

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 April 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

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

37.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons and J Kearton and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

38.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

39.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2009

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

40.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

Recent reported crimes included three burglaries and an assault. A number of residents have taken advantage of the 'Smart Water' scheme, with 40 kits having been distributed. Early morning inspections have been carried out to try to deal with dog fouling problems. Resident's assistance in identifying dog owners is needed.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident queried whether the Village Green might be used for a Farmers Market. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

41.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

Councillors considered a grant request from Victim Support Lancashire towards operating expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £50 be awarded.

Membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils was reviewed.

Resolved: membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils be continued.

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

£ 322.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 328.98	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 71.79	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£ 25.00	Broker Network Ltd	Additional insurance premium
£ 208.86	P A Peet	Reimbursement - purchase of plants

£ 19.23 E.ON Energy Christmas lights electricity 2007 and 2008
£ 365.94 Lancs Association of Local Councils Annual subscription

42.09 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

09/00220/FUL Erection of agricultural workers dwelling including erection of wind turbine to provide power to the dwelling (15m high to hub), and ground source heat pump (resubmission of application 09/00039/FUL) at Land 580m South Of Little Hanging Bridge Farm, Meadow Lane.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the application.

43.09 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

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.

44.09 Croston in Bloom Group

The initial meeting was attended by seventeen people, from all parts of the Village. No major projects were suggested, instead it was suggested the group concentrate on small 'grot spot' type areas. A further meeting has been arranged to view Station Road. Residents offered to donate plants to assist with the entry.

A Village Clean-up is to take place on the evening of Monday 18 May 2009.

45.09 Village Green

The contract works are almost completed. An additional seat and litter bin will be required.

46.09 Japanese Knotweed Project

The newsletter article requesting locations of knotweed has met with a disappointing response, with very few reports have been received from residents in response to the newsletter article.

47.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local, Chorley was advised of a reduction in the speed limit on Meadow Lane, following a review of speed limits on A and B roads in Lancashire.

48.09 Exclusion of Press of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Part 1(section 1 and 2) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

49.08 Personal Injury Claim

Details of a personal injury claim were provided. The claim has been passed the Council's insurers.

50.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 May 2009.

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

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