 08
2	CPRE	Worcs Newsletter Nov 08
3	Whub	Kerbing damage
4	WDC	WMRSS Phase 2 consultations
5	WDC	WDC Xmas car parking VAT related reductions
6	CALC	Report to area committee Sep 08
7	WCC Eyre	CPC meeting report 25/11/08
8	Bus shelters	Littlethorpe of Leicester
9	CPRE	Fieldwork Dec 08
10	Whub	Middle Lane blocked drain
11	Comm 1 st	Community Planning in Worcs
12	Worcs Partn	Newsletter Aut 08
13	Police	Your Police Service 2009 & beyond
14	WDC	Sports Recognition awards 2008
15	WDC	Sports Development Newsletter Win 08
16	WDC	Artworks Aut 08/Win 09
17	Defra et al	Improving Local Leadership for flood risk management
18	PHS	Newsletter Dec 08

16. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to the adoption and maintenance of the new Freedom of Information scheme from 01/01/09 recently circulated to councillors.

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17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 2nd February 2009 at the Village School. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 25th January 2008.

Meeting chair closed the meeting at 08:45pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date