

Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 4th July 2011 in the Village School 7:30pm.

0. CO-OPTION of one councillor due September 2011 meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

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

Apology was received from Cllr Hardy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J King – personal & prejudicial – Village Hall Chair
Cllr J Segar – personal – Village Hall/Sheppey Play project.
Chair Annis – personal – Play project cash flow loan
V/chair Meikle – personal – Play project cash flow loan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 6th June 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 has been submitted and is being considered for an amendment to contain the 'ditch solution' on the bend at Patty's Farm. The clerk will write to WDC explaining the delay.

5. POLICING – contact is CSO Simon Hall (03003 333000) - none

The clerk was asked to see if there was a sensible way of putting NW alerts onto the website.

6. CHARITIES

WDC Cllr McDonald advised that Evesham CAB had new premises and were cooperating with Malvern Hills CAB in the use of an advice line. Demand in the current circumstances had risen dramatically and it was good to see that financing issues due to cuts had been successfully addressed whilst maintaining their services.

7. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play & Community Projects and Village Shop)

Village Hall Update – Cllr King reported this project was due for major completion on 18th July with only a few minor items outstanding, there is to be a site meeting tomorrow. The opening will be a two-step process with a drop in session for all on Sunday 4th September 3-5pm (tea and cakes) and a formal invitee only ceremony on Saturday 10th September at 5pm onwards (catered). The committee skills audit will be completed soon and junior football is undergoing a major review following their take over by John Ayliffe and supported by Rob Cowley on the committee.

Sheppey Play & Community Projects – Cllr Segar reported there would now be two separately funded projects running together from LEADER and the lottery. The lottery was funded up front but Leader was paid after proof of expenditure which meant very careful planning to ensure this part of the project was cash neutral which it had been for nearly a year now and would be for the rest of this year. However due to the legals on closing the project a cash shortfall may be experienced and Chair & V/chair offered to provide temporary funding facilities to the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr King and the meeting to agree to this arrangement and solution which had been cleared by CALC. The tree cabin had been given the go ahead, together with a picnic bench and additional fitness equipment. There is to be a sleep over event at the Sheppey.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre drew attention to the 20,000 oak tree planting availability to celebrate the 2012 Diamond Jubilee, school project could be of a size of 60. She has been awarded a community budget of £10,000 for her nine parishes and would be looking for similar match funding opportunities to increase this to £20k. The issue of budgets and their management for older people is being addressed for the period until the new coalition proposals are made and implemented if ever.

WDC issued a report for inclusion in the circulation pack. This covered the flood funding issue above, the SWDP housing plan before the district council which will go to public consultation in September, public enquiry in 2012 for adoption in 2013. He notes that the SHLAA is a technical study of possible sites used only as a guide database in arriving at the SWDP requirement for housing. Cllr Segar has enquired about the Youth Bus. He also expressed his concerns over the local arrangement for old people's care which although appeared extensive was probably failing in one form or another throughout the system and was a concern for all.

9. MATTERS ARISING - none

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – note, planning application awaited.

11. LENGTHSMAN - none

12. PARISH PLAN – priority continues with Sheppey Play & Community Projects above.

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/10/02601/CU – Field off track to fisherman's car park Jubilee Bridge at Mill Bank Fladbury** - Support for Fladbury Parish Council and Crothorne Mill owners together with a number of concerns have been filed and a decision is awaited. This decision is delayed pending further investigations with the Environmental Agency; however local objections cover many other aspects. Fladbury Parish Council is to approach Jack Hegarty (MD) and Gill Collin (Planning) at WDC due to the severe delays which are causing concerns over what the real objections are to this application rather than the entanglement with the technical aspects of the EA objection.
- b) **W/11/01104/AC – Mr T Hardy, Brook Farm House, Brook Lane – New vehicular access to serve Brook Farm House via adjoining orchard, base for future outbuilding.** A no objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- c) **W/11/00994/PN – C&CVHMC – Improvements to pedestrian footpath and alterations to existing tractor shed** – A no objection response has been filed as this is a plan supported and paid for by the parish council.
- d) **W/11/01365/PN – Mr T Deacon, Willow Bank, Main Road - Erection of a single story storage barn. WDC reply required within 21 days of 30/06/11 (i.e. 21/07/11)**

The clerk reported that the May SHLAA and June/July SWDP long term housing proposals had been extensively covered in the local press recently. For Crothorne the original concerns over being upgraded from an Accessibility Village 3 to a 2 would entail a large number of houses being allocated appear to be unfounded as the current proposal indicates an allocation of 7 houses due to the unavailability of suitable sites as had previously been identified by the Parish Council on an extensive walkabout with WDC in the past.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedules for 04/07/11 for approval and signature by Chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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568	10	S4PG fitness	8,022.00
569	11	Lengthsman	87.20
570	12	Clerk sal/all/exp jul/payee	150.65

- c) The clerk can report that Mr Bailey, of Allchurch Bailey of Evesham has accepted the parish council invitation to take over as internal auditor for 2011/12 following the sudden sad passing on of the former internal auditor Mr John R (Roy) Welch of Orchard Rise, Main St.

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15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

7th June 2011

1	CALC	Update 17 12/05/11
2		Sports Equipment
3	PHS	NewsLetter May 2011
4	CALC	Update 18 19/05/11
5	CALC	Update 19 02/06/11
6	WCC Eyre	Report May 2011
7	SHLAA	Update Briefing

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Cllr Meikle raised an issue with the black pear/poplars in Brook Lane appearing to be dying. The clerk has already reported the situation to WCC, there may be a possibility of using diamond jubilee oaks as a replacement.
- b) Cllr Meikle asked that the footway outside Holland House be reported following trip incidents at what is also a limited bus stop. The clerk will contact WCC.
- c) Cllr Meikle had met with Fiona Argyle and it is agreed that a new self-closing gate will replace the current warn style and dog flap system at one end and that he would put in a pedestrian open bypass to the current lockable gate next to the road.
- d) It was noted that the Wychavon Way will be redirected out of Fladbury and Cropthorne to Pershore and new way marking will be carried out. This change had been poorly communicated to locals who refer to it in the literature. The clerk was asked to find out what had happened to the proposed 'Wychavon Way Loop paths' that were previously mentioned.
- e) Cllr Segar reported that Cropthorne Youth had won their section of bell boating at the recent May regatta at Fladbury.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 5th September 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 28th August 2011.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:35pm.

Signed(Chair)

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