

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in the Village School 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies were received from WDC Cllr McDonald.

**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.

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

C/chair Annis – Personal and prejudicial interest in W/11//00096/PP.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

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

The clerk was asked to ensure that the police could attend the Annual Parish meeting in April and also to investigate whether any domestic fuel thefts had been reported.

**6. CHARITIES - none**

**7. VILLAGE HALL**

**Refurbishment etc**

Cllr King reported that four tenders had been received for the restarting of the delayed Village Hall refurbishment. Although there were finances available from the previous builders the total funds available would be tight due rework/restart issues, and compromises may have to be made. The cheapest bidder has previous village hall experience which will be checked out together with financials of all four participants. The new schedule indicated 16 weeks of working. The day to day finances are of great concern with little to no income but much of the standard expenditures still accruing. An insurance assessor has been on site and a successful claim is imperative. Shindig cabaret night held at Fladbury Village Hall was a success. Junior football parking is still a concern especially with the lack of onsite parking due to the building problems (police are aware), and payments are also not being received.

**Sheppey Play Project**

Cllr Segar reported that phase 2 had been completed with an extra tree bench being added. The overall financial status of the project has seen £60k in grants received from a variety of sources; WDC, WCC, EU, NHS plus local fundraising. There has now been £45k of equipment/installations made. This leaves £15k available for 2011/12 phase which includes a tree house proposal that would require most of this remainder. The Parish Council expressed thanks to all those, and in particular Cllr Segar, for their efforts on such a substantial improvement of Sheppey facilities in such a short time.



15. WEBSITE – none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

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- 1 WDC Parish Matters
- 2 PHS Oct/Nov Newsletter
- 3 CALC Issue 37 04/11/10
- 4 CALC Issue 38 11/11/10
- 5 CALC Issue 39 18/11/10
- 6 Journal of Local Planning Autumn 10
- 7 CALC Issue 40 26/11/10
- 8 Various Toolkit Small Grant Scheme H&W
- 9 CAB Appeal
- 10 CALC Issue 41 09/12/10
- 11 SW P&T Council Workshops – SWDP
- 12 Eyre Dec 2010 report
- 13 Rooftop Concern for Older Residents during Cold Spells
- 14 CALC Issue 42 16/12/10
- 15 PHS Dec Newsletter
- 16 RBL The Great Poppy Party Weekend 10,11,12 June 2011
- 17 CALC Issue 1 06/01/11
- 18 WDC Vacancy on Independent Remuneration Panel
- 19 C&C Direct Jan 2011
- 20 McD Jan 2011 report
- 21 Luff Localism Bill
- 22 Eyre Jan 2011 report
- 23 WCC Consultation subsidised public transport & home to school
- 24 CALC Issue 2 13/10/11
- 25 Com 1<sup>st</sup> Newsline

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) The clerk indicated that a Notice of Election for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 must be made by 25<sup>th</sup> March, with the 14<sup>th</sup> being likely. Candidates then have until noon Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to file their relevant papers. Candidates will be announced on the 6<sup>th</sup> with one days grace for any late withdrawals. Therefore by the close of play on the 7<sup>th</sup> it will be known whether a ballot for parish councillors will be required. If it is not then there should be no costs, if there is then costs are proposed as 25% PC, 25% WDC and 50% referendum, if held, otherwise 50% PC, 50% WDC. New councillors’ expenses must be filed on 9<sup>th</sup> May to ensure no legal complications.
- b) Reports have been received that there are more than the permitted six caravans on the temporary travellers’ site on Main Rd and that a shed is being used as overnight accommodation. The clerk has been asked to contact WDC Enforcement with these concerns and also to seek status of the site given that its temporary licence has nearly expired, November 2011, with respect to the inspectorate’s requirement that the site be returned to its original condition within this timescale.
- c) Concerns over fireworks and thatched cottages have been raised. Given the expected celebrations in April for the Royal Wedding the clerk was asked to post a notice in April and the usual October for 5<sup>th</sup> November as well as raising awareness of the issue locally, parish meeting, 5-Alive etc.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The Cropthorne Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 7:30pm at the Village School (due Village Hall closure). Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The Cropthorne Parish Council Annual Meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:40pm.

Signed .....(Chair)

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