

Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 6th June 2011 in the Village School 7:30pm.

0. CO-OPTION

The two vacancies advertised generated a single application from Tim Hardy whose acceptance was proposed by Chair Annis and agreed to by the meeting in his absence. The clerk will follow up with the necessary paperwork with Cllr (elect) Hardy and WDC. It was agreed to advertise the outstanding vacancy with a co-option date timed for the meeting in September after the holiday break.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair R Annis	WDC Cllr T McDonald
	V/chair T Meikle	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr M West	1 parishioner
	Cllr J King	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Segar	

Also in attendance for the Social Housing item were Nigel Potter (Comm 1st Rural Housing enabler), Kirsty May-Jones (WDC Housing), Andrew Warner (Festival Housing/Spa Housing) and Adrian Smith (Architect).

Apology was received from Cllr (elect) Tim Hardy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J King – personal & prejudicial – Village Hall Chair
Cllr J Segar – personal – Village Hall/Sheppey Play project.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Segar proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 9th May 2011 be accepted and signed by Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) WDC grant of £1,000 is still being considered.
- b) A planning application has been submitted but only refers to the work specific to the flood alleviation grant of £2500 from WDC; this delay is likely to cause the loss of said grant and V/chair Meikle will talk to the applicant who is the Cllr (elect) Tim Hardy to see if it could be included.

5. POLICING – contact is PC Stuart Toms (03003 333000) - none

6. CHARITIES – none

7. VILLAGE HALL (to include Sheppey Play Projects & Village Shop)

Village Hall Update – Cllr King reported project on programme, kitchen, toilets, painting and floor on order. A minor blot was the theft of lead which will not be used in the final build. Two boilers damaged via Spicer issue gives opportunity to go ‘green’ at about the same cost but with much lower longer term costs. Saturday September 10th opening event is still being planned. A grant from Awards for All is being sought to cover table, chairs, signs, projection equipment etc.

Sheppey Play Projects – Cllr Segar reported that the lottery £50k application had been approved for which the Parish Council had already agreed to act as the Accountable Body similar to that already in place for the LEADER grant. A review of all the grants and how best to utilise them to obtain best results is underway. Ramp, steps, disabled facilities/access, tree cabin, play area, school wildlife, patio, landscaping should all be achievable. The less than satisfactory access onto Blacksmiths Lane from the Sheppey corner will be reviewed and assessed.

The meeting closed for 5 minutes to allow parishioner to address councillors.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre tendered a report for inclusion in the circulation pack. She confirmed that the clerk had requested numerous footways to be considered against the limited £3m budget at county level. Her report refers to local and county issues, appointments, consultations, planning, Fish Hill motor bike issues & problems, anti-social incidents, flooding, speeding and a museum in Broadway – all of which appeared to be outside of the parish.

WDC Cllr McDonald covered his new role in economic development which is all the rage up to national level, children services that require a 50% reduction target and intelligent green although there were some concerns with the government rolling back subsidies, the effect of which was not yet known. He will also be active on the proposed Evesham Bridge replacement. He appealed for councillors to consider nominating torch bearers for the Olympics London 2012 via www.london2012.com for which Cllr Segar had already proposed Andy Train of Fladbury Paddle Club and Cllr Meikle said he would consider proposing John Ayliffe for his considerable efforts towards local sports etc.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- a) The clerk reported that he had asked Fiona Argyle to meet with footpaths warden Hilary Hall to identify a way forward so that the parish council could consider any role in helping. Help for the village hall is expected to be identified by their committee and the necessary approaches made if necessary for help as usual, especially with regards to precepting 2012/13. The clerk has spoken to Vic Alison, deputy MD WDC, and it is expected that a road show in the village hall would be called as and when there is a proposal on how 'central' buying of bulk fuel could help parishioners. The clerk has received no requests for identified sites of any possible speed activation system activity with WCC. A meeting with WCC on a possible siting of a cycle path between Jubilee Bridge and Charlton cemetery indicated a preference for a southern path with regards to the dangerous Millbank roadway; this is being taken back to a WCC committee who are considering county wide cycle ways.

