

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 13 April 2005 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Cllr, Iddon and 3 members of the public.

01.05 Apologies

Proposed Cllr B Thompson, seconded Cllr S Thompson and agreed apologies received from Cllr Maddran (prior engagement) be accepted.

02.05 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

03.05 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2005

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Almond and agreed the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendment: (148.04) The meeting with Community Futures was a public meeting.

04.05 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 March 2005

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

05.05 Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 March 2005

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

06.05 Matters for Report

Developers Contributions (128.04) - The Director of Finance at Chorley Borough Council has advised the Public Spaces Unit of the Parish Council's interest.

Quality Parish Council (142.04) - The Clerk has attended the portfolio training course. A NALC bursary towards the training course and registration fee totalling £82.50 has been applied for and approved.

Closed Circuit Television (142.04) - The Community Safety Partnership provided details of legal requirements. As a guest speaker was in attendance further discussion was deferred.

Croft Field Footpath (142.04) FRY has requested the Parish Council applies to divert the footpath. The Chairman queried whether this was what residents wanted, Cllr B Thompson mentioned the possibility of further erosion of the riverbank and Cllr Parkinson queried whether there would be cost implications. The next newsletter is to contain an article requesting residents opinions. The Clerk is to contact the Parochial Church Council requesting further information regarding the work to be completed on the Field.

Boundary signs (149.04) - The Clerk has contacted Lancashire County Council advising that the sign on Highfield Road had been reported as being on the ground prior to its disappearance and, in view of this, they may wish to reconsider their stance.

Flagpole (150.04) - A price of £400 for a tabernacle, a means of lowering the flagpole, had been obtained from a specialist supplier. The Clerk is to contact local metalworking companies for alternatives.

Casual Vacancy (137.04) - no call for a poll has been received. The vacancy may be filled by co-option, and details have been publicised in the newsletter and noticeboards.

Best Kept Village Competition (152.04) - judging will take place between 1 June - 15 July.



07.05 Police Matters

Nothing reported

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

08.05 Closed Circuit Television System

Mr Wild, the Senior Neighbourhood Warden, addressed the meeting regarding the legal requirement for the use of systems under the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. System operators may be sued for breach of privacy if regulations are not complied with. Cllr Parkinson mentioned the system was intended for use only for the protection of Council owned land, by residents experiencing problems and for utilisation by the local Police who may not otherwise have access to this equipment when it is required. Mr Wild will provide written information on the administrative requirements for Councilors to study.

09.05 Residents Points of Interest

Cllr S Thompson advised a resident had reported possible tipping on Footpath 6, near the Recreation Ground.

Cllr B Thompson advised of complaints received regarding the withdrawal of the 107/108 bus service which serviced Runshaw College or Chorley Hospital. The Clerk is to contact Lancashire County Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns regarding the loss of a rural link providing a community service and disappointment regarding the lack of prior consultation as described in the Rural Transport Strategy.

10.05 Borough Councillors

Borough Cllr Iddon advised the Wardens would investigate the tipping on Footpath 6.

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

11.05 Finance

The budget monitoring statement was circulated and the Chairman carried out the reconciliation of monies received in accordance with the fidelity guarantee.

Cllr Forrest suggested the Borough Council be asked to investigate the maintenance costs for areas specified in the list of special expenses.

Cllr Forrest queried the value of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils membership in view of the increased subscription. Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded the Chairman and agreed to continue with the membership for the forthcoming year, and for the Clerk to investigate alternative membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

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

£ 291.00	Employee 1	Salary
£ 285.65	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.52	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 104.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting
£ 930.27	Chorley Borough Council	Grasscutting
£ 135.00	MinuteMan Press	Newsletter printing
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Subscription
£ 447.52	LAPTC	Subscription



12.05 Planning Matters

05/00302 Demolition of rear porch and erection of single storey rear extension to form dining room at 21 Moor Road - no comment

05/00337 Erection of single storey rear extension to replace existing at Rose Cottage, 82 Station Road - no comment.

05/00281 Proposed single and two storey side and rear extension at 5 Jubilee Way – The Clerk is to advise the Planning department of the Parish Council's concern regarding any loss of much needed parking facilities in the area.

05/00319 Sand Quarry at Euxton – Cllr Forrest reported on his and Cllr Almond's attendance at the Tarmac exhibition. Some 12% of the traffic is scheduled to use the A581 towards the village. Councillors agreed to object on the grounds of the increase in traffic on the already overstretched road system.

13.05 Newsletter Delivery

The Chairman reported on a discussion with the local Scout Group, which could deliver the newsletter for a fee. The Clerk advised that, provided a reasonable level of advertising was retained for future issues, the budget could support delivery. Cllr Parkinson suggested other local groups also be given the opportunity to provide a delivery service. Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Forrest and agreed an article be included in the newsletter advising the Scouts would be delivering the June and September issues and inviting applications to deliver future issues. Proposed Cllr Kearton, seconded Cllr B Thompson and agreed the Scout Group be paid £75 per issue for delivery.

14.05 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Parkinson advised the Parish Plan Steering Group is to take over the Heritage Trail project from the Green Centre and requested the Parish Council considers a sign board on the Village Green. Cllr Forrest is to investigate the implications of the conservation area restrictions prior to a decision.

Cllr Forrest reported on the recent Station Adoption meeting which had 24 attendees. 15 have agreed to join the group, which will work in tandem with OPSTA and the West of Lancashire Community Rail Partnership.

15.05 Correspondence

Chorley Borough Council provided information on its Neighbourhood Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure. This was placed in the mailbag for circulation.

Lancashire County Council provided information on its Local Transport Plan. The information was placed in the mailbag for circulation.

Defra provided information regarding Quality Parishes and Parish Planning.

16.05 Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Almond advised the bus shelter opposite the de Trafford Arms has been vandalised.

Cllr Forrest mentioned the improvement in the appearance of the de Trafford. Councillors agreed a letter should be sent acknowledging the efforts upon completion of the work.

Cllr Forrest supplied information arising from the traffic survey carried out as part of the Parish Business Plan. The figures identified over 30% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit in the 40mph zone on Moor Road. Disappointment was again expressed at the lack of the mobile camera unit

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

