

CROPTHORNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday April 3rd 2017 in Cropthorne and Charlton Village Hall at 7 pm

Present: B Annis (Chair)	W Clive (Cllr	12 Members of the public
S Smythe (Vice chair)	J King (Cllr)	County Cllr E Eyre
D Furlong (Cllr)	R Kelly (Cllr)	District Cllr M English
PCSO Simon Hall		

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies** were received from Cllr R Segar
3. Minutes from last year's Annual Parish meeting were approved by Cllr Clive , seconded by Cllr King
4. The Clerk presented the provisional accounts – subject to final bank statements. Approved Cllr Furlong, seconded Cllr King
5. **Chairmans Report** – Chairman B Annis thanked fellow Cllrs, District Cllr English, County Cllr Eyre and the clerk for their support over the past 12 months. Planning had seen two refusals at the Greenacres development and a number of enforcement issues had been passed to WDC. We are still awaiting the outcome of the Traveller Site Consultation. Tree works had been completed at Baldwins Bank and the Village Hall had seen the 'Sound and Vision' project thanks to New Homes Bonus. Drainage works had been completed in Main Street and Jubilee Bridge. Residents on the B4084 had made a request for traffic calming measures – which are the subject of a new homes bonus application for funds. The chairman had contacted all parish councils to see if there was any interest in setting up a meeting with fellow chairmen, with a view to tackling on-going issues with District and County Councils
6. **County Councillors Report** (E Eyre) – Councillor Eyre reported that the Main Street drainage had been completed successfully. Traveller / Gypsy report had been completed and had been working with officers with regard our enforcement issues. Speed reduction was a priority and a new campaign "20 is plenty" around schools and playgrounds is being promoted. New verges in Haselor Lane had been levelled out
7. **District Councillors Report** (M English) – Councillor English reported that Wychavon had been shortlisted for an LGC award. County Council elections were scheduled for May 4th. Changes to waste collections from September to include the collection of small electrical items. Planning enforcement issues were being investigated.
8. **Police Report** - CSO Simon Hall reported that the only road that could issue notices for speeding was the B4084. A reduced speed limit outside the school would be investigated
9. **New Homes Bonus** - It was proposed that just under £12,000 be used on the Speed Project, leaving approx.. £21,000 for other projects
10. **Village Hall/Sheppey Playing Fields** - New committee members are required. Bookings had continued to increase. Feedback from users was very positive. The new Sound and Vision project was almost complete. Play areas continued to be well used. It is hoped that junior teams will join the 2 adult football teams.
11. **Randolph Meakins Patty's Farm and The Widow Lyes Charity** - In excess of £4,000 had been used to provide support throughout the village. Students over 19 can obtain small grants for books for university studies -£400 had been allocated. £1850 had been used for Christmas vouchers to senior citizens over 70 and resident for 5 years. A donation of £1400 had been made to Cropthorne

First School to finish off the Forest School Area. £150 paid to Sheppey Swifts and £700 made in welfare contributions.

12. **Crothorne Walkabout** - the poor weather resulted in a lower than usual profit. Five and a half thousand pounds profit (less than 50% of previous years) had been distributed as 50% to the parish. Small donations made to Guiding, Scouting, WI and Charton Pre-School. Monies also donated to replace the shed in the churchyard

13. **Other Matters Raised** :

a) It was reported that a vehicle in Lower Croft was untaxed and that a second vehicles had been left on blocks for many months. The clerk would investigate further and report to WDC and Rooftop Housing

A copy of the full report from any of the above can be obtained from the Clerk on 552233 or crothornepc@btinternet.com