

**A meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the Village School 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present – C Whittington (Chair)

R Annis (V/Chair)

J Meredith

J King

A Hughes

T Meikle

M West

WCC Cllr Eyre

WDC Cllr McDonald

Clerk RJ Coles

3 Parishioners

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Personal & Prejudicial – Village Hall – J King

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by V/Chair Annis and agreed by the meeting that they be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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

Mr & Mrs Shaw requested that thanks to the Parish Council for their efforts in allowing meetings to cover parishioners concerns and WCC and WDC Councillors attentions, actions and support be minuted.

- a) Ditches – Quality of the Field Barn Lane works is to be queried with WCC due to concerns that spoil will just slip back into the ditches. The ditch between Freelands and Bell Inn on south side towards Pershore needs cleaning out.
- b) Highway surfaces – ‘Hammerhead’ private road resurfacing needs investigating with residents who are prepared to contribute to some of the works. Tarmac on soil repairs in Field Barn Lane also need to be queried.
- c) Verges – Water running across Field Barn Lane needs investigating by the clerk and reporting if necessary. WCC Cllr Eyre offered to check with David Lavender over the promise to dress deeps ruts in the area, particularly Field Barn Lane and the Lay-by. Reports from parishioners at the top of Middle Lane concerning the sudden and inconvenient installation of 15 posts have already been raised by email with WCC.
- d) Other damages – Cllrs Annis, Hughes and Meikle agree to approach the three landowners around the Main Street culvert with regards to clearing up and making necessary repairs. (Mr F H George, Greenmount, Abbotswood Evesham, WR 11 4NS; Mr P L Wallin, Greenacres, Brook Lane WR10 3JY; Mr J C Ayliffe, Orchard House, Main St WR10 3LT)
- e) WDC grants – WDC Cllr McDonald was thanked for his donation of £50 from his specific allowance, which makes the Flood fund £1050 in total for 2008 distribution, or spend.

**5. POLICING** - Nothing was raised under this item.

**6. CHARITIES** – WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that there were young person recognition awards available for 12-19 year olds who had done something exceptional.

**The meeting continued as parishioners present concerns were covered by the meeting elsewhere.**

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Village Hall Finances – a request for 2007/08 funding has been received and is dealt with below. The Trustee document was noted and filed.
- b) Heathworks visibility concerns – WDC Cllr McDonald was asked to progress in conjunction with the Clerk.

## 8. LENGTHSMAN

The report for Dec/Jan was presented and discussed and Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by V/Chair Annis and the meeting agreed to display work done on the Parish Council notice board.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that she would bring budgeted planned and maintenance works for Cropthorne and the County to the next meeting. Council Tax proposals indicate a 4.3% increase verses a 4% RPI including highways inflation of 9% and transport inflation of 6%. A £12million home-to-school transport programme was included including a free service to all vulnerable, low income and disabled children. An additional £1.6million had been secured to cover schools in deprived rural areas in Harvington, Broadway and Worcester Without. It was noted that WCC spend was now financed in the ration of 2:1 between Council Tax and Government funding, a radical turnabout from ten years ago of 1:2. A programme of analysing young persons needs for the whole county has to be completed over the 2008/2011 timescale.

WDC Cllr McDonald invited all to attend the Valentines Flood Event at the Evesham Leisure Centre on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30-7:00pm which will provide comprehensive self help and advice to residents on how to protect themselves. Landowners are being urged to clear their ditches and brooks.

## 10. PARISH PLAN – Cllr Meikle will report.

No progress had been made in January due to holidays etc. First draft is due following a likely meeting within the month.

## 11. PLANNING

- a) **W/06/00141/PN/APPEAL – Mr & Mrs Strickland, East Riding House, Bricklehampton Lane, Bricklehampton – Variation of condition 5 of permission W/96/00161 & condition 2 of permission W/98/00243 to delete class E from the wording of the condition –** A response in favour of keeping to the original restrictions was refiled. The appeal was heard at WDC, 16/01/08 at 10am. A decision is awaited.
- b) **W/06/02052/CU/APPEAL – Mr & Mrs I Pomeroy, Land at Church Leys – Proposed siting of mobile home, parking and turning area to establish an organic unit.** The original objections were refiled with the Appeal's Inspectorate.
- c) **W/07/02619/PP – Mr D J Brookes, 34 Rogers Hill, Worcester – re 2 Croft Cottages, Blacksmiths Lane – Proposed two storey and single extensions to rear –** An objection with regards to out of keeping with the other 7 cottages (4 semis), excessive development affecting neighbouring properties access to light and views, thereby having a material effect has been filed. It was also noted that the plans did not appear to keep to the external material finishes of brick downstairs and white upstairs. Permission has been granted.
- d) **AB/07/02594/AB – Mr T Tidmarsh, Holmfield, Eckington – re Corehill Farm, Blacksmiths Lane – Proposed Farm Track –** No objection was filed but noting some concern over lack of information regarding usage and consultation with neighbours in the affected cul de sac. A decision is awaited.
- e) **W/07/02707/LB & 02708/PP – Mr & Mrs Black, Ashley Cottage, Main St – Replacement of former conservatory with garden room to south side of cottage –** No objection was filed. Permission has been granted.
- f) **W/07/02880/LB & W07/02892/PP – Mr M Robinson, Brook Farm Cottage, Brook Lane – Internal alteration and first floor extension –** No objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- g) **W/07/02882/PP – Mr & Mrs Carroll, Cropthorne Stud, Field Barn Lane – Proposed two storey extension –** Feedback indicated that the Parish Council should object to any more planning approvals for this site until a previous planning condition to suitably make good and tarmac the entrance onto Field Barn Lane was completed. WDC reply required within 21 days from 17/01/08 (i.e. 07/02/08)

