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**Meeting of Crothorne Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the Village School 7:30pm**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present: - Chair C Whittington  
V/chair R Tisdall  
A Hughes  
J King WDC Cllr Meikle  
T Meikle Clerk, R J Coles  
M West 3 Parishioners

R Annis sent apologies. WCC Cllr Eyre was unavailable.

The meeting congratulated WDC Cllr Malcolm Meikle on his award of the MBE in the New Year's Honours list after nearly 50 years service on councils.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Village Hall J King prejudicial

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Meikle and agreed by the meeting for signature by the Chair.

The minutes for the planning committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Meikle and agreed by the meeting for signature by the Chair.

**4. POLICING**

The meeting raised no additional policing matters.

**The meeting continued as parishioners' issues were dealt with under 10-Planning below.**

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Mowing etc – Alternatives to Mr Stephen's work will be raised at the Parish Meeting in April.
- b) Middle Lane Unsafe Car – This vehicle has been removed.
- c) Crothorne Sign – was cleaned up.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

WMRA has indicated that South Worcestershire will be asked to take on a very large number of new dwellings with no real commitment for any additional infrastructure, everybody should be aware of the Spatial meetings at WCC and WDC. Worcester City is likely to look to Malvern Hills and Wychavon to take most of the new developments. WMRA are carrying out a migrant labour study in conjunction with Secretary of State Ruth Kelly's department.

WDC have reached the last five in the country for District Council of the Year award. The 'cradle to 18' activities of young people within the community is likely to have many effects on local activities.

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## 7. PARISH PLAN

A draft questionnaire will be available after the meeting for councillors to comment on before finalising it with WDC. A copy will be available on the web site for anyone to comment on back to the Village Plan Group, ([www.cropthorpe.org.uk](http://www.cropthorpe.org.uk))

## 8. PARISH COUNCIL STAFFING COMMITTEE

Consideration was put back until the February meeting due to a shortness of time.

## 9. PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

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## 10. PLANNING

- a) **W/06/01416/LUE – Mr J Carter, Oak Rise, Main Rd – Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use for the siting of a mobile home.** A no objection response was filed. A decision is still awaited.
- b) **W/06/01527/PN – Mr P Strickland, Heath Works – Construction of a new manufacturing unit with offices –** An objection concerning noise, traffic and visual amenity was filed. It was indicated that a decision was deferred pending clarification on how the site has gone from a single company to a business park over time.
- c) **W/06/01737/PP – Mr & Mrs C Brooker, Oakfield House, Main St – Erection of a Summerhouse –** A conditional objection was filed concerning the exact usage of the land, agricultural or garden? If agricultural then an objection as there has been no change of usage granted, if garden then provided conservation officer and relevant river experts happy with plans and type of building etc then no objection from the Parish Council. It was indicated that the Development Committee would delay for 3 weeks over siting position. This application suitably modified has been granted permission.
- d) **W/06/02023/PP – Mr & Mrs Johnson, 10 Croft Cottages, Field Barn Lane – Erection of a Conservatory –** The clerk has filed a no objection response as agreed at the Planning Committee meeting 11/12/06.
- e) **W/06/02052/PP – Mr & Mrs I Pomeroy, 25 Lower Croft – Resubmission of application for proposed siting of mobile home, parking and turning area to establish an organic unit on land at Church Leys.** The clerk has filed an objection based on the grounds of the mobile home being too prominent, on open ground, setting a precedent and being of a very large size as agreed at the Planning Committee meeting 11/12/06.
- f) **W/06/00554/PN/APPEAL – Field Barn Caravan Park – Variation of planning condition (1 of PR617/63) to permit plot 1 to be occupied by full time site manager –** The clerk has filed support for a single caravan only (i.e. Plot 1) dedicated to a full time manager as agreed at the Planning Committee meeting 11/12/06.
- g) **W/06/01261/PN/APPEAL – Mr Cooper, Field Barn Lane Caravan Park – Erection of timber office building. Variation of condition (1) attached to P.P. PR617/63 to permit site to be open 50 weeks per year.** The clerk has filed confirmation for support of the timber building and reconfirmed the continued strong objection to the extension to 50 weeks usage of the site as agreed at the Planning Committee meeting 11/12/06.
- h) **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 –** The clerk has filed a response in favour of keeping to the original restrictions as agreed at the Planning Committee meeting 11/12/06.
- i) **ADVANCED NOTICE extracted from WDC website - ERECTION OF LEAN TO CONSERVATORY ON END WALL AND REPLACING EXISTING FRONT DOOR CANOPY ROOF ON SIDE WALL.** Quice Cottage, Kennel Bank, Cropthorpe, WR10 3ND. WDC reply required within 21 days of the 04/01/07 (i.e. 25/01/07). The meeting agreed that unless otherwise indicated the circulation pack and delegated authority would suffice for this application.

