

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 6th September 2010 in the Village School
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair A Hughes	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	V/chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr J Segar	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	
	Cllr J King	

Apologies were received from Cllr 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

V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 5th July 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.

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)

The clerk reported that previous gunfire over night had been to clear vermin.

6. CHARITIES – nothing was reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project

Cllr King reported that the Village Hall refurbishment was continuing. She expressed her thanks to Chair Hughes who had edited a proposed newsletter about the project for Committee approval and future distribution. An Opening Marketing Programme is proposed when a final handover date is agreed with the contractor.

Cllr Segar confirmed that planning permission had been granted for the Sheppey Play Project and a contractor selected with a start date for Phase 1 as September 27th.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that it had been a busy summer with the review of future spending in her area of Children's Services. Cuts of £2.5m by April, then £5m a year totalling £15m by 2013 are likely to be increased. Statutory requirements verses needs, in-house verse outsourcing and targeting specific groups are all being considered. Schools budgets cuts are being reviewed with economy of scales from a countywide approach. It was noted that 62 languages were experienced in the County's schools. The new school academy programme had awaited public consultation which ended on 31st August. The combining of Finance and the Management Accounting functions could be expected to provide worthwhile savings.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that he had supported winning applications at both Crophorne and Fladbury for play area funds. Current business regeneration activity was centred on Droitwich with the new canal opening and plans for Brine Experience and Hotel's in the pipeline. Parish Plans are being considered as important evidence again after previous changes in policy over their importance. A travellers' incursion at Charlton over the Bank Holiday was acted upon quickly and with little problem.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Walk to school – Cllr Eyre reported that following removal of the orbital pathway at the Sheppey and the sheer size and cost due to length, coupled with funding cut backs, had resulted in the project being abandoned. It was noted that the school had fenced the rear with no gate anyway.
- b) PC Housing Development Policy – WDC Cllr McDonald was asked to investigate how this policy could be registered with WDC Planning.
- c) Footpath help – Clerk report that Probationary help was not possible with County using 80% of the resource. Hillary Hall was reported as happy with recent local help.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – nothing to report.**11. LENGTHSMAN**

The Clerk presented the June & July activity report. Chair reported that he had received thanks from a parishioner for the clearance of the line of sight at Brook Lane & Main Street. In response to a question from V/chair Annis the clerk reported that it supplied no equipment to the Lengthsman. Previous old obsolete equipment had been given to him to do with what he thought best with no recourse to the Parish Council.

12. PARISH PLAN – priority continues with Sheppey Play Project above.**13. PLANNING**

- a) **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 of councillors able to comment is that the Parish Council supports this application in principle, but recognises that there are differing views with the extent and timing of all the possible equipment options. The agreed amendments have been filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/10/01278/PP – Mr M Canvin, Fulmer Walk, Field Barn Lane – Ground floor rear kitchen extension and to replace existing conservatory roof with flat insulated roof** – A no objection response has been filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **W/10/01467/CU – Mr J Davies, 10 Evergreen Bank, Main Rd – Variation of Condition 1 to allow the addition of two further people** – Concerns on how site population and ongoing accommodation requirements can be suitably controlled was filed. Permission has been granted.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedule for 06/09/10 for signature by Chair.

b)	Payments approved from above	£
534	9 Clement Keys audit	141.00
535	10 Wychavon Sport	19.00
536	11 Lengthsman Jun/Jul	130.80
537	12 Clek sal all jul aug	299.68

Cllr Segar was asked to bring Sheppey Project Accounting and Future Planning information, including Terms & Conditions, to the next meeting.

15. WEBSITE – nothing to report, except Village Hall is planning its own site.**16. CORRESPONDENCE****16th July 2010**

1	CALC	Update 16 27/05/10
2	WCC Eyre	April/May report
3	CALC	Update 17
4	WCC	Lengthsman Scheme in Worcs
5	C&CVHMC	Minutes 17/05/10
6	CALC	Update 18 11/06/10
7	WCC	Winter Service 2010/11

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8	WDC	Member's Allowances
9	CALC	Update 19 17/06/10
10	WCC	Jubilee Bridge closure
11	WCC Eyre	June report
12	SWJCS	Spatial Strategy update
13	WDC McDonald	June report
14	CALC	Update 20 24/06/10
15	C&C	Direct magazine####
16	WDC	Annual report – Standards
17	WDC McDonald	July report
18	W Partner	Funding
19	W Partner	Consultation – changes
20	CALC	Update 21 08/07/10
21	W Partner	Children's Trust
22	CALC	Update 22 15/07/10

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Fladbury Cross will be closed again on night of 13th/14th September 18:00 to 06:00 to conclude the rebuild.
- b) A letter from a parishioner detailing the poor state of village footpaths was passed to WCC Cllr Eyre as requested.
- c) A request from WCC to the Village Hall to clear 20 metres of footway was passed on to Cllr King in her position as Chair of the organisation.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 4th October 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 26th September 2010. .

Chair closed the meeting at 08:10pm.

Signed(Chair)

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