

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 October 2006 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), K Almond, C Gibbons, J Kearton, A Maddran,
B Thompson.

Also Present 1 member of the public.

83.06 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Forrest (holiday), S Parkinson (illness), S Thompson (prior engagement) and Borough Councillors D Dickinson and M Iddon.

84.06 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

85.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2006

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

86.06 Clerks Report

The meeting with Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of assistance for the redeveloping of the Recreation Ground is to be rescheduled for 20 October.

Lancashire County Council is to inspect the proposed site on Moor Road for the Village Entrance sign.

Lancashire County Council is to carry out the public consultation for proposals for traffic calming on Out Lane in November.

The first joint training session with neighbouring Parish Council's is to take place on 18 October. No Councillor was available to attend.

Chorley Borough Council is conducting a Transport Accessibility Study and has requested feedback from Councillors.

The 108 bus service has been replaced by a demand responsive taxi service. Councillors advised the revised timings of the C7 service has resulted in residents getting on at Station Road are unable use the concessionary rates as the bus now picks up before 9.30am.means regarding has requested a hold be placed on the disposal of the half pipe.

The next Borough/Parish Council Liaison meeting is to take place on 18 October.

No response has been forthcoming from the Open Spaces Co-ordinator at Chorley Borough Council regarding the sale of the half pipe.

87.06 Police Matters

No matters reported.

88.06 Residents Points of Interest

Residents of Out Lane have reported the road being prone to flooding due to subsidence.

A resident reported problems with the access to Castle Bridge, from Castle Walks.

89.06 Borough Councillors

Lancashire County Council will be tarmacing Castle Walks within the next couple of months.

90.06 Financial Matters

Resolved: the financial update and bank reconciliation be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant application from North West Air Ambulance towards operating costs.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected:

£ 284.48	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	August Salary
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 135.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 9.44	Chorley Borough Council	Brushes/sacks
£ 80.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenses

91.06 Planning Matters

The Clerk reported the receipt of information regarding a potential application for the erection of three wind turbines at Mawdesley Moss. The information was placed in the mailbag consideration prior to the receipt of any submitted application.

06/01001/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension, formation of new window to front elevation and replacement of all windows t 49 Drinkhouse Road - no comment

06/01083/FUL Single storey rear extension at 27 Lonsdale Close - no comment

06/01114/FUL Demolition of detached garage, proposed double garage with loft bedroom over at 8B Langdale Avenue - no comment

92.06 North West in Bloom/Lancashire Best Kept Village Competitions

The Judges reports for both competitions were considered. Councillors were extremely pleased with the result of the North West in Bloom competition. The lack of a single award in the Best Kept Village competition was disappointing and was felt to be a consequence of the village being forced to enter the Champions Class. Under current rules the village must enter Champions Class for the next five years and Councillors suggested entry for this period be carefully considered. The judge's report was felt to be unsatisfactory in pointing out areas for improvement.

Resolved: The Clerk is to advise the organisers of the Lanashire Best Kept Village Competition of the Council's views.

93.06 Closed Circuit TV System

Councillors considered the deployment of the system over the festive period and the purchase of equipment to utilise an additional camera. The Village Green was felt to be the most appropriate location to cover the Christmas tree, lights and the Villages in Partnership ice rink.

Resolved: additional equipment to a value of £300 be purchased to enable the utilisation of an additional camera.

94.06 Land at Rectory Farm

In light of the recent planning application withdrawal Councillors considered an approach to the Diocese to work with the Parish Council and Community Groups to bring about a useful re-use of the site.

Resolved: the Clerk is to request the Diocese enters into discussions with the Parish Council and other local Community Groups in an attempt to identify areas of mutual benefit with a view to the utilisation of the land in a manner useful to the local community.

95.06 Village Entrance on Grape Lane

Lancashire County Council advised that, due to the lack of speed related accidents on Grape Lane, any form of entrance sign on Grape lane would have to be paid for by the Parish Council. Councillors expressed concerns at the danger posed to walkers on Grape Lane and Syd Brook Lane due to the lack of pavements, particularly in the area beyond the 30mph zone.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to relocate the 30mph zone onto Syd Brook Lane, before the sharp bend.

96.06 Remembrance Sunday

Councillors were reminded the Parade will depart from the Old School at 2.30pm on Sunday 12 November.

97.06 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Director of Development and Regeneration at Chorley Borough Council attended a meeting of the LAPTIC Chorley Area Committee. Section 106 Developers Contributions for youth facilities was discussed and the Director was surprised to learn that Parish Council's play no part in the decision process regarding this type of funding. Affordable housing was also discussed, and may be required in villages if bus services are to be retained or improved. Government legislation may force the building of affordable housing in rural areas.

Topics at the last Lostock Ward Area Forum included the proposed airstrip at Bretherton, United Utilities spraying fields with household sewage and speeding on North Road.

82.06 Matters for Further Discussion

No matters raised.

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