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Meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2008 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair C Whittington	
	V/chair R Annis	WCC Cllr Eyre
	Cllr A Hughes	
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 1
	Cllr M West	HCPC V/chair Thompson (re 8)
	Cllr J Meredith	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Cllr King and WDC Cllr McDonald

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 2nd June 2008 be accepted and signed by the chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH – carried forward to September meeting.

- a) Ditches – see below.
- b) Highway surfaces - see below.
- c) Verges – see below.
- d) Other damages – see below.
- e) WDC grants of £1,050 will be allocated after d) has been completed.

5. POLICING – carried forward to September meeting.

6. CHARITIES – carried forward to September meeting.

The meeting continued as parishioner's interest covered elsewhere.

7. MATTERS ARISING – carried forward to September meeting.

- a) Heathworks visibility concerns
- b) Village Hall swings refurbishment

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Hanley Castle Parish Council V/chair Ian Thompson gave a talk on their experiences with regards to a recent affordable housing exercise. Following an extensive diary of events the exercise has had to be restarted using a better DEFRA questionnaire, with lettings policies attached and with the understanding that the Parish Council will be allowed to audit the results. Major concerns arose over the errors arising in the interpretation of the questionnaires giving a housing need of twice that when reviewed again and also the relationship between the Housing Associations and the Rural Housing Enabling Officer's position, especially with regards to funding of the position by the Housing Association themselves when DEFRA guidelines suggest the position be completely independent.

It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and agreed by the meeting that the clerk respond to WDC letter/results of 15th April 2008 requesting confirmation that the questionnaire used corresponded with DEFRA's latest standards, that the details of the analysis, particularly the expected corresponding spreadsheet, be provided and that information with regards to existing project lettings policies/S106's be shown to protect local usage only in perpetuity had taken place successfully. Until a satisfactory response was received from WDC to this letter an invitation to attend Parish Council/Parish meetings would not be forthcoming.

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9. **LENGTHSMAN** – nothing to report.

10. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS** - nothing to report.

11. **PARISH PLAN** – nothing to report.

12. PLANNING

- a) **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. The appeal took place on 29th April 2008 and a decision is awaited. Following feedback from the clerk, it was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and agreed by the meeting that the clerk should register the council's concerns with WDC that the appeal covered an extended business activity which was not shared with the Parish Council as indicated by 'missing information' even on the planning website by the date of the appeal. A response from WDC explaining a potential problem loophole covered the situation in favour of the appellant. The inspectorate has rejected the appeal.
- b) **W/08/01031/PN – Mr M Coe & Ms E Stoodley, (re The Daves, Middle Lane), 13 Wisteria House, Queens Rd, Evesham – Erection of a two storey dwelling and detached garage** – A no objection response has been filed. A decision is awaited.
- c) **W/08/01061/PN – Mr J Allen, Bank Top. Main St – Proposed new dwelling** – Information from the pack circulated indicated that giving due regard to the previous lapsed planning of a dwelling for this site there was a majority in favour of indicating a no objection response. A minority indicated concerns with infilling open sites in the village and in particular the conservation area. A decision is awaited.
- d) **W/08/01672/LB & W/08/01638/PP – Mr P Gough, Avonvale House, Kennel Bank – Single storey garden room to rear elevation** – The circulation pack has indicated the clerk will file a no objection response.
- e) **W/08/01510/PP – Mr R Appleton, 23 Lower Croft – Two-storey extension to side** - The circulation pack has indicated the clerk will file a no objection response.

13. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and agreed by the meeting that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 07/07/08 be approved and signed by the chair with the addition of one late payment indicated below.
- b) Payments approved from above

		£
476	Clerk Salary/Allowance June	140.68
477	Qualitytype Pplan (late)	148.05
- c) Consideration of the status of the Community First subscription withheld at the last meeting was carried forward to the September meeting.
- d) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed that The Statement of Accounts as presented for audit approval should be signed off by Chair and the Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk.
- e) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and the meeting agreed that The Annual Governance Statement as agreed by the Finance Group should be signed off by Chair and the Clerk.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE** – nothing to report.

15. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION** – carried forward to September meeting.

- a) Chair has requested that between meetings delegated authority be reviewed.
- b) Village emailing system will be discussed.
- c) Sue Miller, one of the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in Cropthorne, is looking for a mechanism to publicise 'Smart Water'. It is rumoured that Parish Councils may be offered as a reseller in the process.

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16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Crophorne Parish Council is on Monday 1st September 2008 at the Village School or Village Hall (dependant on Affordable Housing item). Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 24th August 2008.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm so councillors could attend the Walkabout meeting in the village hall.

Signed(Chair)

Date