

Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2011 in the Village School 7:30pm.

0. CO-OPTION of one councillor

As there were no applications to fill the vacancy the clerk was asked to advertise for the October meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	V/chair T Meikle	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr M West	20+ parishioners
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr T Hardy	

Apology was received from Cllr Segar.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J King – personal & prejudicial – Village Hall Chair

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 4th July 2011 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Following the approval of the neighbouring planning application the clerk was asked to progress the potential ditch on the bend at Patty's Farm with the WDC engineer in conjunction with the currently awarded £2500.

5. POLICING – contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Rod Gurney (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)

6. CHARITIES - none

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

Village Hall Update – Cllr King reported that the open day on Sunday was well supported, including the play equipment; the formal opening is for next Saturday. Photographs have been taken to support an article in the local papers. The website is almost ready and additional 'awards for all' funding is being investigated for signage and equipment. Heating still needs to be addressed with ground source being competitive as well as environmental, PV could follow later. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th September at 7:30 to investigate support for a local shop and who would be interested in running it etc.

Sheppey Play & Community Projects – Clerk reported that progress was being made and recently initial work on the Sheppey surface had taken place. Concerns over its current state will be discussed with Cllr Segar

Due to the large number of parishioners present to specifically ask questions over a potential proposal for eight affordable housing units at the top of Field Barn Lane the meeting was closed for an extended period of 50 minutes to allow all to express their views and concerns.

(memo – Chair Annis assured those present that a village meeting would be called when necessary to consider any potential actions to develop more housing in Field Barn Lane, the problems of which were minuted in July 4th 2011 meeting. The latest information from WDC is that a letter is due out to Parish Councils next week giving fuller information with regards to a public consultation on the SWDP (South Worcestershire Development Plan) which is due to last for eight weeks from 26th September to 18th November. The web site should be <http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org> and further information will be made available on a special page on the village website and noticeboard at the school.)

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will be issuing a briefing pack for circulation. She asked if the Village Hall would be interested in a plaque highlighting local contributions to village life etc. if it was funded from her Community Budget. Cllr King was asked to investigate. She also discussed support in the village for older people which could include personal control of budgets and community self-help pooling of resources and skills.

WDC Cllr McDonald referred to his previously circulated report covering Local enterprise Partnership (LEP), Young people/youth development, including attempts to cover budget cuts and threats to the Youth Bus project, local civil unrest almost totally absent apart from two charged with incitement to riot, Evesham Bridge, including measures to try and ensure Jubilee Bridge issues addressed, New Homes Bonus scheme, Localism in actions and meeting with MPs covering SWDP, Gypsies & Travellers, Business Rate reform, LEP, Localism Bill and ward issues.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Wychavon Way – Clerk reported that local feeling was that the rerouting of the Wychavon Way was due to pressure to put Pershore, administrative centre of Wychavon on the route at the exclusion of Fladbury & Crophorne and that consultation was very low key and narrow. The clerk was asked to email WCC Cllr Eyre indicating local issues such as businesses using the old route and landowners concerns at loss of importance will mean loss of funding..

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – note, consultation & planning application awaited.

11. LENGTHSMAN

The clerk issued the report for June, July & August with very little exception to regular inspections and clearance due to relatively fine weather only spoilt by early leaf fallings.

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 Crophorne 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 permission granted.
- 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. Permission has been granted.
- d) **W/11/01365/PN – Mr T Deacon, Willow Bank, Main Road - Erection of a single story storage barn.** A no objection was filed and permission granted.
- e) **W/11/01179/PN – Mr P Strickland, N Strickland & Co Ltd, Nicholas House, Heath Park, Main Rd – proposed extension to industrial unit no 3 & associated works – WITHDRAWN.**
- f) **W/11/01503/PN – Mr T Meikle, Lower Freelands Farm, Main Rd – Solar PV installation** – No objection filed and permission granted.
- g) **W/11/01507/CU – Mr & Mrs Hutchings, Cropvale Farm, Smokey Lane – Siting of log cabin in garden for use as a self-catering holiday let with bed & breakfast facility** – No objection filed and permission granted.
- h) **W/11/01843/CU – Mrs B Smith, 9 Evergreen Bank, Main Rd – Application to remove condition 1 of planning permission W/07/00857 to allow permanent occupancy of site** – The meeting agreed that it would not be fair to drop the condition totally as it would make the site available in perpetuity for anyone to eventually use. A request will be made to extend the licence to specific people as currently indicated in 2007, updated in 2010.
- i) **W/11/01691/PN & 01692/LB – Mr A Findlay, Chairman of Holland House – Provision of disabled sleeping accommodation and improvements to toilets & additional shower rooms and double bedroom with en-suite. - WDC reply required within 21 days of 01/09/11 (i.e. 22/09/11)**

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 signature by chair with the addition of the lengthsman payment.
- b) Payments approved from above

		£
571	13 Bench & Bins	4,026.60
572	14 Patio & B&B install	7,274.40
573	15 PDS field treatment	2,820.00
574	16 WDC election	25.00
575	17 Wychavon Sport	19.00
576	18 Clement Keys audit	480.00
577	19 Clerk sal/all/exp aug/sep/paye	248.53
578	20 HMRC paye Q1	80.20
579	21 Lengthsman jun/jul/aug	152.60

15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

5th July 2010

- 1 CALC Update 20 09/06/11
- 2 CALC Update 21 16/06/11
- 3 WCC Eyre May report
- 4 WDC Invitation to New Homes Bonus event
- 5 Comm 1st Newsline Spring 2011
- 6 WDC Standards Annual Reort 2010/11
- 7 SWDP Vision 2030
- 8 C&C Direct July 2011
- 9 CALC Update 22 30/06/11
- 10 MP Luff SWDP letter
- 11 WDC McD Meeting Report 04/07/11

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) The venue for 2012 meetings will be discussed again in November and December with a possibility that the Village Hall may replace the Village School.
- b) V/chair Meikle indicated that he was in discussions with highways over a sign which is causing visibility problems to tractors entering Main Rd from his entrance.
- c) V/chair Meikle reported that he had proposed John Ayliffe as a torch bearer for 2012 Olympics in recognition of his help to juniors and sport in particular.
- d) An issue with volunteer leaf sweeping disposals has been dealt with.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 3th October 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 25th September 2011. .

Chair closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date.....