

2012/28

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2012 in the Village Hall
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair T Meikle (acting chair)	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr M West	WCC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr E Stoodley	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies received from Cllrs King, Hardy & Segar and Chair Annis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Stoodley proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 9th January 2012 be accepted and signed by V/chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) The clerk reported that Cllr Hardy was progressing tenders for the additional ditching of the culvert at Main St/Brook Lane with contractors.

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

6. CHARITIES - none

7. VILLAGE HALL - none

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will issue a report in due course. The Abbey Bridge Cabinet meeting will take place this Thursday after which there will be a public information and engagement exercise. The picnic area by the Jubilee Bridge is part of the estate that WCC is looking to sub contract/offload as part of their cost cutting exercises. The Parish Council will be invited to County Hall to participate in the 'final' solution(s).

WDC Cllr McDonald issued his report. This covers WDC work on going Green, fuel poverty & comfort, Localism agenda hardening with training for parishes between April & July this year, Sustainable Village Halls, Diamond Jubilee events nationally being Saturday 2nd June Epsom Derby, Sunday 3rd Thames River Pageant & Big Lunch, Monday 4th Concert at Buckingham Palace & the lightening of Beacons, and Tuesday 5th Service of Thanksgiving St Pauls. Local planning of any additional events need to avoid clashes with these televised events.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Footpath 525 – The clerk reported that WCC Crophorne footpath warden Hillary Hall was working with WCC Fladbury footpath warden FPC Cllr Geoff Mills.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – see planning.

11. LENGTHSMAN – The clerk issued a report for Nov, Dec & Jan.

12. PARISH PLAN – priority continues with Sheppey Play & Community Projects above.

V/chair Meikle indicated it was time to review the Parish Plan.

13. PLANNING

- a) **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. WDC Cllr McDonald gave the meeting the proposed two options to address this issue with totally unsuitable conditions for local consultation. The clerk will clarify the situation acceptable to WDC and proceed to an additional Parish Meeting in due course.
- b) **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 permission has been granted.
- c) **W/11/02644/PP – Homeleigh, Field Barn Lane – Two storey rear and single storey side extensions.** – A no objection was filed and permission has been granted.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley, and the meeting approved the Bank/Balance Schedules for 06/02/12 to be signed by V/chair with the addition of two late cheques for the Lengthsman and Youth Bus.
- b) Payments approved from above

			£
601	43	Clerk sal/all jan/payee	123.04
602	44	vhall grant part	665.00
603	45	vhall grant part	177.40
604	46	cotswold line pg	25.00
Additional late payments			
605	47	Lengthsman nov/dec/jan	174.40
606	48	Youth Bus	75.00

15. WEBSITE - none**16. CORRESPONDENCE****13th January 2012**

1	WCC	Development of Community-Based Transport.
2	WCC Eyre	Nov/Dec report
3	WDC	Fuel Poverty etc Cllr West request
4	CALC	Update 42 15/12/11
5	CPRE	Planning explained
6	PHS	Newsletter Dec
7	WDC	New Homes Bonus (emailed)
8	WDC	Dec communication (emailed)
9	CALC	Update 43 22/12/11
10	WychSport	AGM 17/01/12
11	C&C	Direct Jan 12
12	WCC Eyre	Luff railway initiative (emailed)
13	CALC	Update 1 05/01/12
14	WDC McD	Jan report (emailed)
15	WCC Eyre	Jan report (emailed)
16	CALC	Update 2 12/01/12

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) The clerk reported that Cropthorne telephone exchange, which is physically located in Fladbury, is due to be upgraded to fibre ADSL2/21CN by 31/08/12. This is good news for Fladbury but not so for the other three villages on the exchange namely Cropthorne, Charlton and Lower Moor due to the 'final mile' effect of the copper cables from the exchange. However there has been a successful test of 'fibre to the street box' in Cornwall which holds out hope for a cheap solution which coupled with a reasonable local network of ducting to overcome the areas problems of being physically spread out. The demand from the public for the service is the best way of getting this extended service and the clerk will be contacting BtT to see what can be done to speed up the additional work required.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 5th March 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 26th February 2012.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:55pm.

Signed (Chair)

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