

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 in the Village Hall 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair R Annis	1 parishioner
	V/chair T Meikle	
	Cllr J King	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr E Stoodley	
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies received from Cllr Segar & Hardy and WDC Cllr McDonald.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr King – Personal only re Village Hall.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 be accepted and signed by chair.

**4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH**

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Cllr Meikle reported that he was still awaiting an agreement between WCC/WDC with regards to an additional ditch to provide additional relief at the bottom of Main Street.

**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)**

WDC Cllr McDonald has indicated that Adrian Blackshaw would be standing as a candidate for the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia in the upcoming election in November.

**6. CHARITIES**

The clerk reported that he had heard nothing further with regards to the Church clock grant request.

**7. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play Projects & Village Library/Coffee mornings)**

Cllr King reported that the coffee mornings would start on a Tuesday initially with another volunteer proposing to run a Saturday session in the shop area which had now had shelves added for a Library. SPECTUS was completing final snagging with a 'drop dead' date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Children had damaged guttering/downpipes getting onto the roof which had now been treated with anti-vandal paint. The recent Barn Dance on 10<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to lack of interest and to minimise any costs. A Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

In Cllr Segar's absence, Cllr King reported that a Sheppey Play Projects free celebration night will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6:30pm with fireworks at 7pm and finishing at 7:30pm. The projects are only outstanding a few minor items including carved seats.

A flat tyre on the tractor will be attended to by Chair Annis.

**As the parishioner present did not request a break the meeting continued.**

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported on additional targeted savings of £30m, initiatives on jobs for the young at suitable sites mainly in Redditch, Worcester, Wyre Forest and Malvern, troubled family funding of around 750 homes from Central funds and 150 from local funds but this still left a shortfall of 600

homes at £4000/home. Funding for schools has changed with most secondary's becoming academies; this is leading to a problem for small rural schools that needs addressing. Middle Lane flooding is with WCC Highways Ray Payne. Any occurrence of Japanese Knotweed is to be reported to the WCC Hub. The issue of Himalayan Balsam will be discussed with WCC Eyre by V/chair Meikle to find a way forward to it control and eradication.

WDC Cllr McDonald had already had a report circulated by the clerk.

**9. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Change of WCC Footpath Warden – Clerk reported that the banking issue was outstanding and he would invite the new footpath warden to a future meeting.
- b) Safety issues of Bus markings & speed stickers – Both items still with County authorities.

**10. SOCIAL HOUSING - none**

**11. LENGTHSMAN**

The B4084 footway siding out needs investigating with Bricklehampton and Wick PC's.

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

**13. PLANNING**

- a) **W/12/01581/PP – Manor Farm, Main St – Proposed conversion of existing garage/store to a two bedroomed house (Messrs Ayliffe of Orchard House).** – Minor concerns were filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/12/01865/PP – Mr D Furlong, Homeleigh, Field Barn Lane – Two storey rear extension with covered balcony and single storey side extensions. - WDC reply required within 21 days of 27/09/12 (i.e. 18/10/12)**

Chair Annis reported that following a meeting with WDC MD Jack Hegarty and Planning Gavin Greenhow agreement appeared to be reached to reinstate the Field Barn Lane site in the SWDP, the other site to the north of the Croft will probably be kept although concerns were expressed by both parties. Chair Annis proposed and the meeting agreed to continue the on-going negotiations with the Ayliffe family based on a 2-3 acre site being purchased by the Parish Council for the sum of £1 plus a £4000 contribution towards their legal fees. The Parish Council additional legal costs will be investigated by the clerk.

**14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedules for 01/10/12 for signature by chair.
- b) Payments approved from above £

626	15	Sheppey phase 3.2 lottery	15,168.65	early
627	16	Sheppey phase 3/pg	692.88	early
628	17	clerk oct sal/all paye	123.04	

**15. WEBSITE - none**

**16. CORRESPONDENCE - none**

**17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION - none**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012. .

Chair closed the meeting at 08:40pm.

Signed ..... (Chair) Date.....