

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 13 October 2004 at 7.00 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), K Almond, J Forrest, M A Iddon, J Kearton, A Maddran, S Parkinson, B Thompson.

Also Present Borough Cllr D Dickinson, PC Plummer and 3 members of the public.

Councillors agreed to bring forward item 5 on the agenda.

72.04 Police Matters

PC Plummer introduced herself to the Council. She will be moving into the Police house in around four weeks.

The Chairman queried the current situation regarding the discharge of fireworks in public places. PC Plummer said they may be discharged up to 11.00pm and the Police can seize fireworks in the possession of children.

73.04 Apologies

None received.

74.04 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

75.04 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2004

Proposed the Chairman, seconded Cllr Forrest and agreed the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

76.04 Matters for Report

Housing development signs (58.04) Councillors confirmed the signage has been removed.

Parish Business Plan (62.04) Lancashire County Council advised there is nothing to report at present, other than that the reading of the traffic count taken on Moor Road will be considered shortly.

Station Road (62.04) The Council's request for the siting of a mirror to aid visibility has been incorporated into the Parish Business Plan.

Election Recharge Invoice (66.04) Chorley Borough Council has agreed to a meeting to discuss the issue. The Chairman, Cllr Parkinson and the Clerk will represent the Council.

Recycling (71.04) Chorley Borough Council has arranged a bin for carrier bags and will arrange for improved signage. Cllr Almond advised of the dumping of a number of cakes and other items apparently from a bakery. Cllr Forrest mentioned that the disrepair of the Woodyard fence is also leading to fly tipping in the general area. Cllr Iddon will bring the matters to the attention of the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Moor Road signage (71.04) The sign has been requested from the Environment Directorate Traffic and Safety Section at Lancashire County Council.

Quality Parish Council Scheme (71.04) The Clerk reported on information received from the LAPTC. AQA, the current adjudicators, will cease adjudication at the end of April 2005 and negotiations are currently underway to appoint new ones. The LAPTC advises that, unless the Clerks' portfolio will be finalised by the end of January 2005 in order for adjudication to be completed, Council's should not register and instead await notification of the replacement adjudicator. The Clerk is to provide a



monthly update on the progress of the portfolio to allow the Council to take a decision on registration by January.

Newsletter (71.04) Printing errors on some of the newsletters had been identified. Minuteman Press are arranging a reprint. Cllr Almond expressed her displeasure at the alteration to the title of one of her articles. The Chairman, Cllr Parkinson and the Clerk attempted to explain the reasoning behind the alteration and the Clerk's responsibility in editing the Parish Council newsletter. To the future the Clerk will advise Cllr Almond of any changes.

77.04 Residents Points of Interest

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Almond and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident reported that, during the recent Coffee Day celebrations, people were walking on the pavements eating and drinking. Councillors advised this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

A resident advised of speeding traffic on Station Road which appears to emanate from the Station where youth congregate before driving at speed towards Ecclestone. The Clerk is to write to the Police, and copy British Transport Police, requesting the matter be looked into.

Residents mentions items spilling from the green and brown recycling bins. Cllr Iddon will report this to the Borough Council.

Proposed the Chairman, seconded Cllr Maddren and agreed to restore Standing Orders.

78.04 Finance

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Thompson and agreed the Annual Audit as presented be approved and accepted.

The financial monitoring statement was circulated and, as none had been received, no reconciliation of monies received was carried out.

Proposed Cllr Iddon, seconded Cllr Thompson, and agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr Iddon:

£ 255.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 243.60	Employee 2	Salary
£ 68.64	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 50.00	J Lawson	Internal audit
£ 141.00	HLB AV Audit	Annual audit
£ 104.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting
£ 135.00	Minuteman Press	Printing - newsletter
£ 80.00	Cash	Remembrance Day donation and wreath

Proposed works to the electricity supply for the christmas tree lights were discussed. The Clerk is to obtain quotations in time for the next meeting.

79.04 Planning Matters

9/04/01056 Retention of two caravans for occupation by caravan park employees for a temporary period of three years at The Royal Umpire Caravan Park, Moor Road - no comment.

9/04/01067 Conversion of part of agricultural building to dwelling at Tayors Barn, Out Lane - the Clerk is to request the Planning Officers ensure the proposal complies with current Borough Council planning policy with regard to the conversion of agricultural buildings to dwellings.

9/04/01085 Outline application for erection of agricultural workers dwelling (siting and access) at Home Farm, Grape Lane - no comment



9/04/01115 Formation of dormers to rear and erection of single storey extension to rear at 227 Moor Road - no comment

9/04/01120 Erection of first floor side extension at 36 Rectory Close - no comment

80.04 Methodist School

Councillors considered proposals for the exchange of an area of land on the Recreation Ground for an area beyond the proposed car parking area from the owner of the Methodist School. The Chairman outlined the proposals and drawings were provided. Councillors discussed the proposal at length and felt unable to make any comment until detailed plans have been submitted.

81.04 Parish Plan

Cllr Forrest updated the Council. The summary has been completed and is currently with the printer. The launch date of 4 December is still being aimed at. A public meeting will be held in January to present the summary to residents.

82.04 Correspondence

Chorley Borough Council requires comment on its Local Development Framework, Issues and Option Report by 12 November. Details were placed in the mailbag for consideration.

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust provided a press release and a report from the Royal College of Surgeons regarding proposed changes to the facilities at Chorley Hospital.

Lancashire County Council advised of the closure of Moor Road between 23 October and 31 October. The Clerk is to produce a notice to advise residents for display in the noticeboards.

Lancashire County Council provided details of a review of the Lancashire Mineral and Waste Local Plan. Comments on the existing Plan were requested by 29 October. Details were placed in the mailbag for consideration.

Lancashire County Council invited the Chairman and Clerk to attend a Parish and Town Council Conference on November.

St Michael's and All Angels PCC requested a grant towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the decision, taken at the precept meeting, to consider grants only towards the end of the financial year. Cllr Parkinson suggested grants should be considered for specific projects or purposes. The Clerk is to reply requesting details of costings for a specific project or purpose to be considered before the financial year end.

South Lancashire Arts Partnership provided an update on activities within the village. Details were placed in the mailbag.

83.04 Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Forrest requested a list of contact telephone numbers along the lines of the one in the newsletter be displayed on the noticeboards.

Cllr Almond mentioned the condition of the public footpath from the Cemetery to the Old School Bridge which is in need of resurfacing. Cllr Iddon will take up the matter.

Cllr Almond reported tree branches on the Diocese land are obscuring a street light opposite 17 Town Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

