

Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 5th March 2007 in the Village School 7:30pm

1. APOLOGIES

Present: - Chair C Whittington
V/chair R Tisdall
R Annis WDC Cllr Meikle
T Meikle Clerk, R J Coles
M West 2 Parishioners
A Hughes
J King

WCC Cllr Eyre sent her apologies.

The meeting expressed its thanks to WDC Cllr Meikle, as this was his last Meeting with the council in his current capacity.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – J King – Village Hall - Prejudicial

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the council meeting of 5th February 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Annis, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by the meeting for signature by the Chair with the minor adjustment to Item 7 where “....to the Parish Council,....” would replace “.....before being shown to.....”.

4. POLICING - None

The meeting continued as parishioners were asked their views on a planning application within the meeting proper.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Mowing etc – Alternatives to Mr Stephen’s work will be raised at the Parish Meeting in April.
- b) 2007 Clean up Bursary – Village Hall and School have expressed an interest. It was proposed by Cllr Annis, seconded by Cllr King and agreed by the meeting that the bursary would be offered to the school if available from WDC.
- c) Parish Council links with local organisations – Minutes are now received from the Village Hall. Cllr Meikle would approach Liz Taylor with regards to any involvement with Sheppy Junior Sports and Cllr Hughes would approach Neville Duke with regards to Church/Walkabout/Holland House. Cllr West offered to attend PT&FA at the school as an observer.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

WDC Cllr Meikle indicated that WDC Council tax would rise by 2.5% for the 8th year in a row making it the 3rd lowest district council tax element in the country. WCC have indicated a 4.9% rise. Parish council tax elements varied widely with Cropthorne’s recent decision to reduce by 50% making it about half the average. WDC has decided to back the middle option in the WMRA Phase 2 Spatial Strategy but with the proviso that South Worcestershire infrastructure was unable to cope. Gypsies and Travellers views are being sought individually as part of the Phase 3 part of the consultation. Three recent traveller decisions at Cropthorne, Hill & Moor and Upton Warren had been reviewed with only the latter being suitable for judicial review based on encroachment into the green belt.

7. PARISH PLAN

V/Chair Tisdall reported that further updates received to the questionnaire were being processed and councillors would be invited to a meeting to view. As timing to the next council meeting was two months due to Annual Parish Meeting, approval for the final questionnaire may be either by a Special Meeting of the Parish Council or by Clerk/Chair delegated authority between meetings.

8. PARISH COUNCIL STAFFING COMMITTEE ADOPTION

It was proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Meikle that there should be no adoption of a staffing committee for the clerk only, to which the meeting agreed.

9. PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS ADOPTION

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Chair Whittington that the Council adopt the NALC Model Standing Orders, to which the meeting agreed.

10. PLANNING

- a) **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.
- b) **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** – Support for a single caravan only (i.e. Plot 1) dedicated to a full time manager was refiled.
- c) **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.** Support of the timber building and a strong objection to the extension to 50 weeks usage of the site was refiled.
- d) **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.
- e) **W/06/02077/LB – Mrs T Findlater, Quice Cottage, Kennel Bank – Erection of lean to conservatory on end wall and replacing existing front door canopy roof on side wall.** A no objection response was filed. Consent has been granted.
- f) **W/07/00039/PP – Mr & Mrs A B Beasley-Suffolk. Sarn House, Main St – Conservatory to Rear.** A no objection response was filed. A decision is awaited.
- g) **W/07/00116/AA – re Heath Works, Mr. S Pagett, 13 Elm Rd, Evesham – Two flat signs mounted onto factory walls, advertising the name of business.** An objection was filed until the outcome of 06/01527 was clarified. Subject to this and provided signs were in keeping with no illumination and landscaping no objection was also filed. A decision is awaited.
- h) **W/07/00291/PP – Mr R Bullock. 9 Croft Cottages, Field Barn Lane – Erection of a detached garage.** A no objection response is to be filed following circulation of the plans. WDC reply required within 21 days from 22/02/07 (i.e. 15/03/07)
- i) **W/07/00338 – Village School – Extension to form disabled ramp within school and a bathroom management area** – The meeting agreed that an objection based on problems with an immediate drain and excess water leaving the school grounds would be filed until these were sorted to the satisfaction of all concerned. The actual works above ground level were acceptable. WDC reply required within 21 days from 01/03/07 (i.e. 22/03/07)

V/chair Tisdall confirmed an email with the Parish Council's response to the WMRA Spatial Strategy Phase 2 revision (housing, employment, waste & Transport) using the proforma questionnaire provided would be sent.

11. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

a) The latest Budget/Bank Schedule was proposed by Cllr Meikle, seconded by Cllr King for acceptance and signature by the Chair. The meeting agreed.

b) Invoices for Payment

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430	PG K-J	Lengthsman Scheme Nov – Mar Gross	237.50
431	Clerk	Salary, Allowance, Expenses Feb & Mar	282.98

c) It was proposed by Cllr Meikle, seconded by Cllr Hughes that the clerk pursues the Alliance & Leicester Community Account route in obtaining better interest rates on funds with the Clerk, Chair and Cllr Annis being limited signatories for transfers in and out to the Lloyds/TSB current account. The meeting agreed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12th February 2007

- 1 VolCen Information and a Resource
- 2 WCC Bus Services
- 3 WMRA Speaking Out magazine Autumn 2006
- 4 CALC Mail magazine Jan 2007
- 5 WCC Evesham Area Forum 21st March 2007
- 6 Comm1st Newslite magazine February 2007
- 7 WDC Standards meeting 20th February 2007
- 8 School Litter pick up consideration request
- 9 Vhall Minutes 8th February 2007
- 10 C&LG Model Code of Conduct Amendments consultation

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

1 Cllr King proposed, seconded by Chair Whittington that the Parish Council should not pay for poll cards in the unlikely event that the District election is uncontested and the Parish election was. The meeting agreed.

2 It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Annis that the WDC/Worcester City/MHDC request of the Parish Council to identify all areas available for development be ignored. The meeting agreed.

3 Cllr King agreed to respond to a Community Buildings Survey request from WDC.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Cropthorne Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 2nd April 2007 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the clerk by Wednesday 21st March 2007.

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Tuesday 8th May 2007 following the Elections on Thursday 3rd May 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 29th April 2007.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:55pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date