

A meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 3rd September 2007 in the Village School 7:30pm

1. APOLOGIES

Present – C Whittington (Chair)	WCC Cllr Eyre
R Annis (V/Chair)	WDC Cllr McDonald
A Hughes	Clerk RJ Coles
T Meikle	50+ Parishioners (Flood)
M West	WDC Steve Jordan (Env)
J King	WCC John Fraser (Highways)
J Meredith	WCC David Lavender (Highways)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal and Prejudicial – Village Hall – J King
Personal and Prejudicial – 957/958 & 1541 Planning – A Hughes

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of 2nd July 2007 were proposed by Cllr Meikle, seconded by Cllr Meredith and agreed by the meeting that they be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007

WCC Cllr Liz Eyre, Highways Manager John Fraser, Highways Liaison David Lavender, WDC Cllr Tom McDonald and Head of Environmental Services Steve Jordan were all in attendance for this item following an invitation from the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the same team should be invited back to the next meeting on Monday 1st October for continuity and updates together with Laser's project manager.

The Chair/Clerk delegated authority decision to request the closure of Field Barn Lane had been rejected for a number of reasons however a trial closure of Middle Lane had been installed, particularly to protect children going to and from school and will be monitored. It was recognised that whatever was carried out problems would merely shift from one area to another unless traffic enforcement was effectively carried out as well. It was agreed that WCC, WDC and the Parish Council would all put pressure on the police to be not only seen to be present but also effective in challenging unruly drivers.

Additional measures at the fringes, particularly on the B4084 at Field Barn Lane and Bostock/Haselor Lanes junction, such as inconvenient traffic lights might help deter through motorists even more.

Parishioners were asked to note possible infringements of the traffic regulations and be prepared to pass them onto the police.

The plans for the new road repairs on the B4084 have just been released and should be widely shared with the Parish Council and parishioners, particularly those adjacent so that they could be confident that all as well as the road surface would be returned to near normality. WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that additional damage to roads from abnormal usage was already costed in the aftermath schemes. The meeting urged that all haste to the repairs should be made as it was six weeks since the damage and current plans called for another three months of disruptions.

WDC Head of Environmental Services reported that a Technical Working Group including WDC, WCC, Environment Agency and Severn Trent would be collecting as much data and anecdotal evidence over the next six to nine months to ensure that the 1998 flood effects were updated to those of 2008 so that plans could be made on how to deal with additional flooding problems in the future. It was noted that the 2008 floods ranked between 1 in 150 and 1 in 350 years on the current planning scales which class anything in excess of 1 in 100 as exceptional. Two exceptions in 10 years indicated a complete rethink would be necessary.

5. POLICING

The clerk was asked to invite the local beat officer to the next meeting and also to reiterate her presence as much as possible, particularly during rush hours and school opening and closing times over the next three months to help calm the anticipated traffic problems.

6. CHARITIES

All councillors now have the details of the charity and can pass on information directly between meetings to reduce delays.

The meeting continued as all but a few of the 50+ parishioners left after the Flood topic above and none of those remaining requested to speak.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Dog/Waste Bins – WDC 2-for-1 dog bins ordered for the Sheppey at Blacksmiths Lane and the other at the junction of Middle Lane with Field Barn Lane. A request for replacement waste bins on the Sheppey was carried forward to the next meeting.
- b) Village Hall Playground Sinking Fund – A date convenient to all has still to be arranged.

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

WDC Cllr Eyre reiterated that road flood damage of £6-7 million had been identified so far with WCC covering £1.5 million and the rest subject to a request from central government. The B4084 collapse was the biggest single item on the list. Concerns over longer term damage appearing as a belated consequence was also a concern to all experienced in such exercises based on previous experience with the 1998 floods taking 4 years to provide economical solutions where possible and uneconomic problems still remained through to this latest incident.

WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that the Waste Management (ie collections) issue would be subject to public consultations during September/October before the final decision was made.

Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council and parishioners, thanked WCC Cllr Eyre and WDC Cllr McDonald for all their tireless efforts following the flood damage.

9. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Meikle reported that a 54% response rate had been received. Analysis will start soon. The clerk was asked to write to WDC about the confusion caused by their unilateral decision to launch an affordable housing survey just ahead of the parish plan survey. A request for a copy of all the raw data and analysis will be included in order to compare with the parish plan results on the same topic.

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 refilled. Appeal heard 22/08/07, decision awaited.
- 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 refilled. Appeal heard 22/08/07, decision awaited.

