

Minutes from a meeting of Crophorne Parish Council held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7pm **Conducted via Zoom**

1. PRESENT:

Chairman B Annis	Vice Chairman S Smythe	Cllr M Rowell	Cllr J King
District Cllr T Rowley	County Cllr E Eyre	District T Rowley	Clerk L Yapp

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr W Clive

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- Cllr King - Village Hall
- Cllr Rowell – Chairman of Sheppy Corner Residents Association

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from previous meeting were approved and signed – proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr Rowell – all in favour

5. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME – No one in attendance

6. PLANNING/ENFORCEMENTS:

- Kimberleys Field – Cllr Rowley reported there is a new Enforcement Officer, and it is hope to be able to access the site before Xmas
- 20/0112 – Watergate Barn, Neigh Lane – garage conversion and rear extension, roof lights and window – *approved by WDC*
- Planning Reforms – Cllr Annis and clerk would attend this briefing on 7th October

7. VILLAGE HALL – Cllr King reported there was a new see-saw and new lighting in the car park. A decision had been made not to go back to the contractor who did the path round The Sheppey. Another contractor had been sourced for the second part of the project but was £236 more expensive. The parish council would re-claim the VAT. She also reported that some work was needed to be done at the bus shelter. The clerk would speak to Cllr Clive in the first instance

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS :

- Smokey Lane Junction – the landowner on the corner of Smokey Lane has been in contact with WCC, and seems to be an issue with regard access, which Cllr Eyre advised he would need to apply for permission for. Once this has been sorted, the next move will be to negotiate the hardstanding for bus users. Cllr Annis would go and speak to the resident

9. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Attached

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Cllr Rowley reported:

- There was a large increase in Covid cases
- Bromsgrove is being closely monitored due to the high number of new cases
- Planning Reforms – A joint representation had been sent from Wychavon District Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Worcester City Council.

11. PROGRESS REPORTS:

- a) Lengthsman - nothing to report
- b) New Home Bonus – We are waiting for a condensed version of a consultation notice that can be circulated to parishioners before we move forward with the formal application. Cllr Rowley suggested that we contact Pershore Town Council with our proposal as they have a large pot of NHB to use
- c) Community Infrastructure Levy Fund – In hand – to be considered for traffic calming options – *awaiting input from Cllr Eyre*

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- d) Speeding – Community Speed Watch – Cllr Eyre reported that Cropthorne is on the list to be able to participate in the scheme. Cllr Annis reported that had been 2 accidents in Cropthorne and would end details to Cllr Eyre
- e) Bollards Lower Croft – A number of staff changes had yet again taken place at Rooftop. The clerk would get back to them.
- f) War Memorial – Nothing further to report

12. FINANCE

- (a) Payments made since the last meeting/for authorisation

1035	Clerks Salary Back Pay	131.04
1036	Lengthsman August	156.00
SO	Clerks Expenses	16.22
SO	Clerks salary	344.00

Proposed approval Cllr Smythe, seconded Cllr King – all in favour

Current account balances:

(incl. unrepresented cheques) £37,595.58 (Incl. s106 Monies)

Deposit account: £5,022.08

- 13. **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** – Cllr Annis thanked Cllr Rowley for keeping us up to date with Covid news from the local area and wider afield in the County

- 14. **COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIP** – The clerk to investigate further

- 15. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / FUTURE DISCUSSION:** Cllr Eyre reported she would speak to WCC engineer regarding flood issues at Brook Lane

- 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7pm

Cropton - Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT October 2020

COUNTY

Children and Families: Applications for school places in 2021 opened on 1st September. This date and the process for applications for next year has not been affected by Covid-19. The application is open for any child due to start school for the first time or moving to Middle or High School in September 2021. For children applying for a place at High School, the deadline to apply is 31st October 2020. For Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle schools, parents will have until 15th January 2021. There is a secure online system where parents can create an account and submit an application. This also includes guides on starting school or transitioning to a new school. The school admissions system can be accessed at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions . REMEMBER TO CONSIDER HOW YOU WILL GET YOUR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL YOU ARE APPLYING FOR.

Health and Wellbeing: Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has been taken out of quality special measures. The Trust which manages the Worcestershire Royal, Alexandra and Kidderminster hospitals in the county has been recognised for significant improvements in safety and the quality of patient care by NHS England and NHS Improvement. Staff at the trust were also praised for providing safe and high-quality care for patients.

Environment: The County Council has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 40% in the last ten years across our estates and operations. A new plan is currently being finalised to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, in line with the Government's national emissions reduction target. Pending Cabinet approval later this year, the new Net Zero Carbon Plan will include the use of technology to help reduce emissions. Among the considerations at County Hall are: effective ultra-low emission fleet vehicles; transitioning to non-fossil-fuelled heating systems; investment to improve energy efficiency in Council property and street lights; further investment in renewable energy, and the ability of the Council to offset remaining GHG emissions. The Net Zero Carbon plan will look to continue to the progress made in this area since our original Carbon Management Plan was launched in 2005. It was then updated in 2011, and again in 2016.

Rural Broadband: look at map on County Council website Superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk to see speeds – check your status funding is for speeds less than 30mb- there is a speed check facility by postcode, consider equipment you have and how modern it is – gigabit post code checker <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>.note new funding for rural broadband strap line and note information in the section called community broadband engagement event. Talk to Chairman Charlton re their project.

Learn: More than 700 adults have been on virtual learning courses run by Worcestershire County Council since the start of lockdown. Adult Learning Worcestershire provides a plethora of online courses in areas including employability and work and art and creative Skills. Whether you are looking for an introduction to Chakras or advice for building your CV, Adult Worcestershire has an expert local tutor at hand. Courses will return to the classroom but for now, to ensure the safety of learners, they are being delivered online. There are nearly 200 online courses available and to find out more go to [the Courses section of the Council's website](#)

Local Issues

Minerals Local Plan Examination in Public later in year

Passing bays Field Barn Lane – condition and lack of – in discussion BB

Smokey Lane hard standing for those waiting for bus – parish chairman negotiating – parish gang when smokey lane access issue sorted with Ringway or skip company.

Discussing potential of Dragon's teeth at narrow point of main street near church wall KH

Neigh Lane area footway for safety. Can't extend 30mph but will look at the footway request BB

Clerk sending log of accidents in last 3 years

Flooding brook Lane recent (October) request to check drains /gullies

