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Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2009 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair A Hughes	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	V/chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	PC 1458 Stuart Toms
	Cllr T Meikle	CSO 40025 Simon Hall

Apologies were received from Cllr Segar.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 5th October 2009 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) A specific flood alleviation grant of £2,500 is known to the landowner who is aware of the urgency and is considering his options to improve road drainage at the corner of Main Street and Brook Lane.

5. POLICING

PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000) introduced the new CSO Simon Hall. The new mobile police station recently visited the Sheppey and will be returning on the 15th February 2010. Eight parishioners had made contact over four issues including parking in Middle Lane and speeding. Minor thefts from the new build on the Daves in Middle Lane have been reported.

6. CHARITIES – nothing reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project (see WDC Cllr McDonald notes)

The refurbishment project shortfall is now down to £32k and work is underway to meet the Big Lottery deadline of starting on site by February 24th 2010. Additional 200 club tickets sales are needed and there is a fundraising raffle and Quiz Night on 28th November.

Following the retirement of Neil Fairburn a volunteer is required to drive the tractor in order to mow the Sheppey playing field.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that the pay award for 2009/10 was 1% with a freeze for many of the top officers and members. The average pension paid by WCC was £4563 per year with a very wide range. Road gritting policy especially around schools was part of a £1.25m budget. Policy on speed management covering all A & B roads, urban, rural, 20mph zones, residential areas together with enforcement and signage has been covered. Early year 4/5-year-old nursery placements funding had been tightened. Buses, their subsidies and requirements (hospital, early/late services, school transport), have been discussed. Further cooperation with District Councils to reduce duplication is being carried out. A target to reduce CO2 emissions by 10% in 2010/11 has been set. This will be difficult to achieve since major measures have already been taken since 2003. A judicial review of the closure of the Pershore day care centre favoured its

closure but with additional work required to see how local needs were to be met. The Worcestershire Hub received 52,000 calls a month so far this year compared with 38,500 last year. Response time target of 20 seconds is poor at 19% with the average at 2:14 minutes; actions are in hand to improve. The service is mainly used for reporting highway problems and benefit enquiries and is additional to Internet reporting. There may be some small amounts of funding available for 8-19 year-old activities set up before March 2010.

WCC Cllr Eyre is now a governor of the Worcester Academy and has to vacate her Local Authority governorship at Crothorne & Charlton First School, which she has held for 6 years. Hence a vacancy exists if anyone is interested.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that officers could now pursue breach of conditions by the developers of the Fladbury glasshouse, particularly 11 & 12 concerning drainage and bund, if belatedly submitted documentation is inadequate. Liaison with developers and the 30 potential jobs are of interest to all.

Gypsy development at Canada Bank in Charlton is being dealt with following numerous letters and telephone calls which WDC Cllr McDonald suggested was relevant for neighbouring parishes. WDC Planning officers are still investigating the Heathwork Developments and a further meeting is required. The Sheppey Youth Project has been given some priority for support with WCC; work carried out by Cllr Segar was commended. Visibility plots on the wind farm indicate less than expected intrusion on Fladbury apart from Salter's Lane and the expected planning application has not been submitted yet. Evesham High Street improvements will be suspended from 22nd November to 3rd January to protect local businesses over Xmas. Wychavon is trying to ensure that a Brine experience at Droitwich is maintained following the closure of the baths. A Mini Ward Round Up for November will be delivered to parishioners over the next 10 days.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Standards Complaints procedure – This item is carried forward awaiting paperwork.
- b) Enforcement/Environment B4084 soil movements – The clerk reported that Steve Jorden, WDC Environmental Services, had inspected and there were no concerns.
- c) Enforcement The Daves – The clerk reported that this was outstanding at WDC Planning.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – no update

11. LENGTHSMAN – no update

12. PARISH PLAN – Prioritisation is the Sheppey Youth Project.

13. PLANNING

- a) **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)** – An objection to permanent planning permission on a five year temporary site has been filed but permission has been granted.
- b) **WCC – 09/0000053/CM – Severn Trent Water Ltd – Construction of a new raised concrete plinth on an existing platform for placement of existing kiosk and additional landscaping improvement** – A supporting filing has been submitted and a decision is awaited.
- c) **W/09/02500/PP – Mr C Davies, Phoenix Cottage, Main St – Erection of a garden wall to side of gate. – Indications are that a no objection response will be filed.** WDC reply required by 12th November 2009.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedule for 02/11/09 for chair to sign.
- b) Payments approved from above

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- c) The Clerk presented the work carried out to date in conjunction with the Finance Group. Early indications, subject to any issues raised before and at the December meeting, are that current reserves will be carried forward and ongoing regular payments are set at an acceptable level. The proposals covering accepting Reserves, 2010/11 payments and setting the Precept will be tabled at the December meeting.

15. WEBSITE

Cllr Meredith reported that there had been a minimal response to his request to other village organisations with regards to participating in the Parish Council sponsored web site. The church had responded that they had their own, but linking would be beneficial. It was thought that the junior football may benefit and an approach to Stephen Knight will be made.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

23rd September 2009

1	PHS	Newsletter July 09
2	Worcs	Partnership Matters Spring 09
3	Comm 1 st	Newsline Summer 09
4	WCC	WoW news Summer 09
5	WDC	Gypsy & Traveller Issues Scrutiny Team
6	Luff MP	Strengthening Local Democracy
7	WCC	Children & Young People's Strategic Partnerships
8	WCC	Area Forums Wychavon/Pershore 08/10/09
9	CPRE	Fieldwork Sept 09
10	C&C	Direct Sep 09
11	C&CVHMC	Minutes 13/08/09
12	CALC	Exec officer's report to area meetings
13	WCC	Bus Bulletin Sept 09
14	WDC	Parish Councils and Standards Complaints
15	WCC	Pershore Area Forum – 7pm Peopleton VH 08/10/09

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) V/chair Annis requested that the clerk report continuing problems with a recently fixed manhole cover on the B4084 at the 'Crophorne Canyon' site.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council (including Precept) is on Monday 7th December 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 29th November 2009.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date