

Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2012 in the Village Hall 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	V/chair T Meikle	
	Cllr M West	6 parishioners
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Segar	
	Cllr E Stoodley	

Apologies received from Cllr Hardy & WCC Cllr Eyre.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J King – personal & prejudicial – Village Hall Chair
Cllr J Segar – personal – Village Hall Committee

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 5th December 2011 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) V/chair Meikle reported that Cllr Hardy had been in contact with a contractor.

**5. POLICING – contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Rod Gurney (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)
(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)**

A request for speed checks in both directions on Brook Lane will be made by the clerk to PC Shortell. There have been two break-ins at the top of Field Barn Lane with jewellery the main target. Two stainless steel ramps have been stolen from the skate park at the Sheppey. The mobile police station will be at the village hall on Friday 27th January 13:00-14:00 all are welcome.

6. CHARITIES - none

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

Village Hall Update – Cllr King reported that the contractors continue to snag the building; recent winds blew water through the south west facing door and a solution is required after the floor was damaged. Marketing of the website www.candcvillagehall.org was being planned along with a timetable of fundraising for 2012.

Sheppey Play & Community Projects – Cllr Segar reported that the LEADER part of the programme had been completed and wished to register thanks to the clerk for his tireless pursuit of the accounting paperwork and monies.

As there were six parishioners present the meeting was closed for 10 minutes to discuss the recent outcome of the planning application for affordable housing in Field Barn Lane (north west) and potential traffic issues when the Evesham Cheltenham Road bridge is closed in 2013.

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

WDC Cllr McDonald had already circulated his report covering local planning, unemployment & skills, and highlighted the Community Grants Scheme. A new homes bonus of £614/year for six years was also available. The Youth Bus timetable had been advertised and feedback would be welcomed.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Footpath 525 – The clerk reported that this issue would still be followed up even though the immediate danger had been removed by the withdrawal of a neighbouring planning application – see below. An additional footpath issue to the south of the village being blocked by maize each year will also be pursued.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – see planning.**11. LENGTHSMAN - none****12. PARISH PLAN – priority continues with Sheppey Play & Community Projects 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. This decision is delayed pending further investigations with the Environmental Agency; however local objections cover many other aspects. Fladbury Parish Council is to approach Jack Hegarty (MD) and Gill Collin (Planning) at WDC due to the severe delays which are causing concerns over what the real objections are to this application rather than the entanglement with the technical aspects of the EA objection. The EA have recently requested a full blown topographical survey. WDC are trying to expedite this application but are wary of getting bogged down in further withdrawals/applications and appeals, and are trying to get the right decision first time. WDC have written to the agent indicating that they are going to proceed to refusal unless he indicates that he will satisfy EA survey request as quickly as possible which to date he has refused to do so. WDC have written to the agent indicating that they are going to proceed to determination unless he indicates that he will satisfy EA survey request as quickly as possible which to date he has refused to do. This application has been withdrawn again.
- b) **W/11/02345/PN – Spa Housing Association Ltd –Erection of eight new affordable houses on land off Field Barn Lane (north west)** – Following a Parish Meeting on Friday December 16th 2011 an objection has been filed and the decision from the Planning Committee on Thursday 5th January 2012 was to defer the application on design & siting, after having sympathy for access and infrastructure problems which were not strong enough to overcome affordable housing shortages. Consultation with the Parish Council and neighbours is expected of the housing association not just ad hoc communication.
- c) **W/11/02740/AC – Oak Rise Nursery, Main Rd – Proposed agricultural access to serve smallholding/nursery** – An objection on road safety grounds has been filed and a decision is awaited.
- d) **W/11/02644/PP – Homeleigh, Field Barn Lane – Two storey rear and single storey side extensions. – A no objection will be filed. WDC reply required within 21 days of 22/12/11 (i.e. 12/01/12)**

The clerk was asked to ensure that the Parish Council comments on the SWDC were up to date with regards to the current events above.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Stoodley proposed, seconded by Cllr West and the meeting agreed that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 09/01/12 be approved and signed by chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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597	39	School re meetings 2011	51.60
598	40	Clerk sal/all/exp jan/payee	132.99
599	41	Loan repayment RA	2,500.00
600	42	Loan repayment TM	2,500.00

15. WEBSITE - none**16. CORRESPONDENCE****10th December 2011**

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| 1 | WDC | Parish Matters (already circulated) |
| 2 | WCC | VCS consultation (emailed) |
| 3 | WDC | New Homes Bonus |
| 4 | CALC | Update 39 10/11/11 |
| 5 | PHS | NewsLetter Oct/Nov |
| 6 | SWDP | Transition Evesham Vale re Cllr Stoodley (emailed) |
| 7 | SportsRelief | 2012 fun runs (emailed) |
| 8 | PHS | Carol Service at Abbey 14/12 7pm |
| 9 | CAB | Support Request |
| 10 | CALC | Update 40 01/12/11 |

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- 11 WDC Sweet stalls conditions at FBL (re Cllr Meikle)
- 12 CotsLine Ex Chair Hughes re Cotswold Line support
- 13 CALC Executive Officers Report 12/11
- 14 Cllr McD Dec report and Rail information.
- 15 ChildTrust Nov 11
- 16 CALC Update 41 08/12/11
- 17 WCC Waste Core Strategy CD

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) After extensive discussions on the issue of traffic through the villages with regards to the closure of Cheltenham Road Bridge in Evesham the following was agreed to be the approach with WDC Cllr McDonald, WCC Cllr Eyre, Fladbury PC and Charlton PC.
 - 1 – That this closure should be free from the effects of any other conflicting programmes in the area, particularly the Highways Agency and the Evesham By-pass.
 - 2 – Workman’s Bridge two-way through route from Bengeworth to the High Street is temporarily re-instated during the closure.
 - 3 – What can be done to mitigate problems at the numerous black-spots in Charlton, Cropthorne and Fladbury?
 - 4 – A three villages meeting with those planning the issues in due course to consult on the eventual plans likely to be put in place.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 6th February 2012 7:30pm at the **Village Hall**. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 29th January 2012.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:40pm.

Signed (Chair)

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