- 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/07/00879/PP – Ms J Segar, The Sling, Middle Lane – Proposed conservatory – No objection was filed, permission has been granted.**
- f) **W/07/00957/CA and 958/PP – Mr Hughes, Riverside Lodge, Neigh Lane – Partial removal of garden wall to provide new vehicular access and re-siting of existing garage – No objection was filed with the majority seeing this as a safety improvement, permission has been granted. (Not discussed)**
- g) **W/07/00856/CU – Mr Cuss, 7 Evergreen Bank, Main Road – 2 Mobile homes – gypsy caravan site, 2 day rooms - No objection was filed, permission has been granted.**
- h) **W/07/00857/CU – Mrs Smith, 9 Evergreen Bank, Main Road – 3 Mobile homes – gypsy caravan site, 3 day rooms, 3 utility – 3 garden sheds, 3 touring caravans – No objection was filed except for the three touring caravans, permission has been granted for five years only.**
- i) **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.**
- j) **W/07/01193/PP – Mr I P Reynolds, Fir Tree Cottage, Middle Lane – Erection of a single storey garage – No objection has been filed, decision awaited.**
- k) **W/07/01521/PP – Mr & Mrs C Brooker, Oakfield House, Main St – Extension to the existing patio area – The circulation pack received no objections and this will be filed.**
- l) **W/07/01541/PP – Mr Hughes, Riverside Lodge, Neigh Lane – The circulation pack received no objections and this will be filed. (Cllr Hughes left the meeting for this item)**
- m) **W/07/01777/LB & 01776/PP – Mr & Mrs C Black, Ashley Cottage, Main St – Replacement of former conservatory with garden room to south side of cottage. - WDC reply required within 21 days from 30/08/07 (i.e. 20/09/07) N.B. 2 applications treated as 1. This pack was released at the meeting for subsequent delegated authority handling.**

11. FINANCE/PRECEPTING

- a) The latest Budget/Bank Schedule was proposed for approve by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by all for chair to sign.

- b) Payments

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448	Clement Keys	audit	158.63
449	Wire-Line-Data	Website & updates	87.54
450	Wychavon Sport	entries	10.00
451	Clerk – RJC	Jul & Aug Sal & All	274.62
452	C&C School	Litter pickup pass thru	500.00
453	Lengthsman – PGKJ	July	122.50

12. PARISH COUNCIL RULES OF OPERATING

The meeting put off the consideration of adopting the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils, as published by the Standards Board for England, excluding Section 12(2) of the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct 2007 until the next meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

4th July 2007

1	WDC	Standards Committee agenda 13/06/07
2	WCC	Environmental Services Directorate
3	WDC	Artworks summer 07
4	WCC	Bus Bulletin June/July 07
5	CPRE	Countryside Voice mag summer 07
6	WDC	Cllr McDonald mini round-up June 07

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7	WDC	Cllr McDonald 25/06/07 info
8	WDC	Cllr McDonald South Worcs 3 districts get together
9	C&CVHMC	Village Hall meeting minutes 11/06/07
10	C&C	Direct magazine July 07
11	WDC	Parish Matters July 07
12	WDC	Mag June 07
13	WDC	Annual Report 2007

3rd August 2007

1	WDC	Affordable Housing response (see above)
2	Local Councils	Update
3	WDC	Local Strategic Partnership boundaries
4	Church	Wall repair funding request (see below)
5	CALC	Mail magazine July 07
6	Worcs	Partnership Matter magazine Summer 07
7	Vitalise	Disable people & Carers funding request
8	SWJCS	Parish Council briefing meetings 14 & 21 June 07 feedback
9	SWJCS	Issues & Options event 16 July feed back
10	WDC Cllr McD	Flooding issues email
11	WCC Cllr Eyre	Flood Advice centres

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a) Alliance and Leicester Community Account has not been correctly set up by the bank who admitted their error in early July. Seven and a further six weeks later the necessary corrections agreed had still not been set up. The Clerk will continue to monitor and report.
- b) The request from the church with regards to a donation towards the wall repair was favourably received. The clerk was asked reply requesting that they provide the necessary financial information, alternative funding avenues etc to a working group made up of Chair Whittington, V/Chair Annis and Councillor Hughes who pointed out that any grant would require being raised via the precept.
- c) Cllr Meikle requested that the clerk write to WDC Enforcement requesting that they investigate whether there is a problem and possible breach of planning approval with regards to a fence causing visibility problems at the Heath Works for traffic turning east out of the Bricklehampton Road onto the B4084.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 1st October 2007. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 23rd September 2007.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:50pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date