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It is noted that some Parishioners are considering applying for a Judicial Review following the granting of the 5-year temporary permission for caravans etc on the Main Rd, however the inspectorate has advised that a challenge must be issued within 42 days of the decision, which was 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The council was advised that Judicial Review could only consider if the inspectorate had breached given planning guidelines or had been grossly negligent, which in this case WDC had reviewed and could not find anything to support a challenge.

The Parish Council has been contacted by concerned parishioners and was lobbied at the meeting to approach WDC to ensure that they(WDC) would continue to be vigilant and committed to ensuring that the Main Road traveller's site planning decision would not be used as a precedent; enforcement of the strict terms approved are adhered to; additional numbers would not be allowed onto the site; and ensure that sewerage and waste was not a problem due to the lack of services currently provided. Those parishioners present also asked that it be made very clear that they felt it inequitable that such a decision should be made especially as only a short distance away the main village and in particular the conservation area was being very tightly controlled with regards to planning matters. A request was also made for obtaining traveller statistics for parishes in WDC & WCC for future reference and monitoring.

It was proposed by V/chair Tisdall, seconded by Cllr Hughes that the Parish Council requests a response from WDC to the Parish Council and individual parishioners concerns as indicated above. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **11. FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) The latest Budget/Bank Schedule was proposed for approval by Cllr Meikle, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by the meeting for Chair to sign.
- b) Invoices for Payment

			£
423	R J Stephens	Mowing etc	140.00
424	Clerk	Salary, Allowance November	136.81
- c) Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, that the Precept for 2007/08 be set at £4,900 after taking into account £7,500 reserves, £3,500 commitment to Village Hall refurbishment, £1,000 for May elections and line by line budgets already agreed by the Council. This proposal was accepted.
- d) Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by V/chair Tisdall that subject to satisfactory operating arrangements in line with current approvals the council should open an account with the Alliance and Leicester in order to obtain better interest on its cash balances available. The meeting accepted this proposal.

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **8<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

- 1 WCC Children & Young People's Plan
- 2 WCC Budget Consultation meeting 04/12/06
- 3 WDC Standards Committee 22/11/06
- 4 WCC Regional Spatial Strategy
- 5 PHS Extended Services – IT etc (Clerk asked by Cllr West to follow up)
- 6 WCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme £2000 proposal 07/08
- 7 WCC Highway Service
- 8 Reply Watson fireworks & thatched roofs
- 9 Wych Partnership 30/01/07
- 10 Com1st Newline Dec 06 mag
- 11 CPRE Newsletter winter 2006
- 12 WDC Accessibility Score
- 13 CALC Mail Nov 06
- 14 CPRE Fieldwork Dec 06

**13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- 1 – Dog fouling at and near the school has been reported, the clerk was asked to ensure sufficient signage was in place before any further consideration would take place.
- 2 – Interest in the 2007/08 £500 clean up grant, if available, was expressed by all councillors so that a selection decision can be made in due course. Applications are welcome from any organisation within the village.
- 3 – All councillors agreed to consider what other organisations may require parish council representations or links into the future.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at the Village School at 7:30pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:15pm.

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

**Date** .....