

## **A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19 December 2007 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.**

**Apologies:** Mr Wittey, Mr Friend, and Cllr Elsby – away, Cllr Kindersley – unwell.

**Present:** Mr Martin, Mrs Hurst, Mr Sole, Mr Wheeler, Mr Hancock and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** of the last meetings, previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Footpath 11:** Runs from Crail to John Hopwood's field. There is no way through the hedge around the EDF site, so it was suggested by Mr Hancock that a footpath modification order should be applied for, with a view to moving the route of the footpath at that point approximately 10 paces north. Clerk will write to John and Melita Hopwood, Michael Sapsed and Andrew Stimpson (CCC Footpaths) with the proposal.

**Footpath Cutter:** Mr Jenkins would like some type of cutter/strimmer for keeping the footpaths clear, although at present no formal request has been made to Council. Clerk will contact Andrew Stimpson at CCC to ascertain for clarification.

**High Street Sign:** Clerk asked for the location of the replacement sign and will now write to SCDC. The missing sign was at the junction of Croydon Hill and the High Street, on the north side of the road.

### **Village Matters:**

**Cemetery:** Although Mr Martin has contacted John Cobbs, the work has not started in November 2007 as they stated. Clerk will write requesting a definite start date.

**Cold Calling Zone:** Council decided not to pursue this.

**Dog Bins:** No response from SCDC received yet.

In her absence, Cllr Elsby e-mailed the following report:-

South Cambs District Council has only been given 1% instead of the 4.9% asked for in the Community Charge awards. This obviously means drastic cuts. The budget will be decided in February. Cllr Daphne Spink recommended to Cabinet that we should have doorstep plastic bottle recycling. It would mean buying three new carts and plastic boxes for every doorstep. The new PFI recycling facility will not be ready until 2010 at the earliest and there is no guarantee it will be able to find someone to take plastic tubs etc. Because of the huge expense it has been decided to put doorstep recycling on hold. Other news was new sports facilities (multi use games area) at Gamlingay and Impington colleges.

### **Correspondence:**

**Footpath 7:** Arrington PC Clerk asked that Croydon would consider a joint venture to reinstate footpath 7, which currently appears to stop in the middle of a field! Council asked for Clerk to write requesting further details of both footpath and APC's proposal for the January 2008 meeting.

**Planning Dispensation Form:** Requires further consideration, possibly at the next planning meeting.

**Revised Electoral Roll:** Brought to Council's attention.

**ACRE Magazine:** Survey on value and effectiveness to be completed and returned.

**Allotments:** One letter requesting an allotment received.

**New Library Timetable:** To be put into the notice board.

**England's Heritage:** There are two milestones in Croydon and it is hoped a warden to monitor them may be found. Mr Hancock will pass the information to Mr Jenkins, the footpath warden, to see if he is interested.

**Council Housing's Future:** SCDC wants to transfer its council housing stock to a Housing Association. An independent advisor has been appointed for tenants with concerns about the change.

**Parish Council toolkit:** Clerk to write requesting an e-copy (or link) to put on the website.

**Standards Board Newsletter:** Brought to Council's attention.

**Biodiversity Calendar:** Passed to the Footpath Warden.

**Tackling Congestion in Cambridge:** A meeting to be held at Shire Hall on Wednesday 30 January 2008 from 6.30 – 8.30pm. RSVP by 7 January 2008. Proposals available to view on [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/congestion](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/congestion).

**Remembrance Day:** The total collected in Croydon for the Royal British Legion this year was £154-55, the best collection to date. Orwell and District British Legion and the standard bearer, Mr Colin Charter, send their thanks for the photograph taken at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday by Mr Hancock.

**Finance:**

**Barclays:** Terms and Conditions update received.

**SLCC:** Clerk requested that Council funds her membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks for a further year. It was proposed by Mr Martin and seconded by Mr Wheeler that a cheque for £59-00 to cover this be signed. All in favour. Council was thanked by the Clerk.

**Items for next agenda:**

**B1042 Lower Road:** The edges are breaking up around the junction with Larkins Road.

**Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 16 January 2008 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**Signed**

**Date**