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**Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 in the Village School 7:30pm.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Present were	Chair C Whittington	
	V/chair R Annis (who chaired meeting)	WCC Cllr Eyre
	Cllr A Hughes	WDC Cllr McDonald
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 4
	Cllr J King	
	Cllr J Meredith	Clerk R J Coles

Apologies were received from Cllr West.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be accepted and signed by the V/chair.

**4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH**

- a) Ditches – none
- b) Highway surfaces - continuing repairs are being sought.
- c) Verges – none
- d) Other damages – none
- e) WDC grants of £1,050 still have to be allocated. Mrs Allen (The Willows, Brook Lane) has lodged 3 quotes for repairs associated with the 2007 floods. WCC Cllr Eyre agreed to inform the clerk where these had already been forwarded to WCC by WDC and what was being considered to prevent double awarding of funds. The clerk was also asked to progress another possible requirement to straighten the ox-bow with a local resident and Steve Jordan (WDC) regarding the partnership flood plans for the village in general.

**5. POLICING - nothing**

**6. CHARITIES - nothing**

**The meeting continued as parishioners' interests covered elsewhere.**

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Heathworks visibility concerns – The clerk was asked to write to enforcement, copy Ms Gill Collin, with regards to height changes, extra wing, addition of dorma-windows and a whole building being demolished and rebuilt all being allowed under permitted development as being excessive. Cllr Meikle is to supply the clerk with 'before and after' pictures.
- b) Village Hall swings refurbishment – nothing has been received as yet.

**8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The clerk was asked to write to WDC requesting progress as previously promised in response to Parish Council correspondence.

**9. LENGTHSMAN**

The clerk presented the latest WCC invoice for work carried out during June and July. A parishioner reported that the path on the eastern side of the Church Leys required siding out and this will be passed on to the Lengthsman.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that it was hoped that a major privately funded Sports Community Centre would go ahead at Hindlip, near the M5 which would contain world-class facilities for a number of sports.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that only 5 of 37 post offices in the south of the county had been earmarked for closure which although regrettable was far less than originally expected. The district council is developing shared serves to reduce costs in line with the recent decision to remain outside of the unitary authority regime across Worcestershire.

**11. PARISH PLAN** – Cllr Meikle will report.

Cllr Meikle reported that there was to be a village 'drop-in' on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3-9pm as advertised in 5-Alive. Councillor attendance would be welcome. More weight to the information and content is required to ensure that the Pplan can be adopted as a village design statement.

**12. PLANNING**

- a) **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. – Approval has been granted.
- b) **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. Approval has been granted.
- c) **W/08/01672/LB & W/08/01638/PP – Mr P Gough, Avonvale House, Kennel Bank – Single storey garden room to rear elevation** – No objection was filed and approval has been granted.
- d) **W/08/01510/PP – Mr R Appleton, 23 Lower Croft** – Two-storey extension to side – No objection was filed and approval has been granted.

**13. FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Cllr Meikle proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and agreed by the meeting that the Bank/Balance Schedules for 01/09/08 be approved and signed by V/chair.
- b) Payments approved from above
 

		£
478	Flower Box	60.00
479	Lengthsman Jun/Jul	136.50
480	Wychavon Sport	24.00
481	Clement Keys audit	141.00
482	Clerk salary/allowance/expenses Jul/Aug	281.88
- c) It was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by Cllr Meredith, and agreed by the meeting that the Community First subscription be suspended and the clerk cancel the previously approved cheque.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE****15<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

- 1 WCC Cllr Eyre notes 12/05/08
- 2 WDC Cllr McDonald notes 12/05/08
- 3 CPRE Worcs annual report 2007
- 4 WDC Concerns over appeal 06/02052 (planning application creep)
- 5 Comm 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter – Spring 08
- 6 CPRE Fieldwork June 08
- 7 Comm 1<sup>st</sup> News Line June 08
- 8 WDC Cllr McDonald Round-up June 08

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9	WDC	New recycling/waste roadshows etc
10	WDC	Request for CPC flood plan reply
11	CALC	Worcs minutes 06/06/08
12	WDC	Parish matters newsletter and climate change action plan
13	WCC hub	re V/chair Annis B4084 manhole problem
14	C&C	Direct July 08
15	CPRE	Countryside Voice Summer 08
16	Wych Com Sup	Newsletter 07/08
17	WDC	Game On Sports Development Newsletter Summer 08
18	WDC	Artworks Summer 08
19	WDC	Arts Events Summer 08
20	Plan Insp	Pomeroy appeal dismissal
21	CALC	Flood grant usage – ALL TO NOTE OUR NEED FOR ACTION BY DEC 08!!
22	WDC	Draft Planning Enforcement Policy
23	WDC	Annual report to 'Shareholders'

**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- a) Chair indicated his withdrawal of the item regarding 'between meetings delegated authority'.
- b) Village emailing system was carried forward.
- c) Sue Miller, one of the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in Cropthorne, reported a very poor response to a 'house-by-house' leaflet drop regarding 'DNA Smart-Water' offer from West Mercia Police (14 of 250+). The cost is a one off £20 versus a £30 one off AND £30/year. Following discussions it was agreed that a stall should be set up at the Pplan event on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to publicise the offer and promote the area as successful programmes had reduced burglaries by up to 80%. The question of what has happened to Neighbourhood Watch signs on village posts was raised, the Clerk and Ms Miller will check out.
- d) Cllr Hughes raised the issue of heavy traffic and possible measure of improving the situation. WCC Cllr Eyre indicated a successful parishioner monitoring system in Broadway was in place capable of reporting most incidents, including asking drivers why they were breaching the regulations. It was highlighted that the issue of two similarly named roads may be a major issue, namely Main Rd/Main St with Main Rd appearing to be an 'unofficial name' for what was always Evesham Rd. The clerk was asked to contact WDC to see if clarification and possible renaming was possible. The clerk was also advised by WCC Cllr Eyre to contact Nick Churchill about help with signs for the Heathworks especially when approaching from Evesham. V/chair Annis and Cllr Meredith agreed to visit Strickland's to see if they could help, as many occurrences appeared to lead back to them.
- e) Cllr Hughes proposed and the meeting agreed to add a specific agenda item for the Village Hall after Charities item at future meetings.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

Chair closed the meeting at 9:15pm.

Signed .....(Chair)

Date .....