

# CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 June 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present PCSO Fetherstone, Borough Councillor S Moulton and 1 Member of the Public.

## 68.09 Apologies for Absence

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

## 69.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Almond, as a member of Croston Residents Environmental Workforce declared a prejudicial interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

## 70.09 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 13 May 2009

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

## 71.09 Public Participation

### i) Police Report

Reported crimes in the month included damage to vehicles, one theft on Highfield Road, damage to a sign at Twin Lanes, a racially aggravated common assault and five, damage only, vehicle accidents. The monthly PACT meetings are to take place in Croston, Bretherton and Ulnes Walton alternately, in an attempt to encourage public attendance.

### ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

### iii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident has been encouraging use of the, soon to be re-instated, 110 Bus Service to Southport and requested the Council's assistance in publicising the service. The resident was concerned that, given the number of people who had intimated they would use the serve, the bus may not have sufficient capacity. An additional bus stop on Town Road, in the vicinity of Coffee Cottage was also mentioned.

## 72.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

Cllr Almond withdrew from the meeting.

Councillors considered a grant request from Croston Residents Environmental Workforce towards the cost of insurance for volunteer members.

Resolved: a grant of £180.63 be awarded.

Cllr Almond rejoined the meeting.

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

£ 322.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 317.58	Employee 2	Salary
£ 79.40	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 445.44	Employee 2	Salary
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire

£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 210.00	Croston Table Tennis Club	Grant
£ 75.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 143.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 13.80	Tell Tale Signs	Disabled signage
£ 327.75	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee
£ 111.10	D Sandwell	Painting - Village Green bollards
£ 400.00	A Powell	Grasscutting

73.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00405/TCON Pruning of tree at 24A Town Road.

Councillors had no comments regarding the application.

74.09 Bus Shelter

Chorley Council advised there was no budget for the provision of new bus shelters, only a small budget for maintenance, and that some parish councils choose to precept for bus shelters. The Clerk is to contact Lancashire County Council regarding possible funding under the Parish and Town Council Bus Shelter Grant.

75.09 110 Bus Service

A resident has requested assistance with the publicising of the reinstated 110, Leyland to Southport, service.

Resolved: posters advising of the service be displayed in the Council's noticeboards and an article included in the next newsletter.

76.09 North West in Bloom

The judging date has been confirmed as 15 July 2009. The Neighbourhood entries are to be included within the Judge's itinerary.

The Croston in Bloom Group has extended the planted bed to the rear of the Village Green.

77.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

78.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 July 2009.

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

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