- h) **W/08/00059/CU – Mr P Marsh, Hillside, Neigh Lane – Change of use to garden and erection of outbuilding** – Feedback indicated that an objection to this application be made on the grounds of poor drawings not being to scale, inaccurate and incorrect. Additionally following discussions it was agreed that the garage positioning and entrance (and possibly skyline) were inappropriate leading to such a large demand on the orchard for conversion into the garden. It was preferable that the triple garages replace the existing single garage in the same location and being suitably integrated as a rural building rather than matching the house. WDC reply required within 21 days from 24/01/08 (i.e. 14/02/08)
- i) **W/08/00053/OU – Mr J Allen, Bank Top, Baldwins Bank – Erection of a detached dwelling** - WDC reply required within 21 days from 31/01/08 (i.e. 21/02/08)
- j) **W/08/000164/LB & W/08/00163/PP – Mr & Mrs W Zu Weld, Cropthorne House, Main St – Provision of windows to front elevation to allow light to interior of house. Windows to be as existing sash windows. Internal alterations to provide bathrooms and link room.** - WDC reply required within 21 days from 31/01/08 (i.e. 21/02/08)

## 12. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) The latest Budget/Bank Schedule 03/02/08 was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Meikle and agreed by the meeting for signature by Chair.

- b) Payments

			£
461	PG King Jones	Lengthsman Dec/Jan	120.00
462	Clerk – RJC	Jan Sal, All, Exp	149.07
463	C&CVHMC	Mowing contribution	750.00
464	C&CVHMC	Playground mnte	1500.00

Grants to the Village Hall for mowing/playground were proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by the meeting.

- c) It was agreed to leave funds where they were for the moment whilst Cllr Meikle investigated a new single source supplier, BoS, for all the Parish Council's finances.

## 13. PARISH COUNCIL RULES OF OPERATING

It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by V/chair Annis and agreed by the meeting that Cropthorne Parish Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils which includes Section 12(2) of the Local Authority Model Code of Conduct 2007, as published by the Standards Board of England, allowing a period for public question time before the start of each scheduled council meeting when members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Council on items on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chair and allow a Councillor with prejudicial interest in a particular issue to address the Council during public question time on the issue subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange on the issue between the public and the Council during public question time.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

### 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008

1	WCC/Eyre	Breathing Spaces
2	WCC	Budget Information Meeting 17/01/08
3	WMRA	Speaking Out 12/07
4	CALC	Information Bulletin Spring 200
5	WMPA	Police service 2008 and beyond
6	Wych Sport	Parish Games AGM
7	C&C	Direct 01/08
8	SRA/WMRA	Regional Spatial Strategy RSS Phase 2
9	CPC	B4084 thank you letter
10	CPC	Lengthsman 'all in one' reports
11	CPC	whub incidents past 12 months (not exhaustive!)
12	CPC	whub incident – sample of latest

**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by the meeting that V/chair Annis approach the Sheppey Junior Footballers and offer them the WDC/CPC £500 litter pick on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 10am.
- b) Cllr Hughes wishes to discuss highway verge management were covered above.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Meredith, seconded by Chair Whittington and agreed by the meeting that Option C be supported for the Rural Rate Relief application received from The Bell Inn. (The options being A – CPC £54.22, WDC £379.55 (Benefit and local Council Tax funded), B – CPC £0, WDC £216.88 (Benefit but not reasonable for local Council Tax funding) or C – CPC £0, WDC £0 (Not a benefit)).
- d) The Village Hall has received a clashing usage application for the Annual Parish meeting date of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 from the local school to stage their play. It was agreed that the Village Hall was the preferred venue and that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr King for a suitable outcome.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Crophorne Parish Council is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

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

**Date .....**