10. SOCIAL HOUSING

Nigel Potter (Comm 1st) introduced the subject by indicating that this issue had been in existence in various guises for over 10 years. This time around WDC housing via Kirsty May-Jones had used various registers, waiting lists and 2007 survey which indicated there was a need but she would not really elaborate when questioned. Festival Housing Andrew Warner reported that following discussions with the landowner of an exception site a project for 6 2-beds & 2 3-beds could be accommodated for which architect Adrian Smith tabled a sustainable design including two off-road parking spaces per unit. The site was a continuation of buildings in Field Barn Lane to the west (right) of the road as it leads away from the Sheppey on Blacksmiths Lane. Ideally timing would be 2012ish.

Following extensive discussions relevant points/issues arose: - Site rejected in recent SHLAA exercise, why now allowable particularly WCC highways, this will be very confusing for parishioners/parish council? (WDC to check) Infrastructure concerns regarding at least carriage width, sewage and electricity arose given earlier problems and indications of village overloads. S106 'onion ring' condition needed and probably much tighter still as there were concerns over the workers living in unplanned conditions nearby swamping any demand, WDC legal have some ideas if possible. Some concerns over 'pre allocation' being agreed in private.

11. LENGTHSMAN

The clerk circulated the report and billing for April/May 2011.

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

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/10/02601/CU – Field off track to fisherman's car park Jubilee Bridge at Mill Bank Fladbury** - Support for Fladbury Parish Council and Crothorne Mill owners together with a number of concerns have been filed and a decision is awaited. This decision is delayed pending further investigations with the Environmental Agency; however local objections cover many other aspects.

- b) **W/11/01104/AC – Mr T Hardy, Brook Farm House, Brook Lane – New vehicular access to serve Brook Farm House via adjoining orchard, base for future outbuilding. WDC reply required within 21 days of 02/06/11 (i.e. 23/06/11)**

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that following an inspection in February of the Strickland’s site a number of issues had been noted and another site visit is due in the next three months, to be followed by an enforcement report for WDC Planning Committee to consider. It appears that there is at least one mobile home and numerous living in office/industrial units taking place.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and the meeting agreed to accept the Bank/Balance Schedules for 06/06/11 for signature by chair.
- b) Payments approved from above

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566	8	Clerk sal/all jun/payee	123.16
567	9	HMRC payee if nec	80.20

- c) V/chair Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr King, and the meeting agreed to adopt the Statement of Accounts form from the Audit Commission. It was noted for the record that the internal audit had not yet been concluded due to the illness to the current internal auditor. This process sequence had been approved by Clement Keys, the external auditors, in order to protect timescales.
- d) The Annual Governance statement was read out in full and each answer agreed by the council. Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Segar, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance statement be approved for signature by Chair and RFO.
- e) Following the unavailability of the current internal auditor, chair/clerk delegated authority was used to appoint Mr Bailey, of Allchurch Bailey of Evesham to finish the 2010/11 year and to be invited to take over for 2011/12. This was confirmed by the meeting.

15. WEBSITE - none

16. CORRESPONDENCE

11th May 2011

- 1 CALC Update 10 24/03/11
- 2 CALC Update 11 31/03/11
- 3 CAB Requesting £500/parish (we pay £0)
- 4 PHS Newsletter March/April
- 5 CALC Update 12 07/04/11
- 6 CALC Update 13 14/04/11
- 7 WCC Revised Bus Consultation
- 8 CALC Update 14 21/04/11
- 9 CALC Update 15 28/04/11
- 10 Mr Watson EoN SAGA!
- 11 CALC Update 16 05/05/11
- 12 C&C Direct May
- 13 WDC McD Ward Report 09/05/11

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION - none

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The next Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 4th July 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 26th June 2010. .

Chair closed the meeting at 09:50pm.

Signed(Chair)

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