

**Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Village Hall 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair R Annis	2 parishioners
	V/chair T Meikle	
	Cllr E Stoodley	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J King	
	Cllr J Segar	
	Cllr T Hardy	

Apology WCC Cllr Eyre.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr King – personal re Vhall - Chair  
Cllr Segar – personal re Sheppey (no long Vhall) -Projects  
Chair Annis – personal & prejudicial re W/12/02535/PN - Constructor

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 be accepted and signed by chair.

**4. Intentionally Blank**

**5. FLOODING – JULY 2007 AFTERMATH & 2012 CURRENT**

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Cllr Meikle reported there had been no further development on the second additional ditch at Patty's Farm bend and action by WCC was awaited.
- c) The on-going problem of road flooding at Patty's Farm bend will require a multi-agency (PC/WDC/WCC/EA) approach to solve. Additional new flows have appeared during the recent floods and a review of the Parish Plan by V/chair Meikle is in order to see what if any additional consultation is necessary to address what may be a continuing worsening situation if climate change effects persist. The second round of flooding in December reiterated and confirmed this position to date. V/chair Meikle agreed to contact WCC & WDC over both b) above and c). He also agreed to seek local knowledge as to whether there is an historic solution to the flooding in the maize field opposite the Bell Inn which may have fallen into disrepair below visible level.

**6. POLICING – contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Simon Hall (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)  
(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)  
(Neighbourhood Watch contacts are Sue Miller – 860 201, Angela Henderson – 860 683)**

Only known report was the theft of a tricycle in Middle Lane that was thwarted when the perpetrator tried to ride it across a brook crossing where the posts were not wide enough and dumped the article nearby.

**7. CHARITIES**

Following two poor years, 2012 Walkabout was closer to a disaster with the second day a wash out. Although there remains a strong core of 20 people the trend and the difficulties being experienced requires a rethink of the event and it is planned to hold a village wide questionnaire and consultation on how to ensure it being a sustainable event going forward. Wider participation of both people and organisations rather than solely seen as the church is an example.

**8. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play Projects & Village Library/Coffee mornings)**

Cllr King reported that another meeting was due with the new builder on Thursday with few thing outstanding but including the functioning of the grey water harvesting system and functioning. Liz Taylor is renewing 200 club memberships and has received quite a number but asks if all those outstanding renew to continue this successful source of fundraising.

Cllr Segar reported that a grant for the specialist sit on mower has gone through with a requirement to complete this sub project by October 2013. There is an issue of making room in the tractor shed and an old oil tank will be looked at by V/chair Meikle and Chair Annis to help with its removal. There is an outstanding issue with Carter's over the unsuitability of the path across mown grass area; it is all very quiet with no invoice having been received anyway. Funding for Easter event including story telling under the tree has been obtained.

**The meeting closed for 20 minutes to allow the two parishioners present to talk to councillors.**

## **9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

WDC Cllr McDonald's report had already been circulated. He quickly reiterated his warning on not to expect the current level of public grants to still be in place in the future, Walkabout reorganisation requires careful consideration should the Parish Council be approached, Church issues forming a Parish Council legacy inheritance could happen (war memorial, cemetery), his flood walks particularly Charlton & Wick allowed his intervention when necessary to speed up WDC aid, all riparian landowners should draw on help and expertise from WDC engineers' responsible for flood/land issues and a 11 hectare solar farm is being planned at Throckmorton.

Following recent personal experience in getting involved in caring for the 'elderly' etc. WDC Cllr McDonald asked that the following be made widely known as he had found it a great help and comfort:-

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## **10. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) WCC Footpath Warden – This item carried forward during current floods.
- b) Safety issues of Bus markings – Following a request from the Village Hall under Chair/Clerk delegated authority the request agreed to for parking restrictions around the its main entrance was suspended on the grounds of wider representation was more important than procedure. Initially Chair proposed that the original (25) + (18+9+19) metre decision be upheld was rejected totally, allowing further discussion on the matter. After extensive discussions, V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed to approve a (0) + (18+9+10) metre solution be used instead. Cllr King proposed that a solution of (0) + (18+9+0) and the meeting rejected this solution. The clerk was asked to hold back the detailed request from WCC until next meeting to allow further time to consider some signage to support the preferred solution. (N.B The numbers above represent the following '1<sup>st</sup> number metres to south towards church from bus stop, 2<sup>nd</sup> number meters to north towards Charlton from bus stop to main entrance, 3<sup>rd</sup> number represents width of main entrance indicated by drop verge, 4<sup>th</sup> number represents metres past main entrance down the church leys.)
- c) Lower Croft Issues – There appears to have been a misapprehension on this item and it was withdrawn.

**11. SOCIAL HOUSING - none**

**12. LENGTHSMAN - none**

**13. PARISH PLAN** – priority continues with Sheppey Play Project & Community Projects above.

**14. PLANNING**

- **W/12/02526/PN – Mr T Deacon, Willow Bank, Main Road – Erection of open, roofed storage area attached to existing barn** – The meeting agreed to file a belated no objection. **WDC reply required within 21 days of 13/12/12 (i.e. 03/01/13)**
- **W/12/02535/PN – Mr S Smythe, Saddle Stones, Blacksmiths Lane – Formation of habitable rooms in roof space with rear dormer** – Information to date indicates that a no objection response is the most likely. **WDC reply required within 21 days of 20/12/12 (i.e. 10/01/13)**

**Mid-Croft Land Project** – This item was carried forward as there was some uncertainty with the number of landowners that may now be involved and the outcome of the SWDP is awaited.

**15. FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Chair Annis proposed, V/chair Meikle seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 07/01/13 be approved for Chair to sign.
- b) Payments approved from above £

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- c) Information has been received from the Church Wardens that there is no urgency at the moment to continue with work on the wall due lack of funding, timing of inspections and necessity and fully understands why the Parish Council wants to free up the reserve to allow it for other requirements as they will not be in a position to do anything for at least another two years or more.

**16. WEBSITE - none**

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012**

- 1 CALC Minutes area meeting 06/09/12
- 2 CALC AGM 10/10/12 (emailed)
- 3 WCC Skills to 'Act Local' (emailed)
- 4 CALC Update 37 04/10/12
- 5 WDC Communicate – LSP 10/12 (emailed)
- 6 CPC Update 38 13/10/12 (emailed)
- 7 WDC Precepts 2013-14
- 8 PHS NewsLetter Oct/Nov 12
- 9 C&C Direct Nov 12
- 10 WCC New Evesham Abbey Bridge & Viaduct Winter 2012
- 11 CALC Update 39 02/11/12 (emailed)
- 12 SWDP Meeting 03/12/12 (emailed)
- 13 CALC Update 40 08/11/12 (emailed)
- 14 CALC Update 41 15/11/12
- 15 WDC Member conduct re budget/precept
- 16 WDC Communicate – LSP 11/12 (emailed)
- 17 CALC Update 43 29/11/12

**18. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION - none**

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Chair closed the meeting at 09:30pm.

Signed ..... (Chair) Date.....