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Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2009 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair Hughes	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	V/chair Annis	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr J King	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr J Segar	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Cllrs Meredith, West and Meikle.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King – Personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Village Hall Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 6th July 2009 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Chair Hughes and Cllr Meikle will approach the landowner to see what can be done to alleviate the flood drainage at Patty's Farm in respect of the £2,500 grant awarded by WDC.

5. POLICING

There appears to be a spate of vehicle crimes in the general area with contents (tools etc.) and certain specialist vehicles (high value, performance etc.) being targeted. All are urged to be vigilant in their security arrangements.

6. CHARITIES – nothing reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr King reported that the redevelopment shortfall had gone down from £53k to £49k and every effort on a wide range of fund raising and grants activity were taking place. Cllr Segar was looking at a range of options for the older children's play area ranging from simple replacement of the old swings to a Multi-purpose Games Area (MUGA) of the order of £80k. WCC Cllr Eyre and WDC Cllr McDonald offered their respective contacts that could help with potential funding, the key being 'What gets the money and what does it buy?'. As public expenditure is likely to be drastically reduced after 2009/10, all urgency was expressed. It was proposed by Chair Hughes, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that Cllr Segar should use the mandate in the adopted village plan covering facilities for older children in her discussions with relevant partners.

The meeting continued, as there were no parishioners present.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that continuing work was being undertaken with regards to the local economy and the financial crisis. Worcestershire Economy Action Group will meet on 18th September and a follow up to last year's brainstorming sessions will be held on Thursday 26th November 3-7pm. Voluntary and Community grants round 4 bids covering arts, diversity, community based activities will be subject to a guidance session at Evesham Town Hall 9:30-11:30 Wednesday 30th September. The Energy Savings Trust consultants are working with WCC on reducing council and area wide emissions. The county has successfully bid for £387k to fund a two-year project at improving inter-generational work. The Early Years Service has been short listed for the Nursery World Awards 2009, Playbuilder has received nation acclaim and school admissions is now an online service. The last date for £12 compost bins is 30/9 (normal

cost £50). A new secure database of all children living in England is due to go live in Worcestershire in November. Highways have completed Brook Lane ditch works and fence repairs. Apologies have been received from Whub following teething problems of the new version.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that the latest results of the 23 promises contained in the Signals of Success initiative saw 14 on target, 8 off target but under control and only 1, affordable housing 60 units, not being met by March 2010. Overall crime is down 2% in South Worcestershire but domestic and vehicle crime are above target, often caused by a few prolific offenders. Resident safety impressions have improved and are in the top quartile nationally. Perceptions of problems have shifted over the past 5 years from drink, rowdiness and drugs to teenagers, rubbish and litter. Residents think that anti social behaviour problems are not being dealt with effectively however it is not for want of effort. The Regional Spatial Strategy is unacceptable to South Worcestershire who has asked for an extended period of six to twelve months to respond to an initiative that a possible incoming Conservative Administration would drop anyway in this timescale. Rumours that enforcement is not taken seriously within Wychavon are questioned especially after a recent award for costs against a former owner of a Gypsy site who withdrew his planning appeal. Work continues on formalising all the developments that have taken place at the Heath Works, additional investigations are ongoing. Finally the new Evesham Leisure centre has opened on time (7th Sept) and to budget and can be summed up in two words – SIMPLY STUNNING.

9. MATTERS ARISING

a) Clerk's Contract – This item has now been settled.

10. **SOCIAL HOUSING** – Following WDC Ms Stephenson's departure there has been no update.

11. LENGTHSMAN

The clerk presented the June/July activity report and assured the Parish Council that the lengthsmen had received training from WCC highways and that all jobs were nominally risk assessed and any that had cause for further concern were referred back to WCC for their own specialists to deal with. The duty of care towards the Parish Council's lengthsmen was taken seriously with respects to Health & Safety at all times.

12. PARISH PLAN

Due to a number of councillors being absent it was decided to proceed with the action list in a serial manner as issues arise, youth facilities being the first as noted in 7 above.

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/09/01324/PN – Mr T Deacon, Willow Bank, Main Rd – Install a field gate and access from B4084** – An objection has been raised to see if restricting any new entrance to agricultural use only could be applied and approval has been granted.
- b) **W/09/01371/PP – Mrs West, Torview, Middle Lane – Extension of existing porch** – No objection has been filed and approval has been granted.
- c) **W/09/01519/PP – Mr C Davies, Phoenix, Main St – Extension of existing garden wall** - No objection has been filed and approval has been granted.
- d) **W/09/01979/CU – Mr W Rafferty, Severn Acres, Evesham Rd – Change of use to equestrian to include retention of stable block and hay/tack store (retrospective)** - WDC reply required within 21 days from 03/09/09 (i.e. 24/09/09)

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

a) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr King and the meeting agreed that the Bank/Balance Schedule for 07/09/09 be approved and signed by Chair.

b) Payments approved from above

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508	9	Clerk Sal, All, Exp, Ball Jul/Aug	368.99
509	10	Lengthsmen Jun/Jul	123.63

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510	11	Clement Keys audit	138.00
511	12	Wychavon Sport	29.00

15. **WEBSITE** – Carried forward to next meeting.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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1	Standards	Committee meeting 03/06/09
2	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine June 09
3	Mencap	Donation request
4	WDC McD	Workshop meeting
5	WCC	Sat Nav errors
6	WDC McD	Evesham Leisure Centre
7	WDC McD	Workshop meeting
8	WDC	Building Design Awards 2009
9	Whub	'Summer Leaves' at the church
10	Police	The Bobby Club donation request
11	Vhall	C&CVHMC meeting 18/05/09
12	Standards	Annual Report 2008/09
13	C&C	Direct magazine July 09
14	Whub	Collapsing footway – Church Leys
15	Prince Henry's	Newsletters – last 4 2008/09
16	Evesham High	Newsletter July 09
17	WDC McD	Meeting 06/07/09 report

17. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) The following Rural Rate Relief application was considered – 500165926 New Inn, Main Rd.
Option A – WDC £1515.15 of which Parish Council pays £189.39
Option B - WDC £757.57 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Option C - WDC £0.00 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Cllr Segar proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed to the adoption of B.
- b) The following Rural Rate Relief application was considered – 500199950 Bell Inn, Main Rd.
Option A – WDC £2910.00 of which Parish Council pays £363.75
Option B - WDC £1455.00 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Option C - WDC £0.00 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Cllr Segar proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed to the adoption of B.
- c) Chestnut Tree on verge near 7 Middle Lane has been reported to the Lengthsman for tidy up.
- d) A request to upgrade the bus stop litterbin was considered but was not accepted as being necessary.

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council is on Monday 5th October 2009 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 27th September 2009.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date