

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2011 in the Village School
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair A Hughes	
	Cllr J Segar	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr J King	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	
	Cllr T Meikle	
	Cllr J Meredith	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from V/chair Annis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee and Sheppey Play Project Committee.

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

Cllr Meredith – Personal and prejudicial interest in W/10/02659/PP.

Chair Hughes – Personal and prejudicial interest in W/10/02904/PP.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 6th December 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

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

b) A planning application including identifying work specific to the flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC is being prepared but timing is becoming very urgent as the financial year end is 31st March 2011.

5. POLICING – contact is PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000) - none

All parishioners are asked to be very vigilant with regards to cold calling approaches by telephone especially with regards to the selling of security systems and computer virus solutions.

6. CHARITIES - none

7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project

Cllr King reported that tenders for the restarting of the refurbishment program were still to be submitted. It was noted that there has been subsequent damages by weather to the site which will have to be corrected, hopefully within the funds withheld from the initial builder. In the meantime the committee have been working on hire charges, booking form Terms and Conditions and hope to produce marketing leaflets in the near future. The new tractor is due in February. Replacement of dead foliage at the bund will take place in due course. Junior football is now subject to fees however these have yet to be paid.

Saturday 15th January 2011 is an important date when a cabaret show is being held at Fladbury Village Hall, Bar 7pm, Show 8pm. In the afternoon there is also a Table Top Sale at the same venue and bric-a-brac is need for sale, also any donations or unwanted to the days raffle would be appreciated.

Cllr Segar announced that the next phase of the play project would commence within the next fortnight with the delivery and installation of a further 3 pieces of play equipment. Two refunding grants have recently been received from WCC/European Leader project and the additional play equipment should also qualify for future refunding..

The 'parish' shop at Bishampton which has received publicity in papers and TV recently has been partially sponsored by a 10p/week/household addition to the local precept. Crophorne Village shop is still part of the lottery/refurbishment project and there is interest in resurrecting the defunct Shop Steering Committee.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will issue a report in due course. She reported that savings targets were being moved by government changing the rules continually. Winter gritting and recent reorganisation of grit bins had caused problems. Attempts to get farmers accredited to help the villages were needed. Major bus cuts were under consultation and review. All major cuts were now being reviewed to cover unintended consequences.

WDC Cllr McDonald will issue a report in due course. He reported that he had dealt with some issues regarding fuel poverty and energy charges. Community schemes were needed to solve the problems of side road access in the recent poor weather. Wick Parish Plan has been adopted as a "local information source" which means it will be referred to in planning matters by WDC. Local Parish Plans may get more weight and should be continuously reviewed. The expected four year budget cuts were now due within the first half of the period. £35,000 has been set aside to help Community Bus Schemes. He thought that National verses local tensions would ramp up in the near future as more and more details of the cuts were announced and planned for. WDC had made significant changes including cutting 25% of senior management, other staff to obtain a £660k/year saving amongst other actions.

The Parish Council asked WDC Cllr McDonald to pass on their thanks for the very good waste collection service that covered the recent adverse weather conditions with very little inconvenience.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Eon Supply - Clerk reported that he had been in contact with EoN customer services who were investigating the recent temporary generator problem with their engineering department.
- b) Footpath Middle Lane/Blacksmiths Lane – Cllr Meikle will liaise with the landowner to see what support may be required. It was requested that the footpath warden be involved if possible.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING - none

11. LENGTHSMAN - none

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

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/10/02551/CU – Mr D McLeod, The Orchards, Smokey Lane - Change of use to equine, formation of riding ménage, personal use only, no drainage or building required.** - A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/10/02659/PP – Mr & Mrs J Meredith, Crophorne Lodge, Main St - Formation of room in roof space with side roof lights.** – A no objection response to the original application has been filed, however the conservation officer has suggested a resiting of three roof windows on the other side. The applicants have filed an amendment moving one of the three windows. Following discussions (Cllr Meredith withdrew) it was agreed that there was no objection to the amendment which was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) **W/10/02548/PP – Mr Webberley re 1 Lower Haselor Lodge - Extension to house to provide an additional bedroom with ensuite bathroom** – A no objection response was filed and a decision is awaited.
- d) **W/10/02904/PP – Mr A Hughes, Riverside Lodge, Neigh Lane - Roof alteration - WDC reply required within 21 days of 16//12/10 (i.e. 06/01/11) for which a delay has been requested due to postal delay of 12 days.**
- e) **W/10/02601/CU – Field off track to fisherman's car park Jubilee Bridge at Mill Bank Fladbury** This application would initially appear to be similar to a previous application which was withdrawn after substantial opposition in Fladbury. The meeting noted that there were many concerns with regards to this application. WDC reply required within 21 days of 30//12/10 (i.e. 20/01/11)

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed that the Bank/Balance Schedule for 10/01/11 be approved for signature by Chair.

b)		Payments approved from above	£
545	20	Clerk sal/all/exp dec	161.30
546	21	Sheppey maintenance	750.00
547	22	Playground mnte	900.00

15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE - none

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) The recent severe weather conditions and their effects on parishioners were discussed. The exact nature of what could be reasonably carried out by the Parish Councils in the light of the responsibilities of the District and County Councils was not easily identifiable. The new coalition government moves towards localism will be monitored for potential trends in this area. Concern was expressed at the possibility of the Parish Council getting responsibility without resource.
- b) For the record it is noted that Hilary Hall, WCC footpath warden, via the clerk has reported tree problems at Baldwin's Bank which have been registered with Severn Trent Water reference 4704668.
- c) It is noted that the current Parish Council four year term runs out this year and there will be elections in May.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 7th February 2011 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 30th January 2011.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:55pm.

Signed(Chair)

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