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**Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 in the Village School  
7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair A Hughes	
	V/chair R Annis	
	Cllr J Segar	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	Cllr M West	Parishioners - 3
	Cllr T Meikle	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	PC Stuart Toms

Apologies were received from Cllr J King and WCC Cllr Eyre

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

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

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered (see below)
- b) Martin Cross WDC considers the extra drain at Patty's Farm to be a sensible proposal and the Environment Agency has indicated a licence will not be needed and Cllr Meikle will confirm. A tree may need to be removed requiring consent of WDC as it is in the conservation area and a planning application is expected to be required with funding available until March 2011.

**5. POLICING – contact is PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000)**

PC Toms reported that there had been a number of incidents of stolen batteries particularly from tractors.

**6. CHARITIES – nothing was reported.**

**7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project**

Cllr King reported via the clerk that all the application paperwork had been submitted for the lottery top up grant and it was hoped all would proceed according to the plan of closing the hall by the end of March for 8 months of works to be completed.

V/chair Annis, Cllrs Segar, Meikle and West together with WCC Cllr Eyre visited the Broadway Activity Park and the South Littleton floodlit MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and were impressed with both facilities. It was noted that the floodlighting was of a special Italian design in order to minimise light pollution and the MUGA kick-wall was in fact wise fencing rather than a solid wall. Two small pieces of play equipment for the Sheppey Play Project have already been sourced with existing funds and a two villages open evening for public consultation has been arranged for 6-9pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the village hall before any plans are finalised.

The open evening is expected to address the main concerns of villagers/councillors and includes, but is not exhaustive, the following items: -

- 1 – Demand/need in light of previous unused skateboard park experience
- 2 – Screening and presentation being kept compact so as not to overfill the Sheppey
- 3 – Lighting issues including timing of availability
- 4 – Responsibility for post implementation costs – insurance, inspection, maintenance & repairs
- 5 – Reuse of existing skateboard area and enhancement of previous plans to screen it with trees
- 6 – Shelter(s) – nature, positioning etc

**The meeting closed for 10 minutes to allow parishioners to address councillors.**

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

The clerk reported that WCC Cllr Eyre had previously submitted and circulated a detailed three page report and only wished to update the status on Council Tax which was back up to 2.5% from 1.95% due to the belated Personal Home Care Bill which is being discussed at national level between the three main parties.

WDC Cllr McDonald has submitted a report for circulation and his monthly round-up report will be delivered to all villagers this week. He drew attention to Fladbury Parish Plan being adopted by WDC; to Gypsy & Traveller issues and the enforcement notices at Charlton; to 42 additional Wychavon sites (down from 123 then 62) mainly for transients using the M5 motorway; to expansion of the brown bin garden waste scheme. WDC council tax increase has been reduced from 2.5% to 1.96% following better collections from those originally claiming the 25% single adult occupier discount.

## 9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Potential Newsletter – Cllr King reported via the clerk that she would have Village Hall information for any proposed newsletter but there appeared to be little else of interest.

## 10. SOCIAL HOUSING

Chair proposed and the meeting agreed to send a letter to WDC asking how they wished to proceed following the recent rejection of all 14 sites by WCC (11), WDC (2) and the Parish Council (1). It was agreed that the Parish Council would review all the sites again at its next meeting in May; the clerk will circulate the map.

## 11. LENGTHSMAN

The clerk reported that two inspections had taken place in February and year-end billing has been sent to WCC. Only major potholes are being reported until the end of March due to county wide backlog following the exceptionally cold spell when a fuller inspection of all parish highways will be carried out by the clerk/lengthsman for a final winter catch all.

12. **PARISH PLAN** – priority continues with Sheppey Play Project above.

## 13. PLANNING

- a) **W/10/00143/PN – Mr J Turner, Environmental Agency, Sentinel House, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield Staffs WS13 8RR – Extension of existing landing stage, new ferry cable and landing stages, canoe access and egress ramps** – A filing supporting Fladbury Parish Council and Crophorne Mill tenants views has been filed due to the site dislocation from Crophorne in general and a decision is awaited.
- b) **W/10/00139/PP – Mrs Hopley, Mead House, Brook Lane – First floor extension to provide two additional bedrooms** – A no objection response has been filed and a decision is awaited.
- c) **W/09/02969/CU – Rev Spencer, Holland House Charitable Trust, Main St – Change of use of part of domestic dwelling to meeting room** - WDC reply required within 21 days of 18/02/10 (i.e. 11/03/10)

## 14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedule for 01/03/10 for signature by Chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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523	24	C&CVHall Sheppey play project	100.00
524	25	Clerk Sal, All Feb,Mar	299.68
525	26	Lengthsman feb/mar	86.00

## 15. WEBSITE

Cllr Meredith reported that links with other websites were underway and would be publicised in due course. Chair Hughes requested that usage information of the website be obtained and Cllr Meredith will obtain.

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**16. CORRESPONDENCE** – nothing reported

**17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

a) There have been complaints regarding the state of the area (Ayliffe land?) surrounding the footpath at the east of Lower Croft up towards the school. The clerk will investigate and contact Hillary Hall (footpath warden) and WDC to see what can be done.

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

The Annual Parish Meeting of Cropthorne is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.

Chair closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

**Signed** .....(Chair)

**Date** .....