

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 February 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

11.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Mosalski.

12.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2009

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

14.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

An increase in dog fouling, particularly on Station Road, was reported. An individual with three dogs has been observed allowing dogs to foul on Bishop Rawstorne playing fields. Having previously given permission for the owner of a neighbouring property to apply for planning consent to remove trees the landowner of an area to the rear of The Old School, withdrew the permission at the last possible moment. The area is badly overgrown and contains derelict former henhouses containing asbestos.

15.09 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced submission and receipt of the precept request to Chorley Council.

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 North West Air Ambulance towards operating expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

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

£ 322.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 316.61	Employee 2	Salary
£ 79.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 14.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 193.25	Glasdon UK	Fixings for litter cart

16.09 Planning Matters

Chorley Council's Development Control Committee granted planning permission for two new dwellings to the rear of 79 Station Road, to be accessed off Bramblewood.

The following applications were considered:

09/00039/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 at Land 580m South of Little Hanging Bridge Farm, Meadow Lane.

09/00057/FUL First floor rear extension at 36 Town Road.

09/00073/FUL Demolition of wooden garage and erection of a replacement brick garage at 1 Ridley Lane.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the applications.

17.09 Public Right of Way Footpath 1 (Railway Bridge to Riverside Crescent)

Councillors considered a suggestion for a community project to improve the footpath. Grants may be available to assist with the project but, prior to the commencement of any works, the Definitive Map would require alteration to take in the route currently used by walkers. A representative of the Landowner has indicated the alteration to the route would be acceptable.

Resolved: the Council will lead the community project, as part of the North West in Bloom entry, and the Clerk is to contact Lancashire County Council's Countryside Officer regarding the possibility of obtaining grant funding towards the project.

18.09 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls be noted.

19.09 North West in Bloom 2009

Areas were suggested for entry into the Neighbourhood Awards Category in this years competition. Church Street and The Orchard were put forward and Councillors are to discuss the entries with residents of the areas. The Schools are also to be invited to take part.

20.09 Village Green Project

Work is scheduled to commence early March. Following the negative response from Chorley Council regarding the removal of the tree the contractor will work around it as best he can.

Resolved: the Clerk is to query the process whereby a single Chorley Council Officer, determines applications within the Conservation Area.

21.09 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

Councillors discussed a response to a consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf of the Council.

22.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

23.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2009.

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

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