

Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 4th February 2013 in the Village Hall 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair R Annis	Police CSO S Hall
	Cllr J King	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr E Stoodley	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy, Segar and V/chair Meikle.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King – personal re Village Hall - Chair

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr West proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7th January 2013 be accepted and signed by chair.

4. Intentionally Blank

5. FLOODING – JULY 2007 AFTERMATH & 2012 CURRENT

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) &c) The clerk was asked to email V/chair Meikle to obtain an update of his work with the Parish Plan, Patty's Farm corner ditch number two and the maize field issues. This whole area which has seen the road closed three times in the past two months needs raising strategically with WCC Highways and WCC Cllr Eyre will assist.

**6. 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)**

Police CSO Hall reported that there was very little happening around Cropthorne. Two issues which had not been reported resulted him in asking all to inform him of any such incidents as they would give a better overall view of activity and help the Police prioritise their patrols and visits. The mobile police station will be at the Village Hall Saturday 9th February 17-18:00hrs. He is hoping to raise the visibility of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and is looking for an additional three to five interested persons.

7. CHARITIES

Walkabout going ahead as usual with more emphasis on the Village Hall site including a concert on the Saturday evening prior to the Sunday/Monday Bank Holiday event. 140 responses were received to their questionnaire on the event in future although many had complained they had not received it.

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

Cllr King thanked Chair Annis for help with the annual mower service. Wall in the tractor shed should be removed this week, fuel tank removed and a new garage door for safety & security would be obtained. Tomorrow sees the launch of the Coffee & Library regular event 9:30-12:30pm. On Good Friday there will be a 'Sustainability' event with tea, games and a bouncy castle provided. A donated bench will be sited next to the bus stop, two quotes have been received, another due and Chair Annis will obtain a fourth as it appeared to be an expensive project.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that Council Tax had been held by themselves and the Fire Authority with the police still to decide. A survey of 30,000 residents highlighted priorities as highways, help for old in their homes, protecting children and boosting business. All are encouraged to sign up for broadband initiatives. Innovative ways of running library services are being investigated. There is a 'Changing Futures Fund' to help local organisations strengthen their operations. The current adoption process of

617 days is being targeted to a reduced 180 day cycle. There are 44 children on the adoption list with a further 648 in various forms of care which could be put forward for adoption in future.

WDC Cllr McDonald's report had already been circulated covering, no Council Tax increase, new precepting calculations, flooding, economic development on A44 corridor at Fladbury, young people apprenticeship training in Evesham with WDC financial support, and new Pershore library computer suite layout.

10. MATTERS ARISING

- a) WCC Footpath Warden – This item was carried forward.
- b) Safety issues of Bus markings – The meeting agreed that the previous months decision should be released to WCC for agreement with the addition of a 'Play Ground' sign on approaching the Villager Hall from the Charlton direction using the 30 mph sign if not too far in order to save money.

11. SOCIAL HOUSING - none

12. LENGTHSMAN - none

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

14. PLANNING

- **W/12/02526/PN – Mr T Deacon, Willow Bank, Main Road – Erection of open, roofed storage area attached to existing barn – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.**
- **W/12/02535/PN – Mr S Smythe, Staddle Stones, Blacksmiths Lane – Formation of habitable rooms in roof space with rear dormer – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.**

Mid-Croft Land Project – There was nothing to report as yet.

15. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley, and the meeting approved the Bank/Balance Schedules for 04/02/13 for signature by chair with the addition of two late payments covering the website and Cotswold Line Promotion Group membership.
- b) Payments approved from above £

642	31	clerk feb sal/all paye	106.99
643	32	Sheppey mnte	750.00
644	33	Playground support	900.00
645	34	Vhall meetings	110.00

646	35	Website thru 10/12	89.24	late
647	36	Cotswold Line	25.00	

16. WEBSITE - none

17. CORRESPONDENCE - none

18. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION - none

- a) An invite to meet with WCC at the Jubilee Bridge picnic/parking area will be taken up by the clerk and anyone else available.
- b) Additional speeding equipment during Evesham Bridge closure has been requested by WCC Cllr Eyre via Highways.
- c) WCC Cllr Eyre will remind Highways of the requirement for speed cables near the fatal accident site at the junction of Brook Lane on the B4084.
- d) WCC Eyre will be raising the overuse of Field Barn Lane during periods of flooding as part of discussions above.
- e) Chair and Clerk have been invited to meet with Mel Hodges to discuss local issues.
- f) The clerk announced that in the latest round of New Homes Bonuses awarded by WDC Crophorne had secured an additional £5433x6=£32598 in addition to a previous £614x6=3684 amount last year.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 4th March 2013 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 24th February 2013. .

Chair closed the meeting at 09:05pm.

Signed (Chair) Date.....