

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

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald (part)
	V/chair T Meikle	WCC Cllr E Eyre (part)
	Cllr M West	3 parishioners
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr T Hardy	
	Cllr E Stoodley	

Apology received from Cllr Segar.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J King – personal & prejudicial – Village Hall Chair
Cllr T Hardy – personal – Village Hall Committee

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7th November 2011 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) V/chair Meikle and Cllr Hardy have agreed to meet on site and agree a way forward.

**5. POLICING – contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Rod Gurney (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)
(Also new less urgent 101 service complements 999 emergencies)**

6. CHARITIES - none

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

Village Hall Update – Cllr King reported that the website www.candcvillagehall.org was up and working and would appreciate any comments. The village hall is nearing the end of the snagging and minor decorations stage of the refurbishment. The ground source heating is working well and the recent quiz night was a success.

Sheppey Play & Community Projects – The clerk reported that the LEADER part of the project was close to closing with all administration hopefully concluded before the end of January, the second part of the project was now underway.

As there were three parishioners present the meeting was closed for 10 minutes to discuss the recent issue of a planning application for affordable housing in Field Barn Lane (north west). This item will now be a subject of a Parish Meeting called at the Village Hall for Friday 16th December 2011 at 7:30pm.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre said she would forward a report in due course. She quickly mentioned her work on child services including adoption and extra funding for 2 year old nursery places for the disadvantaged. WCC has taken a lead role to accelerate broadband availability within the county, many manhole covers had been stolen, energy advice, reduction of 193 full time equivalent posts and gritting was expected to cope were also mentioned.

WDC Cllr McDonald had already circulated his report covering SWDP, Localism Bill, Broadband locally, and the funding for a new bridge in Evesham had been approved by HMG. This latter item would be closely monitored due to traffic implications around the Jubilee Bridge. He also asked the council to support moves to improve the Cotswold Line Service following the recent upgraded line to London now adding potential improved links to Birmingham. (This item was discussed separately below)

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Footpath 525 – The clerk reported that the footpath warden had raised the subject with Fiona Argyll at WCC who indicated it was not a priority. The clerk will follow up with Fladbury PC.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING – note no consultation but planning application received.

A planning application has been received however there has been no public consultation with parishioners by the housing association. Hence the need for a Parish Meeting indicated above.

11. LENGTHSMAN – nothing to report.

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. The EA have recently requested a full blown topographical survey. WDC are trying to expedite this application but are wary of getting bogged down in further withdrawals/applications and appeals, and are trying to get the right decision first time. WDC have written to the agent indicating that they are going to proceed to refusal unless he indicates that he will satisfy EA survey request as quickly as possible which to date he has refused to do so. WDC have written to the agent indicating that they are going to proceed to determination unless he indicates that he will satisfy EA survey request as quickly as possible which to date he has refused to do.
- b) **W/11/02031/CU – Mr W Kimberley of Evesham re Land Junction with Main Rd, Field Barn Lane – Change of use of land for storage and maintenance of fairground sweet stalls, swing boats and market stalls.** – Major Concerns and reservations were filed and permission has been granted with a number of conditions attached. (see circulation pack)
- c) **W/11/02207/LUE – Mr Wood, Smokey Farm, Smokey Lane – Certificate of lawful use for occupation of dwelling in breach of condition 1 of planning permission PR 210/68, agricultural occupancy condition.**- A major concern regarding splitting off of the property has been filed and permission has been granted.
- d) **W/11/02224/PN – Mr Strickland, Heath Works – Proposed extension to industrial unit 3 & associated works** – Major concerns were filed and permission has been granted.
- e) **W/11/02312/PN – Village Hall – Improve external lighting, additional car park lighting, installation of solar panels and ground source heating** – Support has been filed and permission has been granted.
- f) **W/11/02345/PN – Spa Housing Association Ltd –Erection of eight new affordable houses on land off Field Barn Lane (north west) - WDC reply required within 21 days of 01/12/11 (i.e. 22/12/11) – See Parish Meeting decision above.**

South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options Village and Town Consultation has been responded to with major concerns over the infrastructure deficiencies to support any more houses in the village especially on the north west Field Barn Lane site identified.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the chair should sign off the Bank/Balance Schedules for 05/12/11.
- b) Payments approved from above

			£
588	30	Tree Cabin 3 of 3	4,500.00
589	31	Smartcut landscaping	5,130.00
590	32	OHMS mower service	867.12
591	33	PGA Treehouse - lottery	897.08
592	34	CPAS Treehouse - lottery	612.00
593	35	PDS field treatment 2 of 2	3,162.00
594	36	WLD website	96.42
595	37	clerk sal/all/exp dec/paye	123.79
596	38	HMRC paye Q2	80.40

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15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

9th November 2010

- 1 WCC Evesham Area Forum 7pm Thursday 24th November 7pm (emailed)
- 2 CALC Update 35 14/10/11
- 3 WCC Eyre Sep/Oct report
- 4 CALC Update 36 20/10/11
- 5 BB LLP Changes in the Planning Landscape Seminar & Workshop (emailed)
- 6 C&C Direct Nov 2011
- 7 WDC McD Nov report (emailed)
- 8 WCC Small Grants Summary
- 9 SARA Severn Area Rescue Association
- 10 WDC Seminar on Building Control matters (emailed)
- 11 CALC Update 37 27/10/11
- 12 WCC Prioritising maintenance Parish Clerk List (emailed)
- 13 CALC Update 38 03/11/11
- 14 Comm 1st Newline Autumn 2011
- 15 WCC Public Rights of Way – Prioritising Maintenance
- 16 Comm 1st CE of ACRE – Localism in Practice – keynote speech (emailed)
- 17 Cllr McD 07/11/11 meeting report
- 18 CPC Segar Tree Fort publicity (emailed)
- 19 Wireless CCTV Info

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) It was proposed by V/chair Meikle, and seconded by Chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to support option B for Rural Rate Relief for New Inn. – Options were A-£1544.65 WDC & £193.08 PC, B-£772.33 WDC & £0 PC or C-£0 WDC & £0 PC.
- b) Chair Annis proposed and the meeting agreed that the parish council would support MP, WCC, WDC and Cotswold Line with regards to a proposal to start services from Evesham to Birmingham with improved rail facilities between Evesham & Worcester and at Norton. It was proposed by Chair Annis and agreed by majority decision to make a small regular contribution to the Cotswold Line to support their efforts in obtaining the improved rail services. It was proposed and agreed by the meeting that the donation be of £25.
- c) Chair/Clerk delegated authority has been used to support the Youth Bus in conjunction with the Village Hall & Charlton PC through March 2012.
- d) The 2012 meeting calendar was considered and agreed with note being taken of all meetings are now destined for the village hall.
- e) The Parish Council agreed that it would not lead any activities for the 2012 Diamond Jubilee and would look towards the Church and the Village Hall to lead.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 9th January 2012 7:30pm at the **Village Hall**. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 1st January 2012.

A Parish Meeting has been called for Friday 16th December 2011 7:30pm to discuss Affordable Housing and the planning Application W/11/02345/PN for eight affordable houses in Field Barn Lane (north west).

Chair closed the meeting at 09:30pm.

Signed (Chair)

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