Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 4th October 2010 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were Chair A Hughes

V/chair R Annis Cllr J Segar Cllr M West Cllr J Meredith Cllr J King

WDC Cllr T McDonald Parishioners - 0 Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from WCC Cllr Eyre.

Cllr T Meikle

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr King – Personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Village Hall Committee.

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

Cllr Meikle - Personal interest Sheppey Play Project.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 6th September 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING - JULY 2007 - AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) Slow progress is being made with parties at Patty's Lane corner with regards to flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC. The planning application continues to be delayed and the grant is unlikely to be available after WDC year end 31/03/11 and this urgency will be passed on.
- **5. POLICING –** contact is PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000)

The clerk reported that a sit on motor mower had been stolen the previous night in neighbouring Fladbury and all areas should be vigilant as the perpetrators went to great lengths to get their loot.

6. CHARITIES – nothing was reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL - including Sheppey Play Project

Cllr King reported that there had been delays due to a variety of problems and the Oct 22nd 2010 date for reopening would slip by at least two months. The newsletter is due for imminent delivery and the village shop issue is still outstanding.

Cllr Segar provided information on the costing and status of the two phases of the Sheppey Play Project. It was proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Meredith that the invoice from SMP Playgrounds for specific equipment already delivered is approved and a cheque is duly written and authorised as part of this month's finances. This does not include cost of installation which is incomplete. Cllr Segar was asked to liaise with the clerk to ensure Project Accounting was fully understood with regards to grants, authorisations, timings, VAT etc. Involvement of local schools at the completion of the project will be considered.

Chair Hughes expressed the thanks of the Parish Council and Parishioners to Cllr Segar for her exceptional efforts in turning the Sheppey Play Project from an idea into a reality over the past year.

It was proposed by Cllr Meikle, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that the current £6,000 of ring fenced maintenance funding held by the Village Hall provided by the Parish Council over the last four years for the new junior playground was available to all play area maintenance at the Sheppey, including the old swing's replacement safety surface.

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

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

It was noted that WCC Cllr Eyre was active in supporting local high speed broadband, together with MP Peter Luff and she was discussing the implication etc with officers. The clerk was asked to put a notice up asking parishioners to sign up to the campaign.

WDC Cllr McDonald had already released a report but drew attention to efforts in trying to ensure that Worcestershire is not rolled up with Birmingham under any new regional government initiatives replacing those of the previous administration. Droitwich regeneration is picking up with the newly reopened canal and the final acquisition of a 50 yard stretch that would complete the Worcestershire Ring. Two major hotels in administration may have been bought by a major European chain which would further enhance the area.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) PC Housing Development Policy WDC Cllr McDonald reported that he had passed a copy to WDC Fred Davies. Although not a formal document at WDC, as is the case with The Parish Plan it can be used in specific planning application responses in future.
- **10. SOCIAL HOUSING** nothing to report.
- **11. LENGTHSMAN** nothing to report.
- 12. PARISH PLAN priority continues with Sheppey Play Project above.

13. PLANNING

- a) W/10/02157/PN Mr S Martin, Partridges, Lower Haselor, Pershore Rd Portal Frame Agricultural Storage Barn A no objection response has been filed and a decision is awaited.
- b) W/10/02207/PN Mr M Coe, Wisteria House, 13 Queens Road, Evesham re The Autonomous House, Middle Lane Variation of condition 3 of planning permission W/08/01031/PN to allow erection of photo voltaic panels in configuration shown on accompanying plans The meeting agreed that a no objection response would be filed.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Annis proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedule for 04/10/10 with the addition of a payment to SMP Playgrounds as agreed previously agreed above.
- b) Payments approved from above £

538	13	Clerk sal, all sep	149.84
539	14	SMP Playgrounds	6982.58 (out of grants received from WCC/WDC)

Conditions were discussed above under Village Hall.

c) The Sheppey Project Accounting and Future Planning information, including Terms &

15. WEBSITE

Cllr Meredith was asked to get the village website to put up a link to the BT campaign for high speed broadband at the Cropthorne exchange in Fladbury.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

11th September 2010

1	PHS	Newsletter Jun/Jul
2	CALC	Issue 23 22/07/10
3	CALC	Issue 24 29/07/10
4	C&LG	The Community Right to Build
5	WDC	Local Referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases – Consultation
6	CALC	Issue 25 05/08/10
7	CALC	Issue 26 12/08/10
8	CALC	Issue 27 19/08/10
9	CALC	Wychavon Area agenda/minutes 02/06/10
10	Comm1st	Newsline Summer 2010
11	CALC	Capping the Precept – Executive Officer's report

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12	CALC	Issue 28 26/08/10
13	C&C	Direct September
14	CALC	Issue 29 02/09/10
15	WDC	Annual Report
16	WCC	4 th Parish Conference 07/09 (fyi)
17	C&CVHMC	Agenda & Minutes 12/07/10
18	CALC	Issue 30 09/09/10
19	C&LG	Local Referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases – Consultation
20	CALC	Response to 19/5 above by CALC Executive Officer
21	Standards	Agenda 15/09/10 (fyi)

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION – nothing was raised.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 1st November 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 24th October 2010.

Chair closed the meeting at 08:35pm.	
Signed(Chair)	Date