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**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 2nd July 2012 in the Village Hall
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Cllr J King (meeting chair)	0 parishioners
	Cllr E Stoodley	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr M West	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr T Hardy	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies received from Chair Annis, V/chair Meikle and Cllr Segar.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King – Personal & prejudicial re Village Hall.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr West proposed and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 18th June 2012 be accepted and signed by meeting chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Cllr Hardy reported that most of the work had been completed with just one small outstanding issue that would be handled by V/chair Meikle.

**5. POLICING – contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Simon Hall (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)
(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)
(Neighbourhood Watch contacts are Sue Miller – 860 201, Angela Henderson – 860 683)**

6. CHARITIES - none

7. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr King reported that a snagging meeting had led to no action so a standby position was being planned using the retained payment. Field trenches had been repaired with a noticeable improvement following all the recent rain. A £10k grant towards a 30 panel 7.2kw solar system had been awarded by Welcome to Our Future with about £3k coming from Hall funds for installation by the end of July in order to get the best tariff. The lottery part of the play project was in its final stages with the roundhouse almost completed and artwork & landscaping to come.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre mentioned that her grant for clothes hooks at the village hall had been accepted and they had been fitted for use. She noted the on-going flood issue in Middle Lane, shared services investigations out of county following that of local districts to save money, provision of social care raised to adequate, trouble families initiative & Early Help, and the difficult consultation concerning the Health Estate with Redditch & Kidderminster Hospitals in the firing line again.

WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that he had signed off two New Homes bonus Schemes, one for defibrillators in Fladbury (C&CVH to note) and one for a community orchard. The LANT flotilla will lay a boulder/plaque at the Watergate on Saturday at 10AM and WDC via himself were to represent consumers in monitoring that Severn Trent business plans address/meet customer needs.

In a separate vein it was noted that the SWDP latest changes are due for consultation through to September 14th. This is of particular interest to Crophorne as the remains of the existing single site is proposed to be dropped and a new site for 6 (net 5) houses be added in the top north west corner of the Croft with access from Blacksmiths Lane or possibly Field Barn Lane. These changes are the planners attempt to maintain the status quo and may not be agreeable with the

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Parish Council, Parishioners and landowners involved. A Parish Meeting is likely to be called in due course.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Change of WCC Footpath Warden – Nothing to report.
- b) Safety issues of Bus markings & speed stickers – Both items still with County authorities.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING - none

11. LENGTHSMAN - none

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

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/12/00963/PP – Mr & Mrs Meredith, Crothorne Lodge, Main St – Re-roofing, small workshop and part re-cladding of existing garage** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/12/01007/LB – Oakleigh, Blacksmiths Lane – Retrospective application for erection of work shed with log store** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **W/12/01391/AB – Mr G Wood re Smokey Farm, Smokey Lane – The access track will be 4m wide and constructed with a consolidated hardcore base layer and topped with road planing - WDC reply required within 14! days of 28/06/12 (i.e. 12/07/12)**

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr King proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedules for 02/07/12 for signature by meeting Chair.
- b) Payments approved from above £

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15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

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- 1 CALC Update 21 31/05/12
- 2 SWDP Next stage briefing (emailed)
- 3 CALC Executive Officer's report
- 4 CALC Update 22 07/06/12
- 5 Comm 1st Newsline Spring 2012
- 6 WDC Communicate WSP/LSP (emailed)
- 7 CALC Update 23 15/06/12
- 8 WCC Broadband Survey (emailed)
- 9 WDC McD June report (emailed)
- 10 WCC Eyre June info (emailed)
- 11 Jubilee Torch Evesham 01/07/12 route/timings (emailed)
- 12 Rooftop Independence at Home booklet
- 13 NHF National Housing Federation guide for councillors
- 14 NHS 5 A DAY mini(!) healthy eating booklet

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17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Cllr King proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley, and the meeting agreed that the Parish Council should adopt the WCC/WDC/CALC recommended version of a new Code of Conduct following changes in the Standards Board introduced in the recent Localism Act.

All councillors are asked to note that they are required to register the new forms of interest with WDC ASAP noting that spouses/partners interests are also required and that these forms will be available for public inspection on the Internet via WDC/PC websites in due course.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 3rd September 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 August 2012.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:45pm.

Signed (Chair)

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