

**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 in the Village School 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair Whittington	
	V/chair Annis	
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	

Apologies were received from Cllrs King and Hughes, WDC Cllr McDonald and WCC Cllr Eyre.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be accepted and signed by chair.

**4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH**

- a) WDC grants of £1,050 are still being considered covering about three potential possibilities.
- b) It was noted via WDC Cllr McDonald that a further £5000 per parish was being made available in order to help initiate flooding schemes if required.

**5. POLICING – A report has been added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 circulation pack.**

**6. CHARITIES - nothing**

**7. VILLAGE HALL – The clerk has written to the treasurer and a copy will be placed in the circulation pack.**

**The meeting continued due to there being no parishioners present.**

**8. MATTERS ARISING - none**

**9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Chair Whittington, and the meeting agreed that the best course of action was to attend the WDC walkabout on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1-4pm, review matters at the next council meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, include the item for information from all parties at the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April with the possibility, subject to the clerk obtaining guidance/approval from WDC, of a ballot at the European elections being held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**10. LENGTHSMAN – The clerk presented the report for Dec/Jan.**

**11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

WCC Cllr Eyre, via the clerk, indicated that council tax rise was still expected to be 3.5% and that a budget breakdown requested by a parishioner was underway.

WDC Cllr McDonald, via the clerk, filed a report covering Fladbury glasshouse appeal (subsequently lost), wind farms, additional flood monies (see above), flood data sheets/drainage, multiagency working, budget 2009/10, wider perspective of economic prospects and caution on availability of 2009 litter pick up grant (see below).

**12. PARISH PLAN**

Action items were reviewed and modified by Cllr Hughes before Xmas and in their final form. It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and agreed by the meeting that the parish council should be asked to vote on adopting the Parish Plan with immediate effect.

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and agreed by the meeting that the Parish Plan be adopted forthwith.

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and agreed by the meeting that parishioners should be given the option via the newsletter, website, notice board etc of receiving a full printed copy of the plan or website access, email etc of an electronic copy in order to reduce publication/distribution costs.

**13. PLANNING**

- a) **W/08/02932/LB & W/08/02931/PP – Mr & Mrs W Zu Wied, Cropthorne House, Main St Replacement conservatory, addition of a garage and various alterations.** – A no objection response with some concerns over the gates/walls was filed and permission has been granted.
- b) **W/08/03066/LB – Mr T Hardy, Brook Farm House, Brook Lane Replacement windows to front elevation.** - A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.

The clerk was asked to invite VVASP, if they were interested, to address the next meeting concerning the proposed wind farm at Church Lench.

**14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Cllr Meikle proposed, and the meeting agreed, that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 02/02/09 be accepted with the addition of the actual amount due to the lengthsman for Dec/Jan and the WDC pick up grant to Sheppey Swifts FC for signature by chair.

b) Payments approved from above

			£
493	26	Clerk Sal/Int/All/ Jan	143.84
494	27	C&CVH Sheppey mowing	750.00
495	28	C&CVH Playground mnte	900.00
496	29	Lengthsman Dec/Jan	141.75
497	30	Sheppey Swifts FC (late WDC Pickup grant)	500.00

**15. CORRESPONDENCE - none**

**16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) WDC 2009 £500 litter pick up grant (if available, announced late March, early April) has been advertised on parish notice board. It is usually completed the weekend before the walkabout for maximum effect. Councillors were asked to approach their relevant organisations to apply to the clerk for the parish council's next meeting to consider awarding. V/chair Annis indicated that the PTA were interested,
- b) The clerk has forwarded his existing contract, 2007 NALC model contract and an estimate of activities to V/chair Annis and Cllr Hughes for consideration and further recommendation to the Parish Council.
- c) Cllr Hughes, via the clerk, has requested relevant information for the newsletter be forwarded ASAP for publication both on paper and on the website. It was noted that the existing parish council website was recording about 30 hits per week, rising to about a 100 nearer to the walkabout. Additional content and interfacing with the WCC new facility being offered is being undertaken.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at the Village School. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Meeting chair closed the meeting at 09:00pm.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date .....