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Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 6th October 2008 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair C Whittington	
	Cllr J King	WCC Cllr Eyre
	Cllr A Hughes	WDC Cllr McDonald
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from V/chair Annis and Cllr Meredith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1st September 2008 be accepted and signed by the V/chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) Ditches – none
- b) Highway surfaces - none
- c) Verges – none
- d) Other damages – none
- e) WDC grants of £1,050 still have to be allocated and will be put into a special flood fund awaiting the outcome of future events. David Lavender (WCC) is investigating why Mrs Allen (The Willows, Brook Lane) appears to have not been helped whilst neighbours were. The clerk was also asked to progress another possible requirement to straighten the ox-bow with a local resident and Steve Jorden (WDC) regarding the partnership flood plans for the village in general.

5. POLICING - nothing

6. CHARITIES - nothing

7. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr King reported that there were now 6 meetings a year and an AGM. The Leys hedge was to be removed and replaced by a fence with the likelihood of planting on the Sheppey side. The latest management multiyear accounts were requested for the finance group to consider in setting the precept. Lottery application has been submitted and developments awaited.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Heathworks visibility concerns – Photo evidence from Cllr Meikle is still required.
- b) Village Hall swings refurbishment – Indications are that about £500 + vat are required and will be considered as part of the precepting cycle.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch signage – The clerk was asked to follow up with Sue Miller.
- d) Village Lorries problem – WDC have been approached regarding Main Rd/ Main St naming problem. WCC are investigating satnav issue and also preparing improved signage which will require site contribution. Police are monitoring the situation.

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9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The clerk was asked to email WDC Cllr McDonald to determine the lack of any response on this issue to our letters.

10. LENGTHSMAN

The clerk reported on the latest two months activity. The clerk was asked to check on how any parish council disposals were being handled.

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

Extensive reports were filed by WCC Cllr Eyre and WDC Cllr McDonald, which will be added to the next circulation pack. WCC Cllr Eyre covered Children's Centres rollout, reorganisations around health services, Highways Partnership Forums, speed near schools (Fladbury at least two years away), A44 end-to-end speed survey, and speed activated signs for villages.

WDC Cllr McDonald covered post offices and payphones (see later), recent flood fears, WDC top awards, over 60's & under 16's free swimming, phase 1 wheelie bins, WDC awards and SWJCS consultation.

12. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Meikle reported that 45 signed in and about 50-60 people attended the October 3rd event at the village hall. The Pplan will be put up on the village website either by Cllr Meikle directly or via the clerk.

13. PLANNING

- a) **W/08/01729/LB & W/08/01734/PP – Mr M Robinson, Brook Farm Cottage, Brook Lane – Amendment to previously approved planning applications W/07/02892/PP & W/07/02880/LB (was a second storey extension to a cottage –**
No objection was filed and approval has been granted.

New planning rules were implemented on 1st October 2008 and the rules need clarifying.

14. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by Cllr Meikle, and the meeting agreed that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 06/10/08 be approved and signed by the chair.

- b) Payments approved from above

		£
483	Clerk Salary/Allowance Sep	140.68
484	School meetings late rent 2007	51.60
484	Lengthsman Aug/Sep	73.50

- c) The Finance Group will meet at Chair Whittington's on Wednesday 29th October 2008 to prepare the information required for setting the precept.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

2nd September 2008

1	PHS	Newsletter June/July
2	PHS	Community Sports Clubs
3	WCC +3xPC	Planning Taster
4	SWJCS	Report published
5	WDC	Charity dinner 12/09/08
6	WDC	Recycling
7	WDC	SWJCS question time 15/09/08
8	WDC	Post Office closures briefing note

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9	WCC/hub	Lower Croft pavement problems
10	WCC	C2022 road closure – Fladbury/Charlton
11	Wpart	Newsletter Summer 08
12	Vitalise	Fundraising letter
13	CALC	Mail 08/08
14	Rural Devt	Conference 19/09/08
15	WCC/hub	FBL pothole
16	WCC/hub	6-week road closure additional info requested
17	WCC	Bus bulletin Aug/September
18	WCC	County Highways liaison now Gary Williams
19	CPRE	Fieldwork September
20	WRVS	Fundraising letter
21	CALC	New clerk, agenda 10/9/8 and minutes 6/6/8
22	C&C	Direct Sept 08
23	WDC Cllr McD	Info for 01/09/08 meeting
24	C&CVHMC	Minutes 14/07/08

(8:50pm) 16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Village emailing system was discussed and possible developments with WCC website will be investigated.
- b) Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and agreed by the meeting that the £206 under spend by Sheppey Swifts FC would be returned to free balances and that any additional funding will be considered separately during precepting. Cllr King will inform them.
- c) A vote on Rural Rate Relief for The Bell Inn covering the options A) benefit to community 50% relief WDC £2,042.93 CPC £255.37, B) benefit but not reasonable for local council tax payers 25%relief WDC £1021.47 CPC none and C) not a benefit 0% relief WDC none CPC none resulted in option B being approved.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council (Precepting) is on Monday 3rd November 2008 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 October 2008.

Chair closed the meeting at 9:10pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date