

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 April 2008 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor M Iddon, PCSO's M Featherstone and A Catterall.

40.08 Apologies for absence

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

41.08 Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

42.08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2008

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

43.08 Public Participation

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

i) Police Report

Under the Restorative Justice Scheme two juveniles caught graffiti-ing the half pipe on the Recreation Area will be cleaning off the paint. Councillors requested increased patrols are carried out on the Station platform and car park area.

ii) Borough Councillors

Assistance for a village clean-up will be requested from Chorley Council.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

44.08 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:

£ 310.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 309.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 77.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 14.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 171.59	Eccleston Electrical Services	Repair to Play Area light
£ 71.79	Chorley Council	Dogwaste bin emptying
£ 355.32	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 75.00	Croston Sports Club	Newsletter delivery

45.08 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

46.08 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Councillors considered the Annual Return (as circulated).

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register be approved and signed by the Chairman.

47.08 Lighting at the Junction of Out Lane and Town Road

Councillors considered a suggestion to improve the lighting in the vicinity of the junction. The streetlight opposite the Wheatsheaf has yet to be repaired. The situation is to be reviewed once the streetlight has been repaired.

48.08 Former Methodist School Railings

In the light of Lancashire County Council's refusal to refurbish the railings Councillors considered a suggestion for the Parish Council to take on responsibility. A Councillor advised County Councillor Whittaker had viewed the railings and offered to look into the matter.

Resolved: the assistance of County Councillor Whittaker be requested.

49.08 War Memorial Decorative Stones

Councillors considered a quotation, from I M Brown Ltd, for repairs to the columns, replacement of the mounting slabs and mounting of the decorative stones at a cost of £220 (+VAT). The decorative stones have been provided, free of charge, by Messenger Concrete Products.

Resolved: the repair work by I M Brown Ltd be commissioned.

50.08 Village Green Working Group

Plans have been prepared and a meeting is to be arranged shortly to finalise the requirements prior to approval by the Council in readiness for the tendering process.

51.08 Speed Indicator Device

Heskin Parish Council has advised of problems with the internal battery, which has been discharging much faster than anticipated. It has been returned to the manufacturer for examination. Croston is expected to have use of the SPiD in May/June, in accordance with the rota. Details of the ladder climbing course are still awaited and, in the interim period until the Clerk and Councillors have undertaken the training, Heskin's Lengthsman will deploy the Device.

52.08 Village Entrance Sign on Moor Road

Councillors considered a quotation, from Lancashire County Council, for supply and installation of a sign to be installed in the verge opposite the Quality Hotel on Moor Road a cost of £725 (+VAT). The Highways Engineer has been asked to re-confirm a suitable location.

Resolved: the village entrance sign be ordered.

53.08 Reports from Outside Bodies

Attendees at the Lancashire County Council Cabinet Question Time felt the event, generally, had the air of a public relations exercise. A promise from a Cabinet Member to arrange a visit to view the congestion on the roads within the village has not been met.

54.08 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2008.

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