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Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 6th December 2010 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	V/chair R Annis Cllr J Segar Cllr J King Cllr T Meikle Cllr J Meredith	Parishioner - 1 Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Chair Hughes, Cllr West, WDC Cllr McDonald and WCC Cllr Eyre.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Segar – Personal interest as a member of Village Hall Committee and Sheppey Play Project Committee.

Cllr King – Personal and prejudicial interest as Chair of Village Hall Committee. Cllr Meredith – Personnel and prejudicial interest in W/10/02659/PP.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1st November 2010 be accepted and signed by V/chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- A planning application including identifying work specific to the flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC is being prepared but timing is becoming urgent as financial year end is 31st March 2010.
- 5. POLICING contact is PC Stuart Toms (08457 444888/03003 333000) none

6. CHARITIES - none

7. VILLAGE HALL – including Sheppey Play Project

Cllr King gave an extensive update on the situation at the Village Hall following the insolvency of the original builders. A meeting with professional advisors and the lottery advised to return to the tender process. It is planned that builders be back on site in February. Completion and financial positions are unclear at this time, additional funding will be sought just in case. Lottery is not a problem and other funders are supportive but may have detailed issues, usually year end timing. The current financial situation is underwritten with £32k bond, £30k due payment and additional un-valued works completed. Standing charges of the closed facility are running at £525/month; these and other expenses will be allowable against funds withheld from the builders. Cllr King also expressed thanks to Cllr Meikle and Mr King for their work in securing the weather proofing of the exposed roof.

The bund will be looked at with regards to replacing any dead items. There is one adult football team playing at £500/season and it has now been agreed to charge juniors £50/month. The replacement tractor is due at the end of January. A skills audit of the Committee is being carried out. The newsletter and questionnaire has been circulated (although the meeting voiced concerns about its receipt and visibility), early returns are few but indicates willingness to help set up a village shop and hence the Village Shop Steering Group should be reformed. The Village Hall is investigating its own website but in the interim is updating the parish facility.

The Shindig fundraising evening on 15th January 2011 7pm bar has been moved to Fladbury, where there is a table top sale facility in the afternoon. 200-club Xmas draw due and there are still tickets available. A progressive supper is amongst additional fundraising activities being investigated.

The meeting closed to allow parishioner present to address councillors.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre via the clerk informed the Parish Council that the speed review of the B4084 had recommended an additional 40mph section at Pershore College and the shortening of the 40mph at Cropthorne from west of Bricklehampton turning to near the Bell Inn. After general discussion the

clerk was asked to contact WCC and request that due to large, heavy slow moving lorries and the dangers at the turning that this part of the review be rejected.

WDC Cllr McDonald circulated a report which included Fuel Poverty and Energy Heating (indicating that any parishioner or someone known experiencing difficulties should contact Housing at WDC 565000), Declarations of Interest, Flood Alleviation EA and the Charlton Scheme, Financial Overview & Scrutiny of Portfolios, and WCC taking on Concessionary Travel (transferred from WDC).

9. MATTERS ARISING - none

10. SOCIAL HOUSING - none

- 11. LENGTHSMAN The clerk issued a report covering the three months thru October.
- 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 permission has been granted.
- b) W/10/02406/PP Mrs J Haynes, 2 Court Cottage, Neigh Lane New 1500 litre oil fuel tank located above ground to front of property – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- c) W/10/02551/CU Mr D McLeod, The Orchards, Smokey Lane Change of use to equine, formation of riding ménage, personal use only, no drainage or building required. - A no objection response was filed and a decision is awaited. It was however noted that the information positioning the site may be incorrect and that there may be an archaeological site involved.
- d) W/10/02659/PP Mr & Mrs J Meredith, Cropthorne Lodge, Main St Formation of room in roof space with side roof lights. – A no objection response to the original application has been filed, however the conservation officer has suggested a resiting of three roof windows on the other side. The applicants have filed an amendment moving one of the three windows. Following discussions (Cllr Meredith withdrew) it was agreed that there was no objection to the amendment which will be filed.
- e) W/10/02548/PP Mr Webberley re 1 Lower Haselor Lodge Extension to house to provide an additional bedroom with ensuite bathroom - WDC reply required within 21 days of 02//12/10 (i.e. 23/12/10)

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

b)

a) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedule for 06/12/10 for approval and signing by V/chair.

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541	16	Solutions4Playgrounds early	8,347.20
542	17	Kompan equipment early	11,210.68
543	18	Lengthsman Aug/Sep/Oct	141.70
544	19	Clerk sal/all/exp nov	151.16

Payments approved from above

- c) It was proposed by V/chair Annis, seconded by Cllr King, and agreed by the meeting that the precept of £4390 recommended by the finance group be adopted. Although this entails an 18% uplift it was noted that over the past two years the Parish Council had handed back to Council Tax payers most of its free balances of £5k and hence the rise did not represent any increase in running costs but of one returning to a "current precept = current running costs" balance.
- d) <u>Sheppey Play Project</u> The project is progressing well and the finances closely monitored with regards to keeping the project within the Parish Council's resolution. VAT on the initial invoice has been returned by HMRC; the next two invoices detailed above have been paid for which the initial LEADER claim is now with WCC and a second claim will be submitted within days.

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15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

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25 26 27	WDC McD WCC Eyre	November report
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3rd November 2010

1 WCC QUESTIONNAIRE regarding greater Parish involvement!!

4th November 2010

1 SWDP SWJCS replacement exercise following new Coalition Government Scrapping of regional top down planning numbers!!!!!!! Includes SHLAA sites in villages and village accessibility plans that could dictate number of houses etc.

Plus any other information only received after 29th November 2010.

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Meeting dates for 2011 were discussed and agreed.
- b) Following a parishioner complaint, involving the local MP, on recent EON 5 day works problems (overnight outage on a temporary generator), the clerk was asked to reply, copy EON, supporting the complainant and seeking assurances that any lessons learnt from such type of works are implemented in order to ensure that problems are minimised in the future.
- c) Cllr Meikle and the clerk will investigate problems with the footpath from Middle Lane through to Blacksmiths Lane.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 10th 2011 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 2nd January 2011.

Chair closed the meeting at 09:10pm.

Signed	.(Chair)	Date
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