

Minutes from a meeting of Crothorne Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2015 in the Village Hall at 7pm

1. PRESENT :

Chairman R Segar	Councillor M West	Councillor W Clive
Councillor E Stoodley	Councillor J King	Clerk – L Yapp

Plus 8 members of the public

2. APOLOGIES were received from Councillor s D Furlong and S Smythe, District Councillor M English and County Councillor E Eyre

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Councillors E Stoodley/J King – Village Hall

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

5. PLANNING :

- **W/14/01101 & 01099 – Simpson – Holiday Lodges & new dwelling at Brook Lane** – awaiting decision by Inspector
- **W/15/01222 & 01223LB - Kelly, Thatch Cottage, Neigh Lane** - proposed garden room and elevational alterations to The Thatch and The Cottage – approved by WDC
- **W/15/01927 – Dodd, Land between Pentalow & Berrycroft** – 8 new dwellings – amendment – there was some confusion as to the meaning of the reserved matters on the amendment. It was agreed the clerk seek clarification and the matter dealt with by email. One resident brought to the Parish Councils attention the fact that the entrance to the site (on Blacksmiths Lane) was unregistered land. Also an area currently used for parking of vehicles for residents in Blacksmiths Lane is currently unregistered. It was suggested the Parish Council pursue to register the land for themselves . To be investigated
- **W/15/01751 & 01752 Kelly, Thatch Cottage, Neigh Lane** – proposed ‘in ground’ swimming pool, outbuilding and extended driveway – approved by WDC

Miscellaneous Planning Concerns: -

- (i) Mobile home & hardstanding at The Orchard, Smokey lane – Enforcements have been re – notified
 - (ii) Second Mobile Home – Smokey Lane – Update from WDC
 - (iii) Duck Farm – enforcements advised re: noise
- All of the above are awaiting action/feedback from WDC planning enforcements

6. VILLAGE HALL –

- Village Hall Minutes had been circulated. Councillor Kind advised that the ‘keysafe’ is to be installed in the very near future – enabling users to access the key at any time. Monies had been received from Walkabout, enabling the purchase of additional lighting
- Overspill car park – response from land owners still awaited

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Report received and circulated. Copy available if required

8. MATTERS ARISING :

- a) Speed Issues VAS sign – Monies from New Homes Bonus had been approved and should be in the Parish Council account. VAS sign had been ordered and replacement posts had been installed
- b) Proposed Footpath Village Hall to School - The Chairman had been in contact with the school headmistress, and it was generally thought that this was not really a financially justifiable option. She would however seek the views of parents and get back to the Parish Council if this opinion differed
- c) Defibrillator – CPR equipment has been received and New Homes Bonus approved. Defibrillators had been installed but there was a problem with the access codes. The clerk would be contacting the manufacturer for advice (*this has now been rectified*). Training sessions would be organised for residents. (*It has since been decided that initially we would invite a representative from each village organisation/hall user group to the first couple of sessions – and then a flier distributed to each household seeking interest in any additional sessions*)
- d) Crime in Crophorne – IT was agreed that the Parish Council purchase Smart Water marking kits be purchased for EVERY property in Crophorne, including the seventeen council tax payers from the Field Barn Lane Caravan Park. Councillor West requested that a letter be sent to the owner of the Park, advising of our decision that on the council tax payers would be receiving the free kits. The clerk would liaise with Simon Thompson (WDC) and organise the New Homes Bonus application
- e) Lengthsman – nothing to report.
- f) New Homes Bonus – Councillor Furlong had created a list of possible options for the spending of the remaining New Homes Bonus. In the first instance the most popular suggestion was to create a ramp, with safety railings at the end of the footpath onto Blacksmiths Lane. The chairman would seek an initial first quote to get an idea of costs. Community energy sharing and wildlife area were also considered but land was the issue. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting
- g) Additional Notice Board – The chairman to speak to the headmistress of the school to see if the Parish Council could use the currently ‘un used’ notice board
- h) Youth Bus – the clerk had made enquiries as the reasons why the Youth Bus no longer visited Crophorne. A response is awaited

9. FINANCE

- a) Bank statements/reconciliation were made available to the Parish Council. The clerk and chairman would arrange a short meeting to go through the accounts
- b) Payments for approval – proposed the chairman, seconded Councillor West

Imperative Training (defib housing unit)	1098.00
cheque cancelled	
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C & C V Hall (to replace 'lost'cqe 735)	300.00
B Arrowsmith	120.00
L Yapp	216.72
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GES (Defib Electrics)	595.00

- c) New Homes Bonus monies had been paid by WDC but not yet showing on the bank statements

10. CORRESPONDENCE and emails had been circulated/forwarded to all Councillors either by email or hard copy for Councillor West

11. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- It was agreed we no longer make a donation to the Cotswold Line

12. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS : Monday 5th October 2015, at 7pm.

