

Minutes from a meeting of Crothorne Parish Council held on 5th July 2021 at 7pm At the Village Hall

1. PRESENT:

Chairman B Annis Vice Chairman R Segar Cllr J King Cllr S Smythe
Cllr W Clive Cllr C Hall
Two Parishioners

- 2. APOLOGIES** – were received from County Cllr E Eyre, District Cllr T Rowley and Cllr M Rowell. In addition, apologies were received from the Clerk, due to having to self-isolate. In her absence Cllr King stepped down as Cllr for this meeting to act as ‘stand-in clerk’ - approved by all
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr King – Village Hall (although for this meeting was not in the role of Cllr.
- 4. MINUTES** from Meeting 7th June 2021 were approved, proposed Cllr Segar, seconded Cllr Smythe – all in favour.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Points raised by parishioners in attendance:

- Parking on pavement, The Croft – this is becoming an increasing making it difficult for the grass to be cut - the clerk to raise this with the police and Rooftop
- Cars parked opposite Holland House – complaints received that cars continue to be parked opposite Holland House impacting on visibility – the clerk to raise this with Rooftop Housing

5. PLANNING:

- 21/00750 – 7a Evergreen Bank, Main Road – Change of use to gypsy caravan site for up to six caravans including no more than five statics/mobile homes – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 21/00566 – Oakfield House, Main Street – erection of front and rear extension, replacement gates and internal alterations – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 21/01200 – Moorings, 6 Sunnyside, Main Road – erection of first floor extension to garage – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 21/01255 - Mead House, Brook Lane – proposed single storey side extension – *there were no objections to this application*
- 21/01303 – Land Pershore Road, Haselor Lane) – Change of use of land for siting of 10 holiday chalets and facilities block – *there were no objections to this application*
- 21/01196 – Bredon View, Smokey Lane (Coran Dean)– Change of use of land for sensory play area facility – *this had been discussed between Cllrs prior to the meeting due to timescale for comments to be submitted to WDC – there were no objections and a decision is awaited by WDC*
- 21/00999 – Evergreen Bank, Main Road – change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for one gypsy / traveller household with 2 x caravans, including no more than one static caravan together with the erection of an ancillary amenity building - *discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the same comments applied which had been submitted in respect of application 21/00750, with the concerns focussing on highway issues. Data had been downloaded from the VAS sign located on the Evesham side of the B4084 and the figures were alarming. These would be included in any response made.*
- 21/00365 3 Brook Cottages – proposed two-storey side extension – *there were no objections to this application*

- 6. VILLAGE HALL** – Cllr King reported that there were potential problems with the new exit / entrance to field in Blacksmiths Lane. The work carried out differs from the original plans with concerns over the access straight onto the highway. Advice will be taken from WCC highways on this.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- Field Barn Lane Junction (issue with overgrown hedge) - Concerns were still being raised with regard the safety aspect pulling out from Field Barn Lane onto the B4084, and in the report received from the County Cllr, it was advised that this issue 'would not be revisited unless there was further growth in the hedge. Cllr Smythe would make contact with WCC direct to discuss.
- A44 traffic -The clerk to seek traffic data from the A\$\$
- B4084 Cropthorne to Hampton – Cllr Eyre, in her report, advised that the previous plan to 'side out' the footway would not be possible because of the poor condition of the path surface. A request to be made for this to be strimmed whilst we await the outcome of a full assessment. Clerk would follow this up

8. COUNTY CLLRS REPORT: Cllr Eyre sent in a report which had been circulated to Cllrs but in brief:

- Covid infection rate is increasing, but this is to be expected
- Lateral flow tests can be obtained from Community Collect Service – link to this available on the WCC website
- Here2Help continues to support individuals in need of help
- County Schools – 100% of schools are open, with attendance at 84.5% with th national average at 84.1%
- Care Homes - indoor visits are now permitted
- Museums now able to open with libraries open for 'browsing' and face to face sessions. Mobile library services are back in operation
- Evergreen, Main Road – Planning – concerns had been raised by WCC highways. VAS Sign data from the B4084 had been passed onto Cllr Eyre by the parish council.
- Speeding – Being looked into with use of the CIL funds available
- Field Barn Lane, passing bays – a request by Cllr Eyre to be added to the WCC 'list' – to be tidied up and made larger where possible, and where possible the addition of another bay.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS / UPDATES

(a) Lengthsman – work requests:

- Top of Brook Lane / B4084 – clearance to enable visibility
- Field Barn Lane S-bends – overgrowth

In addition:

- Baldwins Bank – needs clearing – the clerk would speak to Pershore college for any suggestions they may have `to 'tidy' up the space
- Overgrowth, bottom of Brook Lane – Clerk to write to the landowner
- Footh / PRoW – reports had been received regarding an adjacent residents depositing grass cuttings in the newly cut path. The clerk to write to those concerned

(b) Community Infrastructure Levy Fund – To look at options regarding use of CIL funds for traffic calming measures

(c) Community Speed Watch – The clerk is still awaiting contact with regard training for Cropthorne and would chase this up

10. FINANCE: Payments for approval / made since the last meeting:

1063	Lengthsman May	144.00
SO	Clerks Expenses	16.22
SO	Clerks Salary	337.80

Accounts had been circulated to Cllrs for approval – *Approval of accounts and payments, proposed Cllr Segar, seconded Cllr Coles – all in favour*

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Account Balances:

Current Account (*after unpresented cheques*): **£ 30,211.67**
Deposit Account: **£ 5,022.45**

11. BROADBAND UPDATE - Airband are to hold a 'pop up' event at the Sheppey villages on 19th July, to promote the scheme and encourage residents to sign up or ask any questions they may have. A concern had been raised about the amount of groundworks that may be needed

12. DEFIBRILLATOR - Discussion took place as to whether the two defibrillators should remain in locked cabinets or left 'open'. There is the risk that the 'location' code identifying the defib. to the emergency services could be misinterpreted as the 'access' code (which would in fact be given by the emergency services by calling 999). There were reasons for and against both options and it was left that Cllr Coles would liaise with the Chair of the VH committee regarding CCTV in the first instance.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Footpath Warden
- Neighbourhood Watch

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 6th September at the Village Hall at 7pm