

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 December 2007 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor M Iddon.

152.07 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Kearton, Borough Councillor D Dickinson and PC Plummer.

153.07 Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

154.07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2007

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

155.07 Public Participation

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

i) Police Report

The monthly crime report was noted.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

No matters raised.

iii) Borough Councillors

The suggested South Penwortham By-pass has been mentioned in Parliament alongside the new housing requirement. If constructed, the By-pass will provide a viable alternative route for heavy goods vehicles which should reduce traffic problems within the village.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

156.07 Closed Circuit TV System

Councillors considered costings for the purchase of an additional camera and power supply unit and a wireless transmitter to enhance the Closed Circuit TV System.

Resolved: a camera and power supply unit costing £218.05 (+VAT) and a wireless transmitter costing £742.50 (+VAT) be purchased.

157.07 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.

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:

£ 360.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 326.71	Employee 2	Salary
£ 92.26	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 1663.65	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 14.00	Croston Old School	Room hire

£ 100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£ 204.51	Villages in Partnership	Grant
£ 339.58	Broxap	Removable bollard
£ 143.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing

158.07 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

07/01235/TPO Pruning of tree at rear of property at Croftlands, 34 Grape Lane.

07/01325/FUL Erection of single storey rear dining room and study extension at 24 Out Lane.

07/01329/FUL Erection of first floor rear and single storey rear extensions at 107 Moor Road.

Resolved: no comments be lodged.

07/01342/LBC and 07/01344/FUL Erection of detached garage with first floor office accommodation above and creation of additional hardstanding area, and Listed Building Consent for same.

Resolved: the application be supported on the following grounds:

The proposed building is to be used for homeworking, something the Parish Council is keen to encourage as it reduces vehicular movements and the carbon footprint of the applicant.

159.07 Central Lancashire Local Development Framework

Councillors considered the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper 2. Croston fails to meet the criteria of a Rural Service Centre as described in Spatial Option 3 of the papers as both schools in the village are oversubscribed, the two convenience stores offer no parking facilities and Croston does not have a village hall.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond advising of the above facts. A copy of the Croston Parish Plan is to be enclosed with the response, pointing out the requirements of the residents of the village, along with an offer to provide the comprehensive data upon which the parish Plan was based.

160.07 War Memorial Decorative Stones

Two of the decorative balls have been stolen from the War Memorial surrounding wall. A local company, Messenger Concrete Products, has kindly offered to provide free of charge replacements, cast in concrete, leaving the Parish Council to arrange the installation.

Resolved: the offer of replacements cast in concrete be accepted.

161.07 Lancashire Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Councillors considered the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. Differences in scientific opinion regarding climate change currently exist and concerns were expressed regarding the insurance implications for householders as the Strategy may lead to difficulties in obtaining cover and/or an increase in costs.

Resolved: the concerns regarding the potential effect on insurance for householders be conveyed to Lancashire County Council.

162.07 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local - Chorley discussed changes to Lancashire County Council Youth Services.

163.07 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 January 2008.

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