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**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2013 in the Village Hall
7:30pm.**

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair T Meikle – Meeting Chair	0 Parishioners
	Cllr J King	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr E Stoodley	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Chair Annis, Cllrs Segar and Hardy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King – personal re Village Hall – Chair

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr West, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 13th May 2013 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) V/chair Meikle will follow up for next meeting on proposed works at Patty's Farm corner.
- c) Recent floods issue will be deleted as of now.

**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)**

7. CHARITIES

Following success of walkabout there appear to be funds available, up to £50% of the profit for village use apart from the church. The village hall have requested and been granted funds for a dishwasher. Also a new football strip for Sheppey Juniors Sports and a portable hearing loop for WI have been agreed. All are invited to apply for their respective village activities. A village party has been cancelled but Randolph Meakins Patty's Farm and the Widow Lyes Charity are holding one instead in July.

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

There has been no meeting since the AGM in April however there still exists an urgent vacancy for a Secretary.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will circulate a report after the meeting. She covered her portfolio of the Family in Cabinet and the tendering process currently underway for producing results in Wychavon covering struggling families, parenting, benefits, unemployment etc. A flat rate charge for use of the buses by the young is due to start. The New Mobiles Homes Act is now law and she expressed surprise that there were probably a 1000 in her constituency alone representing around 1/6th of dwellings. It will protect tenants from site landlord abuses. The SWDP is now being independently examined before concluding its consultations.

The issue of reaffirming the 40mph speed limit on the B4084 (formerly A44) will be questioned by the clerk.

WDC Cllr McDonald had obtained a £5-6k grant for works at Holland House. There has been about 1000 responses to WDC budget balancing consultation and he will be investigating his constituency response rate. New Home Bonus (NHB) can now be used for flooding project applications. Norwegian

houses are being built in the Littleton's and although more expensive than standard building should save £1000-1500 a year in energy costs. He agreed to report back to the Parish Council on the allocation of the eight new affordable homes in Field Barn Lane. He will also follow up with relevant officers information regarding potential funding of Dementia Café in village hall at the request of Cllr King.

Both WCC Cllr Eyre and WDC Cllr McDonald expressed their best wishes to Chair Annis on his recovery from his recent treatment. This was endorsed by the Parish Council.

10. MATTERS ARISING

- a) WCC Footpath Warden – The item carried forward.
- b) WCC Picnic Area – The item carried forward.
- c) Bridge closure/Additional speed help – The Parish Council made clear its concerns over this issue as recent one off incidents were beginning to rile local residents already, well in advanced of the 10 week closure now due in September.
- d) B4084 speed cable – WCC Cllr Eyre asked the clerk to remind Roy Fullee and also add to his 40mph enquiry above.
- e) Mel Hodges visit (861551) – This item still outstanding.
- f) Clerk Replacement – The clerk reported that his vacancy was being advertised in the CALC Update each week and on the noticeboard. He was asked to advertise it in the July issue of Five alive..

11. SOCIAL HOUSING - none

12. LENGTHSMAN - none

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

14. PLANNING

- a) **WCC - 13/000001/CM – Severn Trent Water Ltd – Off-road parking area to serve adjacent Cemetery Corner Sewage Pumping Station** - It was agreed that in filing a no objection, notice would be drawn to supporting any issues raised by Charlton PC due to the position of the site at the bottom of the Church Leys in Charlton. A decision is awaited.
- b) **W/13/00853/PN & W/13/00898/LB – Holland House Conference Centre, Main St – Provision of disabled sleeping accommodation and improvements to toilets & additional shower rooms and double bedroom with en-suite as approved under application W/11/01691/PN without compliance with condition 2 (controlling the materials used in the construction of the extension). - WDC reply required within 21 days of 07/05/13 (i.e. 28/05/13).** A no objection response was filed and a decision is awaited.

Mid-Croft Land Project – There appears to have been no change yet.

15. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedules for 10/06/13 for signature by chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

		£
661	9 Sheppey 'Carter unpaid'	288.91
662	10 clerk sal/all/exp paye jun	141.34
663	11 HMRC paye 1q 13/14	80.20

- c) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Stoodley, and the meeting agreed to approve the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 for passing to external audit.
- d) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed to the Annual Governance statement being discussed, completed and approved for audit compliance.

16. WEBSITE - none

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17. CORRESPONDENCE

18th May 2013 (13 emailed, 7 additional*)

1	CALC	Update 11 14/03/13(emailed)
2	Comm 1 st	Annual Report*
3	CALC	Update 12 21/03/13(emailed)
4	WDC McD	RoundUp Spring 2013(emailed)
5	Cots Line	News Spring 2013*
6	CALC	Update 13 28/03/13(emailed)
7	EHS	Newsletter March 2013*
8	PHS	Newsletter March/April 2013*
9	CALC	Update 14 04/04/13(emailed)
10	West Power	News*
11	CALC	Update 15 11/04/13(emailed)
12	WDC McD	Annual Parish Meeting(emailed)
13	CPRE	Improve Travel Choices*
14	CALC	Update 16 18/04/13(emailed)
15	CALC	Update 17 25/04/13(emailed)
16	C&C	Direct May 2013*
17	CALC	Update 18 02/05/13(emailed)
18	CALC	Update 19 09/05/13(emailed)
19	WDC	Parish Matters(circulated!)
20	CALC	Update 20 16/05/13(emailed)

18. NEW HOMES BONUS (NHB)

Status – Awarded - Year 1/2011 N/A, Year 2/2012 £614x6=£3684, Year3/2013 £5433x6=£32598 totalling £36,282 – Allocated nil.

It is noted from above that protocol exists for flood related project to be proposed for NHB funding after suitable consultations as for any other project above £1000.

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) The removal of the village hall hedge now makes the existing bus shelter a more dominant view. It was agreed to investigate options and interest in the possible replacement or modification to alleviate any possible issues.
- b) Cllr Stoodley asked the clerk to investigate whether anything could be done with poor parking on the large verges at the entrance to the Croft in Middle Lane. Ownership is not clear.
- c) The clerk was asked to contact WCC Cllr Eyre to voice its concerns over the very poor visual state of the Jubilee Bridge which was sorely in need of a clean-up and coat of paint.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on **Monday 8th July 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 30th June 2013.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:50pm.

Signed (Chair)

Date.....