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**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 8th July 2013 in the Village Hall
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair T Meikle – Meeting Chair	0 Parishioners
	Cllr E Stoodley	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from WCC Cllr Eyre, Chair Annis, Cllrs King, Segar and Hardy.

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 10th June 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) WCC David Lavender is relooking at Patty's Farm corner as reported by WCC Cllr Eyre.

**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)**

After an increase in mainly outbuilding break-ins and thefts, local vigilance led to the arrest of three suspects, two of which are on remand and one bailed.

7. CHARITIES - none

8. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play Projects & Village Library/Coffee mornings) - none

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre has indicated a report will be forthcoming for all her villages.

WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that his report has been or will be delivered to all soonest. Seven of the eight already let new affordable houses in Field Barn Lane have local connections and the eighth empty at the moment will hopefully be allocated likewise in due course. He offered help from WDC Phil Merrick and his heritage experts if help is needed in replacing the bus shelter. Flooding insurance scheme is expected to be extended until a new scheme due in 2015. It is hoped that a statement from WDC will soon be available which can be dropped on the most vulnerable properties in Brook Lane. Future rates of New Homes Bonus (NHB) scheme payments will be reviewed and could decrease or disappear, however commitments made already will be honoured.

10. MATTERS ARISING

- a) WCC Footpath Warden – This item is outstanding.
- b) WCC Picnic Area – The item is outstanding.
- c) Bridge closure/Additional speed help – This item is under continuous review.
- d) B4084 speed cable – This item has again been highlighted as outstanding.
- e) Mel Hodges visit (861551) – This item is still outstanding.
- f) Clerk Replacement – The clerk will prepare applications received pack and help on the way forward as soon as the closure date of 15th July 2013 passes.
- g) Croft Parking – The clerk is awaiting guidance on ownership from WCC.

11. SOCIAL HOUSING – none, see above

12. LENGTHSMAN - none

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13. **PARISH PLAN** – priority continues with Sheppey Play Project & Community Projects above. - none

14. **PLANNING**

- a) **WCC - 13/000001/CM – Severn Trent Water Ltd – Off-road parking area to serve adjacent Cemetery Corner Sewage Pumping Station** - It was agreed that in filing a no objection, notice would be drawn to supporting any issues raised by Charlton PC due to the position of the site at the bottom of the Church Leys in Charlton. A decision is awaited.
- b) **W/13/00853/PN & W/13/00898/LB – Holland House Conference Centre, Main St – Provision of disabled sleeping accommodation and improvements to toilets & additional shower rooms and double bedroom with en-suite as approved under application W/11/01691/PN without compliance with condition 2 (controlling the materials used in the construction of the extension). - WDC reply required within 21 days of 07/05/13 (i.e. 28/05/13).** A no objection response was filed and permissions have been granted.
- c) **W/13/00962/PN – Mr R Cooper, Field Barn Caravan Park – Use of site for caravans as approved under planning permission reference number W/06/01261/PN but without compliance with condition no2 (restricting use of caravans to holiday use only) and no3 (requiring the maintenance of a register of all owners/occupiers of caravans and their main home address). - WDC reply required within 21 days of 18/06/13 (i.e. 09/07/13) –** This in effect classes the 102 caravans on site as permitted dwellings outside of the current village boundary and is cause for great concerns. It was proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Stoodley and the meeting agreed that an objection would be made covering a number of items, including unknown timber office building, missing correspondence, lack of advertising in local papers and all sorts of unknown consequences of such an adverse decision being made.

Mid-Croft Land Project – It has been reported that an outline planning application is imminent which should help to begin clarifying the situation.

15. **FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley and the meeting agree to accept the Bank/Balance Schedules for 08/07/13 for signature by meeting chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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665	13	C&C VH&PF Cspaces	80.00
666	14	clerk sal/all/exp paye jul	141.94

16. **WEBSITE - none**

17. **CORRESPONDENCE - none**

18. **NEW HOMES BONUS (NHB) – see above**

Status – Awarded - Year 1/2011 N/A, Year 2/2012 £614x6=£3684, Year3/2013 £5433x6=£32598 totalling £36,282 – Allocated nil.

19. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) A possible replacement of the bus shelter was extensively discussed but recognised that with a minority of councillors being present should continue at the next meeting. Cllr West is continuing to solicit comments and suggestions. Chair Annis has provided and so will Cllr West in due course deliver samples of new shelters. A suggestion that the current shelter be remodelled and cleaned up was added to the potential solutions particularly in the light of the potential cost of new, including installations and site changes, verses modified.
- b) The clerk, following receipt of complaints, was asked to seek clarification of the recent dominant appearance of a white picket fence in the conservation with WDC enforcement.

20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 2nd September 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 25th August 2013.