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**Meeting of Crothorne Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Village School 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair A Hughes	
	V/chair R Annis	
	Cllr J Segar	
	Cllr M West	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	

Apologies were received from WCC Cllr Eyre, WDC Cllr McDonald and Cllr T Meikle.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr King – Personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Village Hall Committee.  
Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December be accepted and signed by Chair.

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

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) A specific flood alleviation grant of £2,500 is known to the landowner who is aware of the urgency and is considering his options to improve road drainage at the corner of Main Street and Brook Lane. Cllr Meikle is still to report on any update.

**5. POLICING – contact is PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000)**

There have been reports of cold-call marketing contacts with regards to burglary systems being received from legitimate companies but without any prior knowledge of the local police. Parishioners are advised to take company name and phone number and contact the police if they are concerned.

**6. CHARITIES – nothing was reported.**

**7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project**

Cllr King reported that the Lottery would consider increasing their grant in order to help move the refurbishment programme forward which is still targeted to start in April. The last event in the hall will be a Murder Mystery on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010. There is also a race night on 30<sup>th</sup> January and 200 club tickets are still available.

Cllr Segar reported that she now had funding from WCC Positive Activities £2100, Police £150, Sheppey Juniors £54.10, Summer Barbeque residual £136 and Village Hall £250 which could go towards two small pieces of kit, roundabout and wobble board. HFH had carried out a small free survey and design of the Sheppey and there is still a possibility of a professional design grant of £250 from WDC if other grant applications require such input. On behalf of the Parish Council and its parishioners, Chair Hughes thanked and complemented Cllr Segar on her sterling efforts and good works on the Sheppey Play Project to date. An open night explaining the project is planned nearer the time.

**As there were no parishioners requesting a suspension the meeting continued.**

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

WDC Cllr McDonald reported via the clerk that WDC were very active in improving services and costs through a LEAN Business Improvement Programme called Better not Busier (BnB) in order to meet the future effects of the current financial problems. Work continues

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on providing a Brine Experience at Droitwich, Fladbury are investigating Temporary Speed Sign Indicators following a briefing from Inkberrow's WDC Cllr Audrey Steel. Charlton's flood alleviation scheme of three upstream holding pools is moving forward with approval by the RFDC being sought on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Annual Parish Meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 venue - The clerk will rebook with the School following the planned eight month closure of the village hall from the end of March.
- b) Bus Shelter damage – The chair reported that this item was still outstanding.
- c) Middle Lane lorry/verge damage – The clerk reported that this issue has been escalated to the Freight Quality Partnership via Mike Digger.
- d) Brook Lane turning verge visibility – The clerk has reported the issue to WCC.

#### 10. SOCIAL HOUSING

The clerk reported that WDC have today released their technical consultation findings with regards to the many possible sites identified previously. Details are yet to be received but it has been indicated that only 3 sites at most offer a possibility. Mr Potter, Rural Housing enabler of Community First, will be invited to the next meeting to discuss provided WDC information has been received and circulated.

#### 11. LENGTHSMAN

A list of highways duties was circulated and will be placed on the notice board. V/chair Annis reported damage to both ends of the B4084 lay-by, the clerk will inspect.

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

#### 13. PLANNING

- a) **W/09/02545/PP – Mr M Powell, Drumearn, Blacksmiths Lane – Single storey rear extension. Roof conversion.** – A no objection response was filed - see next item.
- b) **As above Amendment – Alterations to the roof including an increase in the ridge height over original plans submitted.** – A no objection response is to be filed and a decision is awaited.
- c) **W/09/02683/PP – Mr & Mrs Carroll, The Crophorne Stud, Field Barn Lane – First floor extension to bedroom 1** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- d) **W/09/02727/PP – Mr & Mrs Zu Wied, Crophorne House, Main Street – New double garage incorporating bike shed and log store** - A no objection response was filed and a decision is awaited.

#### 14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed the approval of the Bank/Balance Schedule for 04/01/10 for signature by Chair.

- b) Payments approved from above

517	18	Clerk Sal, All Dec	£
			149.84

15. **WEBSITE** – Cllr Meredith reported that nothing had progressed over the Xmas period.

#### 16. CORRESPONDENCE

##### 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009

1	PHS	Newsletter Oct/Nov
2	Comm 1 <sup>st</sup>	Newsline Autumn
3	C&C	Direct Nov
4	WCC	Warden Newsletter Oct
5	WCC	Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
6	WCC	Waste Core Strategy Nov
7	Police	Policing Matters Group – Wychavon
8	C&C Vhall	Minutes 09/11/09

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9	WCC	Temporary Road Closure Middle Lane
10	WCC	Pershore Transport Questionnaire Summary
11	EHS	Newsletter Nov
12	EHS	Newsletter Sep
13	WDC	Free Energy Advice
14	WCC Eyre	07/12/09 report
15	WCC	Partnership Matters Autumn. Winter
16	WCC	Budget Consultation Meetings

**17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) V/chair Annis reported noisy drain cover on B4084 towards The New Inn, the clerk will inspect.
- b) It was generally agreed that another newsletter was timely given the activities of the village hall refurbishment (Cllr King), Sheppey Play Project (Cllr Segar), website (Cllr Meredith) and walkabout.
- c) Cllr Segar requested that footways at the Croft Green were of concern, the clerk will inspect.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 7:30pm at the Village School. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

**Signed .....**(Chair)

**Date .....**