

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 October 2007 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present PC Plummer, Borough Councillor Iddon and 2 Members of the Public.

119.07 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Almond, S Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

120.07 Councillor Vacancy

An application to fill a vacancy by reason of insufficient nominations was considered.

Resolved: Mr S Mosalski be co-opted.

121.07 Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Forrest, as a resident of Moor Road, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 (Moor Road Traffic Problems).

122.07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2007

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

123.07 Public Participation

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

i) Police Report

The monthly crime report was provided. Four road traffic accidents were reported, two of which, on Meadow Lane and Moor Road, resulted in serious injuries. The Moor Road accident was speed related and a driver involved has been reported for traffic offences. Problems with youths congregating on Castle Walks were also reported. A new Police Community Support Officer for the Lostock Ward has been appointed.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident advised of concerns regarding recent vehicular damage to Town Bridge and of fears that the Bridge being irreparably damaged at some stage. Suggestions were made to close the bridge, or restrict access to larger vehicles. The Clerk advised that Lancashire County Council is aware of the situation and the damage has been inspected.

A resident suggested the Council considers the provision of allotments within the village.

Residents advised of problems on the Recreation Ground. There is graffiti on some items of equipment on the Play Area and weeds and grass is overgrown around the perimeter.

iii) Borough Councillors

Borough Councillors are to attend the Waste Management Conference.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

The Chairman brought forward Agenda Item 8.

124.07 Town Bridge

The recent damage to the Bridge has been discussed with Lancashire County Council. The Bridge Surveyor has inspected the Bridge. Due to the Listed Status of the Bridge any works will require approval from English Heritage.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council be requested to install bollards, or other suitable devices, to restrict the useable width of the Bridge.

125.07 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

The amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal was considered.

Resolved: £100 be donated.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 303.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.94	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 50.00	Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Donation
£ 14.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 143.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 619.66	Heskin Parish Council	Speed Indicator Device contribution
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day donation
£ 75.00	Croston Sports Club	Newsletter delivery

126.07 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

07/01027/TPO Remedial works to 2 Copper Beech trees and felling of 1 Copper Beech tree due to decay within at The Lodge, 3 Grape Lane.

07/01048/FUL and 07/01049LBC Retrospective application and retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for the formation of decking area to side at The Grapes Hotel, 67 Town Road.

07/01056/FUL Erection of extension to existing conservatory at 9 Drinkhouse Road.

Resolved: no comments be lodged.

07/01055/FULMAJ Proposed construction of a new access road and car parking area and development of grazing agricultural land into a playing field at Bishop Rawstone C of E International Language College, Out Lane

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the previous application be reiterated.

127.07 Moor Road Traffic Problems

Following the recent serious accident Councillors suggested methods of reducing the speed of vehicles using Moor Road. Overgrown foliage obscuring the speed limit signs has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council be requested to provide advisory 30mph speed limit roundels on the road surface.

128.07 Former Methodist School Railings

A request, from a resident, for the removal of the railings as they are no longer required to prevent schoolchildren running out into the road and due to their unsightly nature had been received.

Councillors reiterated previously held views that the railings provided a refuge for pedestrians from vehicles mounting the pavement in the area due to parked vehicles.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council be requested to repair the railings, following which the Parish Council will attend to the painting.

129.07 Speed Indicator Devices

Lancashire County Council's Safety Engineering Group advised on the potential locations for the brackets. The Clerk is to meet with Clerk's from Bretherton and Heskin Parish Councils to confirm arrangements and is to suggest Lancashire County Council pays for a proposed new mounting post on Highfield Road, required as the suggested street lighting column is unsuitable.

130.07 Litter Bins on Recreation Ground

Councillors considered three quotations for replacement litter bins on the Recreation Area. Installation prices are in the region of £100 per bin.

Resolved: three litter bins be ordered from Environplas Ltd at cost of £124.00 (+VAT and installation) each.

131.07 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Integrated Risk Management Plan

A response to the Plan had been requested.

Resolved: the Clerk is to liaise with the Chairman regarding the response.

132.07 Remembrance Sunday

Councillors were reminded the Parade will depart from the Old School at 2.30pm on Sunday 11 November 2007.

133.07 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

134.07 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 November 2007.

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