

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair A Hughes	WCC Cllr Eyre
	V/chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr J Segar	Parishioners - 17
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr T Meikle	PC Stuart Toms
	Cllr J Meredith	
	Cllr J King	

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr King – Personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Village Hall Committee and related planning application 10/01204.

Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee and personal and prejudicial with planning application 10/01204.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

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

a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered (see below)

b) Slow progress is being made with parties at Patty's Lane corner with regards to flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC.

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

PC Toms indicated that if anyone had any concerns with regards to recent 'offenders rehabilitation' house callers to contact him.

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

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

Cllr King reported progress on demolition stage of the hall refurbishment and that the October 22<sup>nd</sup> project completion date was still in place.

**The meeting closed for an extended 55+ minutes to allow the 17 parishioners to address councillors with regards to the Sheppey Play Project Plans.**

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

Neither WCC Cllr Eyre nor WDC Cllr McDonald reported on anything not contained in these minutes.

**9. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Walk to school – WCC Cllr Eyre reported that there were some potential funds available and she had asked officers to liaise with Cllr Segar and School Head with regards to the routing between the Sheppey/Blacksmiths Lane/School.

b) Heath works – Chair Hughes reported that the site wished to build another large shed between the two existing ones; it was suggested to the applicant that this third shed be set back further on the site.

**10. SOCIAL HOUSING**

Chair Hughes requested the following statement to be formally minuted: Mr Nigel Potter, Rural Housing Officer, Community First/WDC & Ms Kirstie May-Jones, Housing Development, WDC had been invited to attend this meeting to discuss an imminent social housing planning application, however Ms Gill Collin, Head of Planning, WDC said this consultation would be premature.

**11. LENGTHSMAN - Clerk reported work in hand, WCC Cllr Eyre requested gullies given attention.**

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

13. **PLANNING**

- a) **W/10/00143/PN – Mr J Turner, Environmental Agency, Sentinel House, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield Staffs WS13 8RR – Extension of existing landing stage, new ferry cable and landing stages, canoe access and egress ramps** – A filing supporting Fladbury Parish Council and Crophorne Mill tenants views has been filed due to the site dislocation from Crophorne in general.(see below\*\*\*\*).
- b) **W/10/00657/PP – Mr A Dryden, 10 Middle Lane - Erection of a garage** – Technical concerns over public notification and concerns over height and raised windows have been lodged. Permission has been granted.
- c) **W/10/00143/PN – Environment Agency, Fladbury Weir - AMENDMENT Reduction in extension from 21m to 12m** - A filing supporting Fladbury Parish Council and Crophorne Mill tenants continued objections has been lodged due to the site dislocation from Crophorne in general and a decision from the Planning Development Committee has rejected the jetty extension.(see above\*\*\*\*).
- d) **W/10/00659/PN – Mrs D Conners, Severn Acres, Main Rd – Retrospective application for fence and pillars with iron gates** – An objection was filed particularly with regards to any permanency on a temporary site, subsequently an **AMENDMENT** to the title covering this part of the objection has been made and permission has been granted temporarily.
- e) **W/10/01204/PN – Mrs J Segar on behalf of Crophorne & Charlton Village Hall & Sheppey – Replace play equipment with wire wall, two directional lights, perimeter exercise path, wooden shelter and tree house** – The general consensus off councillors able to comment is that the Parish Council will support this application in principle, but recognises that there are differing views with the extent and timing of all the possible equipment options which still need to be agreed by the applicant and the village hall committee. WDC reply required within 21 days of 27/05/10 (i.e. 17/06/10)

Sian Griffiths and Sarah George, WDC/SWJCS Planning attended to brief the meeting on developments to date. This joint Spatial Strategy was necessary as Worcester City was unable to provide the necessary housing expansion within its own administrative area. (WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that any future amendments would also have to address the imbalances between Malvern Hills and Wychavon allocations). However the new coalition government has indicated it would remove the current top down targets of 30-35,000 new units and revert to numbers of about 20,000 by 2026 for the three council's involved.

The recent exercise had requested, as has been carried out in the past, the public to indicate areas which could be considered for housing. These areas have been mapped but each is subject to other evidence and in particular in this area fluvial and pluvial flooding problems. Each village has been marked for its facilities and access and Crophorne was originally deemed category 3 (affordable homes, local needs only). A reclassification of the marking requested by District Councillors of the 3 involved District Councils had asked for an amendment which now placed Crophorne in category 2 (allocation of general housing of the order of 30 units). Again it was noted that local conditions would still play the major part in what could be acceptable for building, the reduction in the numbers above would go some way to reducing the pressures to build general housing. The exercise also included other aspects such as land for employment and noted a large movement to home working in the area. Issues such as official/unofficial Green Belts would be taken into account particularly areas between Droitwich/Worcester and Birmingham/Bromsgrove/Droitwich/Redditch to prevent urban sprawl.

Other issues such as sustainability, green infrastructure and areas in danger of change are to be considered. It was noted that it was a statutory requirement of all District Councils to carry out and have such plans available and the change in government policy did not change this. The data collect for the old policy would still inform the new policy.

14. **FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed to adopt the Bank/Balance Schedule for 10/06/10 for approval and signature by Chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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529	4	Clerk sal,all,exp	163.82
530	5	CALC standing orders	17.00

- c) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed to adopt the Statement of Accounts form from the Audit Commission following internal audit by Mr Roy Welch for approval and signature by Chair and RFO.
- d) The Annual Governance statement was read out in full and each answer agreed by the council. Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance statement be approved for signature by Chair and RFO.

15. **WEBSITE** – carried forward to July.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

1	C&CVHMC	AGM 20/04/10
2	NALC	Event programme 2010
3	CALC	Update 12
4	CALC	Update 13
5	WDC	Artworks Spring 2010
6	C&C	Direct May 2010
7	WCC	Waste Core Strategy – Emerging preferred options
8	WCC	WoW magazine Spring 2010
9	CALC	Update 14
10	WDC	Parish Matters April 2010
11	C&CVHMC	Minutes 08/03/2010
12	WDC Cllr McD	April/May reports
13	PHS	Newsletter May 2010
14	WCC	Warden Newsletter April 2010
15	CALC	Update 15

17. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) The status of the recent Village shop initiative was carried forward to July.
- b) The application, 500165926 New Inn, Main Rd was considered. V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that option B should be supported and forwarded to WDC.
  - Option A – WDC £1470.14 of which Parish Council pays £183.77
  - Option B - WDC £735.07 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
  - Option C - WDC £0.00 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
- c) Chair Hughes proposed the Adoption of a Crophorne PC Housing Development Policy and it was agreed by the meeting subject to a minor correction which will be reissued. Cllr Meikle will examine how this is passed through to WDC as part of the Parish Plan system.
- d) The clerk was asked to survey the roads for potholes and report.
- e) Cllr King reported that there would be Emergency meetings of the Village Hall Management Committee and the Sheppey Play Area working group on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May in order to agree a single approach to the current planning application 10/01204 which is being amended anyway following wider consultation.

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

The next Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Chair closed the meeting at 09:40pm. Signed .....(Chair)

Date