

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 September 2006 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), K Almond, Gibbons, S Parkinson, B Thompson,
S Thompson

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

67.06 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted Cllrs J Forrest (holiday), J Kearton (illness) and PC Plummer.

68.06 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

69.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2006

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

70.06 Clerks Report

The Monitoring Officer is standardising Members Interest Forms, which were distributed to Councillors for completion and return at the next meeting.

A letter to a resident, who had been assaulted on the Village Green, regarding the operation of the closed circuit television system was circulated.

The County Training Partnership is holding a Certificate in Local Council Administration training course for Clerks. The Clerk is to enrol.

The next Police Authority Community Meeting for Chorley is to take place on 2 October.

The next Lostock Ward Area Forum will take place on 28 September. The Chairman will represent the Parish Council on the top table.

Lancashire County Council is holding a "Making Roads Work" forum on 29 September.

The meeting with Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of assistance for the redeveloping of the Recreation Ground is to take place on 22 September

County Councillor Whittaker has £1000 available for grants within his electoral ward. An item is to be placed in the newsletter advising of the grants.

The 112 (Preston - Croston) bus service has been retained and the 108 (Chorley Hospital) service replaced by a demand led taxi service.

The Head of Development Control and Regeneration at Chorley Borough Council is to attend a meeting of the LAPTC Chorley Area Committee on 20 September to discuss planning issues particularly relating to parishes.

The LAPTC Chorley Area Committee on 31 October is to be attended by representatives of Lancashire County Council and the Road Safety Partnership to discuss general traffic and speeding issues.

The next Parish Cohesion meeting is to take place on 14 September. It was suggested future meetings should be called only as and when necessary.

Chorley Borough Council has requested a hold be placed on the disposal of the half pipe. The assistance of the Borough Councillors was requested in order to expedite the disposal.

71.06 Police Matters

Crime figures for July and August were provided. Six cases of anti-social behaviour were dealt with, of which five related to Coffee day. There had been seven road traffic accidents, two of which involved injuries.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

72.06 Residents Points of Interest

Residents of the Orchard advised of problems with youths congregating around a seat in the area making noise and causing disturbance. One resident did not wish for the seat to be moved to another location where it may cause problems.

The matter has already been reported to the Neighbourhood Wardens and will be reported to the Police. The light on the Recreation Ground is to be repaired to try to encourage the youths to use the area.

73.06 Borough Councillors

Feedback from the Area Forum meetings is currently being prepared.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

74.06 Financial Matters

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

Membership of the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside was considered.

Resolved: membership is not to be taken up.

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

£ 284.48	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	August Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax - August
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 131.71	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 141.00	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee
£ 235.00	I M Brown	Repairs - Play Area fence
£ 50.00	A Griffiths	Repairs - Co-op noticeboard
£ 26.00	CPRE	Subscription
£ 348.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting
£ 273.50	C Wilson	Summer planting

75.06 Planning Matters

06/00960/FUL Addition of garage doors to existing open car ports at 1,2 and 4 Home Farm Mews, Grape Lane - no comment

06/00892/COUMAJ Change of use of agricultural land to a taxiway for Microlights (below 450kg) and Very Light Aircraft (below 600kg), access from North Road, Bretherton, retention of a portacabin for office/toilet facilities and carparking at Long Fold Farm, North Road, Bretherton - the Councils previous objections regarding noise nuisance and the effect of increases in traffic are to be reiterated.

76.06 Annual Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2006

The External Auditor's report was considered.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

77.06 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from Villages in Partnership to site a temporary ice rink on the Village Green, and to close the car park on Out Lane for use by stalls.

Councillors had no issue with the use of the Green, however concerns were expressed regarding the car parking facilities for the event as a whole within the village.

The Clerk advised up to date copies of public liability insurance certificates from both the organiser and the operator are to be provided to the Parish Council prior to the event.

Resolved: permission be granted to site the ice rink on the Village Green and to temporarily close the car park. The arrangements for the closure are to be made by Villages in Partnership. Sufficient consideration is to be given to the issue of parking in general, for the event, in order to minimise the problems which may arise.

78.06 Croston United Charities Nominative Trustee

The Council was requested to nominate a trustee for the Croston United Charities.

Resolved: Cllr B Thompson be nominated.

79.06 Village Entrance Sign Relocation

Councillors considered the costs of a new sign at the junction of Highfield Road and Moor Road.

Resolved: the Clerk is to investigate the possibility of an alternative site by the lay-by on Moor Road with Lancashire County Council.

80.06 Speed Indicator Device

A request from Mawdesley Parish Council for the joint purchase of a device was considered. Councillors were concerned as to how the useage would be apportioned.

Resolved: the request for the joint purchase of the speed indicator device be declined.

81.06 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local meeting covered highway maintenance, local grants, the Library Service, adult social care, bus service subsidies and the development of Childrens Centres within the Borough.

82.06 Matters for Further Discussion

No matters raised.

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