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Minutes from a meeting of Crothorne Parish Council held on Monday August 3rd 2015 in the Village Hall at 7pm

1. PRESENT :

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| Chairman R Segar | Vice Chairman S Smythe |
| Councillor M West | Councillor W Clive |
| Councillor E Stoodley | Clerk – L Yapp |
| Councillor D Furlong | |
| CC L Eyre | |
| Plus 4 other members of the public | |

2. APOLOGIES were received from Councillor J King and DC M English

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Councillor E Stoodley – Village Hall

4. MINUTES from the previous meeting were approved – proposed Councillor Clive, seconded Councillor Stoodley

5. PLANNING :

- **W/14/02151 – Severn Acres, Main Road – New Access** – Dismissed by Inspector
- **W/15/01017 – Avonvale House, Kennel Bank** – erection of one detached dwelling with garaging and associated works – Approved by WDC
- **W/14/01101 & 01099 – Simpson – Holiday Lodges & new dwelling at Brook Lane** – awaiting decision by Inspector
- **W/15/01608 – Ayliffe, Land off Field Barn Lane** – erection of 4 dwellings (detailed planning)- lengthy discussion took place. Awaiting decision by WDC
- **W/15/01656 – Rampling, Sweet Briar, 2 Brook Lane** – Proposed alterations and extension – awaiting decision by WDC
- **W/15/01222 & 01223LB - Kelly, Thatch Cottage, Neigh Lane** - proposed garden room and elevational alterations to The Thatch and The Cottage – awaiting decision by WDC

Miscellaneous Planning Concerns brought to the attention of Enforcements: -

- (i) Mobile home & hardstanding at The Orchard, Smokey lane – The clerk had taken a look at the site and found that the mobile home was in fact still in situ and would again, contact WDC enforcements

6. VILLAGE HALL –

- Councillor Smythe advised he had emailed Evesham Vale Growers with regard the possibility of a small area of land to be used as additional car parking for the village hall – awaiting a response

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Councillor Eyre advised that more cuts from Council spending would need to be made. The clerk was asked for a map high lighting problem areas of Main Street and footway. It is still unclear as to whether the proposed cycle route was going to go ahead.

8. MATTERS ARISING :

- a) Speed Issues VAS sign – An application had been made with WDC, for funding from the New Homes Bonus
- b) Proposed Footpath Village Hall to School - The Chairman had been in contact with the school headmistress, asking for feedback from the parents as to whether the path was what they all wanted. No further action would be taken until this information was available.
- c) Defibrillator – CPR equipment has been received. The clerk had managed to organise free CPR training for residents and user groups. *It has since been brought to the Parish Councils attention that the clerk had omitted to order the housing cases for the defibrillators. This is now in hand, and the additional costs of the cases would be off set against the free CPR training.*
- d) Ayliffe Land – The chairman would speak to Messrs Ayliffe with regard this matter, in the hope that a final decision could be made, one way or the other.
- e) Flower Boxes, Lower Croft – Further discussion took place, and it was finally agreed (by a vote four councillors in favour, one councillor against, with one abstaining, that no further action be taken with regard this matter
- f) Crime in Crophorne – IT was agreed that the Parish Council purchase Smart Water marking kits be purchased for EVERY property in Crophorne, at a reduced cost of £8 each. Five councillors were in favour, with one against. An application for funding would be made from the New Homes Bonus. The clerk to clarify the number of properties. The clerk is to meet with Simon Thompson later on in August.
- g) Lengthsman – Then lengthsman had cut back overgrowth on road side of the visibility railings on the bend at the bottom of Brook Lane. The clerk had written to the landowner, and received a response bringing up issues with regard speeding traffic, and whether the Parish Council could arrange for the adjacent to be cut back. It was agreed that this was not an option, and the Chairman would write back to him with regard our plans for a VAS sign. *The grass inside the field has since been cut.*
- h) MY PARISH website – the clerk has now been able to update councillor information on the website
- i) New Homes Bonus – the clerk reminded the Parish Council that any further spending of the NHB would need to be spent on larger community projects. Suggestions would be sought. In the meantime, Councillor agreed to make further enquiries (with assistance from Councillor Eyre) with regard possible schemes for the community to ‘buy into’ energy saving schemes. Possible landscaping/steps or ramp/safety railings was another option, at the edge of the playing field, adjacent to Blacksmiths Lane

9. WORCS. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION –The Parish Council agreed there were no comments to be made

10. WDC STREET COLLECTION POLICY – The Parish Council agreed that this was not something that would affect Crophorne

11. FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME – Following discussion, it was agreed that there were no areas that would meet criteria, and that no further action be taken

12. DUCK FARM – The Parish Council were aware of the ongoing communication between one resident and WDC – no further action by the Parish Council.

13. CLERK HOURS – the clerk had made the Parish Council that her salary did not cover the number of hours worked. This had not been reviewed for about ten years, and work load had obviously increased. CALC pay

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recommendations/salary scales had been made available to the Parish Council for further discussion at the next meeting

14. FINANCE

- a) Bank statements/reconciliation were made available to the Parish Council
- b) Payments for approval

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| L Yapp (761) | | 124.36 |
| B Arrowsmith (762) | | 120.00 |
| Grant Thornton (763) | | 120.00 |

- c) External Audit had been carried out. A couple of minor issues had been identified, and these had been reported back to the Parish Council

15. CORRESPONDENCE and emails had been circulated/forwarded to all Councillors

16. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- The clerk would investigate whether the Youth Bus still made visits to Cropthorne
- It was pointed out that the additional notice board at the school was little used. It was suggested that this could be used by the Parish Council for community notices/information. This is to be investigated by the Chairman, and the lengthsman asked for a price to re-stain/make good. *I have since spoken to the lengthsman and he advised a cost of £25 to rub down and re-stain both boards*
- The clerk was asked to write to the owners of the duck farm, with regard the overgrown hedge adjacent to Field Barn Lane, which is restricting visibility at the junction with Middle Lane

17. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS : Monday 7th September 2015, at 7pm. *We have since had to organise an additional planning meeting for 24th August at 7pm*