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**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 1st February 2010 in the Village School
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair R Annis – meeting chair	
	Cllr J Segar	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr M West	Parishioners - 4
	Cllr T Meikle	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	

Apologies were received from Chair A Hughes, Cllr J King and WDC Cllr McDonald.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 4th January 2010 accepted and signed by V/chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered (see below)
- b) Martin Cross WDC and Cllr Meikle met with the landowner near Patty's Farm with regards to the installation of additional drainage (c£2500 WDC grant), progress of which is currently being held up by potential plans to seek permission for an additional nearby driveway.

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

6. CHARITIES – nothing was reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project

It was reported from Cllr King that a small delay in the planning to date would have little or no effect on the proposed late March/April start date of the refurbishment of the village hall.

Cllr Segar reported that she had been advised by WDC that the addition of any fixed play facilities to the Sheppey would require formal planning consent and that there might be an advantage in the Parish Council seeking the necessary permission, the clerk will investigate with Emma Ridley. The Parish Council has been made aware that neighbouring properties to the Sheppey have concerns over any proposals. It was made clear that nothing would proceed to the formal planning stage without the necessary consultation with the parish (including Charlton) and parishioners as a whole. Cllr Segar offered and it was accepted that a joint or individual visit to at least Broadway and Littleton skate park would be useful and she will contact councillors in due course to make arrangements.

The meeting closed for 10 minutes to allow parishioners to address councillors.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre submitted a two page detailed report that is included in the current circulation pack. This covered key activities, assessment report on WCC's services (marked 3 out of 4), shared services with district councils to save money (WCC's alternative to unitary councils), asset usage, Council Tax 2.5% at consultation stage, Corporate Plan 2009-13, Economic strategy, Adult safeguarding, future arrangements for waste disposal, choice & control for older people and the national online crime map (<http://maps.police.uk>).

WDC Cllr McDonald submitted a report that indicated that he was progressing an issue with regards to the play equipment project and that the 'Better not Busier' programme was delivering results in the efficiency drive required over the next three years.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Annual Parish Meeting – April 12th 2010 venue will now be the Village School.
- b) Bus Shelter damage – The clerk reported that the damage had been repaired.
- c) Potential Newsletter – It was noted that inputs were required by Chair Hughes asap.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING

The clerk reported that feed back from WDC indicated that of the 14 sites originally identified eleven has been rejected by WCC Highways, two by WDC Planning (Church Leys left & right) leaving only one site at the garaging and parking area in the Lower Croft which was considered to be unacceptable by the meeting due to the poor access, lack of existing facilities for traffic/parking etc and also emergency access to the rear of the school. The clerk was asked to respond with Chair Hughes to WDC's new affordable housing officer Kirsten May-Jones seeking clarification on how to proceed if there were no acceptable sites especially as the Parish Council has been made aware that one of the WCC Highways rejected sites is being actively processed by the landowner and an housing association in the meantime (top of Field Barn Lane right).

11. LENGTHSMAN - The clerk circulated the report for December/January activities.

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 was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **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 permission has been granted.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Meredith, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedule for 01/02/10 for signature by V/chair.

- b) Payments approved from above

			£
518	19	WCC School hire 2years	105.20
519	20	C&CVHall Sheppey mowing	750.00
520	21	C&CVHall Playground support	900.00
521	22	Clerk Sal, All Jan	149.84
522	23	Lengthsman	134.38

15. WEBSITE

Cllr Meredith reported that other village organisations were willing to utilise links from the parish council website to their own and he was asked to see if reciprocal arrangements could be put in place.

16. CORRESPONDENCE**22nd January 2010**

1	Wsport	Wychavon Parish Games 2009
2	WDC Cllr McD	January 10 report
3	Charlton	Flood Committee News Winter 09/10
4	CAB	Grant request
5	WNHS	Wellbeing Jan 10 Issue 2
6	Standards	Meeting 20/01/10
7	SWJCS	Information Gathering – Villages Jan-Mar 2010
8	C&C Direct	Councils Suppliers Guide and Yearbook 2010
9	C&C Direct	Jan 2010

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10 WDC Gypsies & Travellers – a discussion evening 24/02/10 6pm

It was noted that Cllrs Segar and West would represent the Parish Council at this item.

11 WCC Cllr Eyre January 10 report
12 CALC Update Issue 1 21/1/2010

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Snow Plough damage at the corner of Field Barn Lane and Blacksmiths Lane (right) needs investigating for onward action by the lengthsman or highways.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 1st March 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 21st February 2010.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date