

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held 10 May 2006 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Cllr Iddon, PC Plummer and 4 members of the public.

18.06 Election of Chairman for 2006-2007

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected as Chairman.

19.06 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted Cllr S Thompson.

20.06 Personal/Prejudicial interests

Cllr Peet declared an interest in an item forming part of agenda item 12 (Financial Matters).

21.06 Election of Vice Chairman for 2006-2007

Resolved: Cllr B Thompson was elected as Vice Chairman.

22.06 Appointment of Planning Committee for 2006-2007

Resolved: The committee will consist of the Chairman and Councillors Almond, Forrest and Parkinson.

23.06 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2006-2007

LAPTC Chorley Area Committee - The Chairman

Lostock Ward Area Forum - The Chairman

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond

24.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 April 2006

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

25.06 Clerks Report

Best Kept Village Competition (176.05) Councillors agreed to deliver the flyers requesting assistance from businesses.

Lancashire County Council advised the 108 and 112 Bus Service Contracts are failing guidelines and are to be recommended for withdrawal. The Council's objections to the withdrawals are to be sent.

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

26.06 Police Matters

There has been a marked reduction in youth problems, but a spate of road traffic accidents. Parish Council representation on the Police and Communities Together (PACT) Panel was requested.

In response to questions regarding possible drug problems the meeting was advised Croston has no more or no less of a problem than other areas. Residents and Councillors were advised to report any incidents to Crimestoppers.

Residents parking on the roads on the Jubilee Estate rather than the designated parking areas were causing problems for other motorists.



Problems were also reported on Station Road, close to its junction with Westhead Road. Parked vehicles obstruct the view of drivers turning into Station Road and there have been numerous occasions where vehicles are forced to reverse along Station Road towards the junction to allow oncoming vehicles to pass.

27.06 Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

28.06 Borough Councillors

A copy of the Parish Council's response to the Bus Service Contracts Failing Guidelines is to be provided.

Reports had been received regarding a new fence on Drinkhouse. The Planning Officer was consulted and advised that, despite the area being within the Croston Conservation Area, the fence represents permitted development.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

29.06 Financial Matters

The Clerk reported receipt of the Parish Precept and a VAT refund.

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Vitalise towards the costs of holidays for disabled people, breaks for carers and opportunities for volunteers.

Resolved: no grant be awarded as the cause was not felt to be sufficiently local to the village.

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, vacated the Chair and left the meeting.

The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

As requested at the previous Council meeting Councillors were provided with financial information for Croston Pre School relating to the grant application for the purchase of chairs.

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

Representatives of the Pre School provided clarification on the financial information including attendance numbers, staff wages and stated reserves contained within the information.

Resolved: a grant of £352.50 be awarded.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

The Vice Chairman vacated the Chair and Cllr Peet resumed the Chair.

Croston Twinning Association Boules League advised that, as the competition was for a one-off celebration, the criteria requested by the Council for an trophy to be competed for on an annual basis could not be met and therefore wished to withdraw the application for a grant towards a commemorative trophy.

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

£ 284.48	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription



£ 1329.98	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Annual premium
£ 208.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting

30.06 Planning Matters

06/00442/FUL Single storey side extension at 4 Home Farm Mews, Grape Lane - no comment

31.06 Insurance for the year 1 June 2006 - 1 June 2007

Councillors considered the insurance renewal documents. In the light of the £125 excess details of individual property damage item costs are to be obtained and amendments considered.

32.06 Joint Meeting with Bretherton and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils

The possible phasing out of Post Office Card Accounts is to be placed on the agenda for the meeting.

33.06 Closed Circuit Television System

Changes in personnel at the Co-op have lead to a delay in a decision as to whether their system could be adopted to include the area outside the shop.

Councillors were provided with a deployment check list which is to be signed prior to deployment of the system. Councillors requiring deployment of the system are to complete the check list, obtain the necessary permissions and signatures, and forward them to the Clerk for an assessment of the suitability of the location.

34.06 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Croston Business Directory has been printed and distributed by the Parish Plan Steering Group.

35.06 Matters for Further Discussion

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

